

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings (exc. 7:30 p.m.), Bill Brockmiller, Bill Feehan, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: David Trapp

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Matt Strittmater, Steve Josephson, Lorie Graff, Mary Lu Gerke, David Steinberg, Jessica Bumgarner, Maurah Leonard, Linda Short, Maichor Lee, Marybeth Clark, Jane Klekamp, Nancy Pohlman

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May County Board Action

The Resolution Re: Economic Support Change/Call Center Continuation carried.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

- Margaret Wood thanked HHS Board members for contributions to the WAHL DAB auction, and reported on the annual conference. Sharon Hampson also attended, and announced that Wood was sworn in as WAHL DAB co-president. The theme was "Healthiest State in One Generation." They are focusing on prevention. Margaret Wood, Sharon Hampson, James Glasser, and Monica Kruse attended the WAHL DAB board training. Glasser reported on a presentation on the correlation between morbidity and poverty.
- Jill Billings reported she met someone in Madison who complimented La Crosse County on its involvement in programs like Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School. Billings also reported that she testified at the DOT public hearing on connecting bike trails on both sides of the Mississippi River.

Public Budget Hearing on Human Services and Health Department 2012 Budget on July 12, 2011 at 5:30 PM in Room B190 of Administrative Center

Chair Hampson stated that a public hearing is mandated by state law. Jason Witt and Doug Mormann will do a short presentation on budget issues.

NAMI Awards to Matt Strittmater and Steve Josephson

The La Crosse chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness recognized Matt Strittmater and Steve Josephson for their work with the mentally ill.

Board Nominations for Western Region – WALHDAB State Board Rep.

Doug Mormann stated he and Margaret Wood will send out a notice to seek nominations for WAHL DAB State Board Representative.

Health Department/Human Services participation in disaster assistance efforts

Jason Witt and Doug Mormann reported that both Human Services and the Health Department played a big role in assisting those affected by the recent tornado.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Ordinance Forming Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Committee

A draft of an ordinance to form the advisory committee for Mental Health Recovery Services was distributed. The new committee will merge the former Community Options Program Advisory Committee and the Comprehensive Community Services Coordination Committee. The ordinance outlines membership of 21 people to represent consumer advocates, the County Board, County Aging Department, Family and Children's Section, and Mental Health Recovery Services, the Community Options Program, the Mental Health Advisory Council, the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, and providers of mental health services. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Billings to approve the Ordinance forming Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Trapp excused.

Resolution Re: Adjusting Staffing Levels and Programming at Juvenile Detention Facility

The Resolution addresses a reduction of five full-time positions in the Juvenile Detention Facility, with an anticipated cost savings of \$235,257 annually. The number of part-time positions is to increase by two, which would allow maintaining quality, local services, and a safe working environment. Jason Witt noted that one individual has resigned and another has indicated she will retire. They are working with the remaining individuals to see if another position within the County would be available and appropriate to transition into. **MOTION** by Billings/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Adjusting Staffing Levels and Programming at Juvenile Detention Facility. **Motion carried unanimously.** Trapp excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Economic Support – Wisconsin Works (W2)

Lorie Graff reported that the goal of W-2 is to provide individuals with necessary services to prepare them to work. Securing positions for W-2 clients has been more challenging in the current economy, but the success rate with finding unsubsidized employment has increased significantly. Graff introduced Linda Short, one of the job developers, who spoke about her one-on-one service to clients, and her outreach with employers to encourage them to become skills developers. They were accompanied by Maurah Leonard, who received assistance with her work search. She spoke about a training program she completed. She stated the program gave her stability and led her to full-time employment.

Policy, Practice, People of Health Education – Car Seat Program

The Health Department provides a state certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to assure child safety restraints are installed and positioned correctly in vehicles. Maichor Lee is certified, and stated that technicians are required to retrain every two years. The program is funded by the state. HHS Board member Bill Brockmiller was a recent recipient of their services. Lee stated that with the many variations in both car seat and car design, it is common for car seats to be installed incorrectly. Brenengen Chevrolet contracts with La Crosse County, and some other car dealers have their own technicians on-site, to inspect car seats by appointment.

Health and Human Services Board Role

Bill Brockmiller spoke about implementing tobacco control laws as addressed in a book put out by the National Association of Local Boards of Health. He highlighted what other counties have done with education, promotional themes, surveys, task forces, and focus groups to combat tobacco use with a view to using techniques on other issues.

POLICY

Legislative Council Recommendations

The Legislative Council established a Special Committee on Health Care Access to seek solutions to the shortage of health care providers in rural areas and inner cities, and adequate funding for public health. Doug Mormann introduced Mary Lu Gerke, RN, PhD, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Gundersen Lutheran, who was a member of the committee. She gave a lengthy summary of the committee's recommendations, and focused on expanding educational opportunities for medical and public health professionals. Gerke expressed concern about the aging population, and stated that in Wisconsin, 20.8% of the population will be over age 65 by 2030. At the same time, there is a shortage of young people coming in to Wisconsin. The rural areas will be the most challenged to provide health care workers. She also talked about the demanding role of school nurses. With education budget cuts, schools will be forced to use employees with no medical training to dispense drugs for a growing number of students with asthma and diabetes. There was also lengthy discussion regarding access to dental health. Gerke provided the full list of recommendations for future discussions and possible resolutions to move issues forward through the legislative process.

Implication of WI Budget July 2011 – June 2013

Health Department

Doug Mormann reported there does not appear to be any significant change in Health Department funding.

Human Services

Jason Witt reported on the following:

- The Joint Finance Committee unanimously approved an Income Maintenance model that is very much like the one the WCHSA put forward. There will be 10 consortia established in the state;
- FamilyCare caps were imposed. Various groups are seeking a determination from the federal level about whether this is compliant with the federal waiver under which the Family Care program operates. Steve O'Malley spoke about the County having to assume responsibility for new Chapter 51 and Chapter 55 placements that have been served by Western Wisconsin Cares; the County no longer has infrastructure or budget to deal with the placements since WWC was made independent of the County;
- SeniorCare changes were voted down;
- The Joint Finance Committee added a provision to the budget to allow Juvenile Detention Facilities to keep juveniles up to six months. This is helpful to the new correctional alternative programming that La Crosse County may be adding to its juvenile detention facility.

Quarterly Review/Analysis of Budget Benchmarks for Human Services

Jason Witt and four section managers reported on performance against budget benchmarks for the first quarter of 2011:

- Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions: Jane Klekamp reported that the budget is on target and there are no major concerns. Contracts have been restructured to be more outcome and accountability-based, and changes in AODA services have been made to be more client driven.
- Economic Support: Lorie Graff reported that W-2 contracts are on track. Food Stamp Employment Training will see changes to ensure maximum funding. Regional Call Center expenditures are funded by the state. Mortuary expenses are beginning to show significant reductions due to the change in policy.
- Mental Health Recovery Services: Matt Strittmater reported that the state will catch up with mental health community living billings. Mental health inpatient costs are under budget at this time, but can change on a weekly basis. The Community Support Program pays vendors in full; costs are close to projected amounts. The Crisis Programs includes mobile crisis and the CARE Center. The role of the CARE Center was modified so it could also serve long-term clients, and previous billing errors by the vendor were corrected. Unfortunately, a new billing issue with the vendor has arisen. Mississippi Valley Health Services fees have risen. Other MVHS costs are related to necessity of private rooms and one-on-one supervision for some individuals. MVHS costs are expected to exceed budget.
- Family & Children's: Nancy Pohlman reported a net increase of 14 children in foster care. Length of placement is also a concern. Community based services is under-spent. There were no inpatient costs in the first quarter, but they are expected in the second quarter. Juvenile Justice out of home placements have declined.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to approve the Director Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Trapp excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Kruse/Brockmiller to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

Motion carried unanimously. Billings, Trapp excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 5/10/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 4/13/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 4/20/11

Family Policy Board 5/2/11

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 5/2/11

Department Reports

2010 Annual Report for Health Department

2010 Director's Executive Summary for Human Services

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wood/Kruse to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.
Motion carried unanimously. Billings, Trapp excused. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved, July 12, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder