

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Bill Feehan, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, David Trapp

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Margaret Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, David Steinberg, Jane Klekamp, Connie Eide, Cindy Yehle, Marilyn Hempstead, Lorie Graff, Nancy Pohlman, Bridget Flood, Debra Bjerkos

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April County Board Action

The following Resolutions were carried unanimously: Complete Streets Policy for La Crosse County; Opposing the Governor's Proposed State Takeover and Privatization of Income Maintenance Administration Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Poor, Disabled and Hungry Families; Opposing the Proposed 10% Cut to Youth Aids and Increased Juvenile Correctional Institution (JCI) Rate; and Opposing the Governor's Proposed Family Care Enrollment Caps Negatively Impacting the Elderly, Disabled and Developmentally Disabled.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

None reported.

Aulik Award to Jane Klekamp

Jane Klekamp, manager of the Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions, won the Aulik Award for her work in advancing drug treatment courts. She is the first non-judge to receive it.

Chair to vote on Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) Officer Candidates

Chair Hampson reported that she voted on the co-chairs of WALHDAB.

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB)

Donations

Jill Billings brought items that Margaret Wood purchased for the La Crosse County basket to be bid on at WALHDAB conference. Other committee members contributed toward the purchase.

HHS Board Picture

A group photo was taken for the County Board website and for the WALHDAB conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Economic Support Change/Call Center Continuation

The Resolution states that five limited term employees were hired under a one-year pilot project to provide Economic Support services to La Crosse County citizens, and to citizens of seven partner counties (Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon) on a shared basis. The call center has been successful in providing cost-efficient, quality services, and La Crosse County and its partner counties are seeking to continue four to five LTE positions through December 31, 2011. The County's cost is offset by revenue received from the partner counties. Lorie Graff reported that signed agreements have been received from all but one county. **MOTION** by Kruse/Feehan to approve the Resolution Re: Economic Support Change/Call Center Continuation. **Motion carried unanimously.** Wood excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Home Health

Connie Eide introduced Cindy Yehle, a recipient of Home Health Care services. Yehle, who suffers from Crohn's disease, has skilled nursing visits twice a week to care for a central line that delivers nutrition. With a history of 13 surgeries, and nine infections that required central line replacements, she would need to be hospitalized or in a nursing home if she did not

receive home health care. Discussion was held about long-term care insurance coverage, costs of home health care and reimbursement from Medicare, and other local home health providers. Other providers do not serve those with such chronic disease needs.

Update on Governor's Budget Impacting Human Services

Jason Witt spoke about meetings with legislators regarding FamilyCare. An audit of the program revealed there are no insufficiencies in the program, and no case to be made for radical changes. Nevertheless, he stated he is not optimistic about the future of FamilyCare. He also spoke about the alternative Income Maintenance administration model that was unanimously endorsed by the Wisconsin Counties Human Service Association. It proposes to use multi-county consortia to process applications and share resources. Initially, the case processing will be for Foodshare and Medicaid cases, but may add Child Care and portions of W-2 in the future. Applicants will be encouraged to apply on-line, but at least one in-person application site will be maintained in each county. Witt reported that he met with State Senator Kapanke and three other County human services directors and received favorable response. Staffing depends on the allocation and consortium agreements.

POLICY

Juvenile Detention Facility Planning Update

Jason Witt, David Steinberg, and Nancy Pohlman gave an update on the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). Revenue has declined along with the JDF population. Steinberg reviewed options that have been pursued, but have not worked out. At this time, these options remain: Close the facility and contract out secure detention; or decrease the number of beds and staffing levels ("rightsizing"). Witt presented a detailed overview of staff's review exercise and their recommendation to downsize capacity while repositioning the JDF to offer expanded services. There is a growing need for alternative services to transition juveniles back into the community, rather than separating them from the community, and their family and social workers. The alternative plan would keep the JDF operational, and avoid the significant expense of reopening the JDF if future needs demand it. Staff will put together an implementation plan with input from judges and other court partners, the HHS Board, and the Family Policy Board, and present a resolution for County Board approval. The goal would be to begin implementation in October, 2011, with final transition from a 26-bed to a 15-bed facility by January, 2011. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the Fond du Lac Model, which offers three phases of treatment—intake, therapy, and reintegration; the Elmore juvenile facility; the Criminal Justice Management Council's review of arrest rates in La Crosse County; use of Lincoln Hills; potential need for remodeling the JDF facility and remodel costs, and supportive state legislation. Changes in JDF will result in savings for the county, but with some job losses for staff.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Brockmiller/Kruse to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items with an amendment of the 4/12/11 Health and Human Services Board minutes to show Supervisor Feehan also attended Human Services Lobby Day at the Capitol. **Motion carried unanimously.** Wood excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 4/12/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 3/9/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 3/16/11

Family Policy Board 4/4/11

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 3/4/11

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 4/1/11

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 4/12/11

Labor/Management 4/26/11

Department Reports

Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Health Department

Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Human Services
Quarterly Goal Reporting for Health Department
Quarterly Goal Reporting for Human Services

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Juvenile Detention Facility resolution
Legislative update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kruse/Brockmiller to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved, June 7, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder