

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Billings, Bill Feehan, James Glasser (6:53 p.m.), Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Brockmiller, Sharon Hampson, Loren Kannenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Lorie Graff, Matt Strittmater, Dave Geske, Sharon Nelson, Lieske Giese, Linda Lee, Jane Klekamp, Lorie Graff, Tom Miller, Sarah Spah, Arlin Severson, Angie Kish, Nathalie Besse, Vanessa Bablitch, Ann Halverson, Marilyn Hempstead, Bev Mach, Connie Eide

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jill Billings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February County Board Action

The amendment to Chapter 11 had a second reading and was unanimously approved.

Wisconsin Department of Health-Partners in Public Health Award

Lieske Giese and Sue Murvich, Wisconsin Department of Public Health, presented Linda Lee, La Crosse County Nutrition Manager, with a Partners in Public Health Award from the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health. Murvich cited several examples of Lee's exemplary performance.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Margaret Wood reported on the recent health consortium summit on aligning communication tactics, and the number of organizations that focus on public health in La Crosse County. She also reported on a recent WALHDAB meeting.

HS Employee Appreciation March 14-15

The Human Services Department plans two events to recognize employees – lunch on March 14 and breakfast on March 15, 2011.

Journey Home Bus Tour March 21

Jason Witt reported that the program provides an overview of the experience of children who are abused or neglected, and in need of foster care or other alternatives that provide permanent safe and stable homes. He provided a list of presentations at each stop.

Public Health Day at the Capitol March 30

The Public Health Day was moved from February 23 to March 30 to encourage more attendance. Doug Mormann and Margaret Wood will attend.

Human Services Day at the Capitol April 6

Human Services Day will include discussion with legislators about funding and service delivery. Interested people should contact Renee Weston in the Human Services Department.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There are several events planned. Information can be accessed at www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/.

National Public Health Week Planning for April 4-9

National Public Health Week will be noted with a series of media releases and activities for each day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Davis and Gloria Storey, La Crosse County Economic Support, spoke about the impact of the governor's budget cuts on that section, and emphasized the accuracy of their department in determining eligibility and administering programs in comparison to previous failed attempts at privatization of Food Stamps, Medicaid and BadgerCare.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Accept Healthy Living Contract, Increase Health Educator I hours by .09 FTE – 3.5 Hr/week and hire a LTE work assistant for 150 hours between May – September 2011

The Resolution authorizes the Health Department to accept a Healthy Living contract for \$25,000.00 from January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011, to hire a work assistant from May 1, 2011-September 30, 2011, and to increase the hours of an existing health educator from .66 to .76 FTE for the length of the contract. Chair Billings suggested minor formatting changes and a title change as follows: Resolution Re: Accept Healthy Living Contract, Increase Health Educator I hours by .09 FTE – 3.5 hours/week – and hire a LTE work assistant for 150 hours between May – September 2011. **MOTION** by Wood/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Accept Healthy Living Contract, Increase Health Educator I hours by .09 FTE – 3.5 hours/week – and hire a LTE work assistant for 150 hours between May – September 2011.with minor edits. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

Resolution Re: Approval of Acceptance of Art Show Funds for Wisconsin Well Women Program

The Resolution acknowledges donated funds from Ann Peterson, owner of Gallery La Crosse, to benefit the Wisconsin Well Women Program, and authorizes distribution to assist breast cancer patients in financial need. Sarah Spah spoke about the Well Women Program and how supplemental monies can be used for expenses that are not covered by insurance, such as child care and transportation. **MOTION** by Glasser/Wood to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Acceptance of Art Show Funds for Wisconsin Well Women Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

Resolution Re: Approval of Acceptance of Horse Show Funds for Wisconsin Well Women Program

The Resolution acknowledges donated funds from Julie Harter, owner of Bits 'N Bridle Horse Stables, to benefit the Wisconsin Well Women Program, and authorizes distribution to assist breast cancer patients in financial need. **MOTION** by Kruse/Trapp to approve Resolution Re: Approval of Acceptance of Horse Show Funds for Wisconsin Well Women Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Multi-County Partnership for Control of Vector Borne Diseases

Dave Geske and Sharon Nelson reported that their respective Health Departments in La Crosse and Monroe Counties have partnered for 30 years, and the partnership has expanded to 11 counties and the Ho Chunk Nation. They target mosquito and tick borne diseases. Nelson cited the cost savings of prevention, and the benefit of a regional effort. Geske spoke about vector control of La Crosse encephalitis, and the diseases they are now focusing on.

Western Region Division of Public Health Report

Doug Mormann introduced Lieske Giese, Western Region Office Director for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health. She gave an update on the reduction in services to be provided to local health departments in 2011 and 2012. She provided copies of the organizational chart, and articles on performance management and policy and practice alignment. She spoke about the anticipated budget reductions in areas such as preparedness, maternal child health, environmental health, and family planning. She cited nutrition and physical activity as areas where the budget could be increased. She stated that there will continue to be reductions in support with positions kept vacant as employees leave or retire, and a reshuffling of priorities. Doug Mormann asked about the availability of help in the event of Mississippi River flooding and Giese replied that any emergency is a priority.

Health and Human Services Board Role in Community Food Safety

Supervisor Wood presented the role of the HHS Board in policy issues regarding community food safety, as provided by NALBOH. She provided handouts on the role of the local health board, and asked committee members to rank their knowledge and awareness of topics.

POLICY

State Budget Items Impacting Human Services

Jason Witt presented impacts of the governor's budget repair bill that he has identified, as follows:

Items of concern:

- Income maintenance administration State takeover and privatization

- Family Care enrollment capped
- Youth aids cut 10%
- Juvenile corrections rates increased

Items of potential positive impact:

- DCF community aids staying at current level
- Juvenile corrections institutions consolidation
- Regulated rate system for group homes, residential care centers and treatment foster care agencies

Impact unclear:

- MA expenditure reductions
- Reduction of most Department of Health Services GPR & PR appropriations by 10%
- Operation of juvenile center and other programs by a "commission of local governments"
- Refocusing Family Care program, including expansion hart, program review, and incorporating recommendations of a pending audit
- Developing "innovative models of service delivery"

Discussion was held about the FoodShare and BadgerCare programs, and shifting of priorities that would give even less attention to some issues, e.g. homelessness. Further discussion was held about the opportunities of regionalization. Supervisor Feehan asked Witt to draft a proposed amendment to the income maintenance privatization proposal.

Mandate Relief Ideas

Jason Witt provided a summary of state mandates, along with a breakdown of requested adjustments and potential cost savings.

- Community Options Program requirements – change to a block grant earmarked for the same populations
- Child Protective Contact Standards – allow video contacts
- MVHS payment of supplemental rate – address the inequity of Western Wisconsin Cares (WWC) not having ability to pay supplemental rates for La Crosse County Lakeview resident that it can pay for non-County residents
- MVHS payment of standard – adjust WWC capitation rates to allow same payment rates as consortium member
- Assessment and treatment plan requirements – create common templates for multiple program requirements
- Multi-County shared services – make it easier to share administrative structures
- Closure of State juvenile correctional facility – support closure to lower operating costs
- Closure of State mental health facility – support consolidation of two institutions
- Waiverization of programs – make CCS and CRS mandatory for children and adults who are eligible and have mental health needs
- Create incentives for counties to reduce MA funded hospitalizations – raise MA reimbursement rate

W-2 Budget Update

Lorie Graff reported that W-2 caseloads have increased significantly due to the recession. The Department of Children and Families issued additional W-2 funds in 2010, but in 2011, additional W-2 funds were significantly reduced. Graff reported that, based on current trends, La Crosse County would see a shortfall of \$113,198.00 for W-2 benefits, and a shortfall of \$35,381.22 in emergency payments. Graff reported that administrative changes will be made to keep expenditures for emergency payments within budgeted amounts. With those changes, there should not be a shortfall in that line item. Graff reported on possible remedies to reduce the expected benefit shortfall, including more closely scrutinizing applicants for their commitment to meeting requirements, and enforcing earlier disenrollment for non-compliant individuals. While this may lower the anticipated deficit, it is unlikely to eliminate it entirely. The State has historically made counties whole for W-2 benefit overspending. The County carries some risk, however, that this may not be the case this year. There is an "opt out" clause in the W-2 contract, should the County decide it is unwilling to accept the risk. Supervisor Feehan asked for their recommendations for streamlining, and Miller and Graff suggested stricter program standards to allow quicker disenrollment.

CARE Center Billing-Contract Modification

Matt Strittmater reported that the Care Center vendor, Tellurian, Inc., has performed billing functions, but has been less effective than anticipated. Tellurian's contract amount reduced a\$9,028.00 (.25 FTE @ \$17.40/hour) or more (depending on reaching a negotiated agreement and the results of an internal cost analysis) after March 1, 2011, for costs related to insurance billing. The County has already corrected previous errors, and will immediately assume responsibility for insurance billing. Strittmater also briefly reported on a challenge grant through the Community Foundation that he is applying for.

Home Health Nursing Fiscal Update

Doug Mormann reported that reimbursements from government and private insurance have been insufficient for 10 years, and thus the 2011 budget calls for a 10% reduction in Home Health Nursing staff. Discussion was held about reducing staff time per home visit, and other home care providers in the area. Mormann reported that most clients are MA recipients, and that other agencies are experiencing the same problems with reimbursement not covering costs of service.

Influenza Vaccine Purchase

Doug Mormann reported that the 2011 budget includes \$48,500.00 for seasonal influenza. The State contracts with Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for pharmaceuticals, and they are providing 28 units of influenza virus vaccine for a total of \$41,203.19. **MOTION** by Glasser/Feehan to approve purchasing influenza vaccine for \$41,203.19. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Kruse/Wood to receive and file the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Glasser/Wood to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 2/1/11

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 2/4/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 1/12/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 1/19/11

Family Policy Board 1/20/11

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 1/20/11

Mental Health Advisory Committee 1/21/11

Mental Health Advisory Committee 2/18/11

W-2 Community Steering Committee 2/15/11

Fiscal

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Reducing the "size" of the county board (weight loss program)

Budget unknowns in Human Services director's report

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kruse/Trapp to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved, April 12, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder