

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood (6:40 p.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Feehan

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Matt Strittmater, Linda Lee, Aaron Rasch, Jack Zabrowski, Marilyn Hempstead, Don Neitzel, Ron Berg, Pat Killeen, Bob Seaquist, Tim Keniepp

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. She recognized Dean Ruppert's 25 years in the Human Services Department, and announced that Nancy Pohlman has been named to replace Mary Ellen Prinsen in the Family & Children section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March County Board Action

The County Board approved an increase in hours for a health educator, and approved two Resolutions to accept donated funds for the Well Women Program.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Sharon Hampson and Dave Trapp reported on the Journey Home day, and talked about the importance of humanizing programs when addressing budget cuts.

Public Health Day at the Capitol March 30

Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Doug Mormann, and Margaret Wood attended. Billings reported they spoke with Senator Kapanke and Representative Shilling.

Human Services Lobby Day at the Capitol

Sharon Hampson, Margaret Wood, Jill Billings, and Monica Kruse reported on Lobby Day. Supervisor Feehan also attended. Jason Witt distributed handouts on the impacts of the Governor's budget. Lengthy discussion was held about privatizing Income Maintenance, including proposed regional models, workgroups to be held by Wisconsin Counties Health Services Association and its subgroup, the Income Maintenance Advisory Committee, and concerns about lack of due process and placing federal monies in jeopardy.

National Mental Health Awareness Month in May

Matt Strittmater provided a list of event dates to recognize Mental Health Month.

National Foster Parent Month in May

The Human Services Department will host a foster parent picnic on May 26, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Killeen, volunteer AARP advocate, stated that AARP has made Family Care, SeniorCare, and Medicaid its number one priorities. He expressed serious concern about removing Legislative oversight of Medicaid.

Tim Keniepp, Driftless Region Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of Complete Streets. He pointed out cost benefits, and stated that enabling safety for all citizens will promote healthy living for multiple populations.

Bob Seaquist, La Crosse City Council, also urged County support of Complete Streets.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Adoption of Complete Streets Policy for La Crosse County

The Resolution addresses Complete Streets design that enables safe access for all users. The Complete Streets concept supports economic growth and community stability, improves air quality, relieves congestion, and enhances quality of life. Jack Zabrowski spoke about a long-term vision that will benefit future generations. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Glasser to approve the Resolution Re: Adoption of Complete Streets Policy for La Crosse County. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

Resolution Re: Opposing the Governor’s Proposed State Takeover and Privatization of Income Maintenance Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Poor, Disabled and Hungry Families

The Resolution states that the proposed privatization of Income Maintenance services will negatively impact 19,000 La Crosse County citizens (one in every six residents) who rely on timely and accurate eligibility determination and assistance with applications. The proposed use of the Enrollment Services Center would eliminate face-to-face contact and would process cases more slowly. Fiscal impact to the county includes access to Foodshare benefits of more than \$1 million per month, Badger Care benefits of \$10 million per month, loss of 26 positions, and \$143,000 per year in federal revenue. **MOTION** by Glasser/Brockmiller to approve the Resolution Re: Opposing the Governor’s Proposed State Takeover and Privatization of Income Maintenance Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Poor, Disabled and Hungry Families. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

Resolution Re: Opposing the Proposed 10% Cut to Youth Aids and Increased Juvenile Correctional Institution (JCI) Rate

The Resolution states that Youth Aids are state mandates to provide juvenile justice services. A 10% decrease in funding will take away community-based programs, and result in more youth in rehabilitation, correctional facilities, and institutional placement. The impact to the County is estimated at \$156,000 per year. **MOTION** by Billings/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Opposing the Proposed 10% Cut to Youth Aids and Increased Juvenile Correctional Institution (JCI) Rate. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

Resolution Re: Opposing the Governor’s Proposed Family Care Enrollment Caps Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Disabled and Developmentally Disabled

The Resolution states that enrollment caps would cap Family Care enrollment with no new persons enrolled except via attrition of current clients. This would result in waiting lists of elderly, disabled, and developmentally disabled individuals. Lack of stabilizing services could result in emergency situations that will ultimately cost the taxpayer more than if vulnerable populations were served upfront. **MOTION** by Brockmiller/Trapp to approve the Resolution Re: Opposing the Governor’s Proposed Family Care Enrollment Caps Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Disabled and Developmentally Disabled. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

Resolution Re: Preservation of Legislative Oversight for Medicaid Changes (Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, Family Care)

The Resolution recognizes that changes to Medicaid are necessary to more effectively use taxpayer dollars, but opposes the State’s plan which places too much power in the Executive branch without Legislative oversight. The Resolution supports continuation of the current procedure, and rejects concentrating power to make unilateral changes to Medicaid. Chair Hampson noted that the Aging and Long-Term Care committee amended the fiscal note to read as follows: “Major changes in Medicaid eligibility without Legislative oversight will have a negative financial impact on clients and counties. However, full effect of those costs is impossible to determine at this time.”

MOTION by Kruse/Wood to accept the Aging & Long-term Care Committee amendment to the fiscal note. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

MOTION by Wood/Glasser to approve the Resolution Re: Preservation of Legislative Oversight for Medicaid Changes (Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, Family Care) as amended by the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Mental Health Recovery – RAVE Drop in Center

Matt Strittmater reported that the RAVE Drop-in Center is open weekdays and Wednesday evenings as a place where individuals with mental illness can find advocacy, support, information, and referral. The County contracts with Independent Living Resources for a variety of programs. RAVE director, Aaron Rasch, spoke about their services, including peer support groups, skills training, meals, and social and recreational activities. Rasch was accompanied by a RAVE consumer who has bipolar disorder. He said RAVE is a place where he can feel comfortable, and where he is able to work with staff to control his anger problems.

Health and Human Services Board Role in Food Safety

The HHS Board received a survey entitled "The Role of Local Boards of Health and Community Food Safety" and their responses identified topics where they would like to receive further information. Staff will use the responses to customize board education. Ron Berg answered questions from the Board about sufficient funding, Board support, and allocation of resources. Berg also spoke about some of the new technology they are beginning to utilize for restaurant inspections.

Family Policy Board Executive Committee Recommendation

Minutes of the March 17, 2011, Family Policy Board meeting were provided. Supervisor Billings, who is a member of the Family Policy Board, stated they would like to draw attention to family and children's issues with as many different voices as possible, and have recommended conducting a series of press conferences. The consensus of the HHS Board was to hold their own news conference on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Administrative Center lobby, and to emphasize the impact of the Governor's budget on services recipients, and how budget proposals will actually cost the taxpayer more money.

POLICY

Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Council

Matt Strittmater reported that the state requires an oversight committee for Mental Health Recovery Services. He provided information about the responsibilities, time commitment, and membership of the MHRS Advisory Council. The MHRS committee will absorb two other oversight committees, the Community Options Program Advisory Committee and the Comprehensive Community Services Coordination Committee. He requested support from the HHS Board for creation of a committee, and the participation of two elected county officials. Supervisor Hampson volunteered to serve on the committee. **MOTION** by Glasser/Trapp to approve supporting an oversight committee for Mental Health Recovery Services. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Billings to receive and file the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan absent.

Doug Mormann responded to HHS Board questions about employee wellness initiatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Brockmiller/Billings to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously. Feehan absent.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 3/8/11

Labor/Management 2/22/11

Labor/Management 3/29/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 2/9/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 2/16/11

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 2/17/11

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Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee 3/22/11

Dental Care Advocacy Coalition 4/1/11

Fiscal

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

Department Reports

2010 Budget Summary for Health Department (will be mailed separately)

2010 Budget Summary for Human Services

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Employee Wellness program incentive options (August, 2011)

CMS group's survey (August, 2011)

Review of Human Services benchmarks

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wood/Trapp to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.
Motion carried unanimously. Feehan absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved, May 10, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder