

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Administrative Center – Room 3220
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Bill Brockmiller, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jill Billings, Bill Feehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jason Witt, Doug Mormann, Sara Koopman, Margaret Norden, Dean Ruppert, Jane Klekamp, Connie Eide, Bev Mach, Lori Graff, Marilyn Hempstead, Matt Strittmater, Nancy Pohlman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September County Board Action

There was no County Board action pertaining to Health & Human Services

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Supervisors Hampson and Wood attended the NALBOH national conference. Wood reported on comments from the keynote speakers, which were the Surgeon General, the dean of public health at the University of Nebraska, and the deputy director of the Center for Disease Control.

HS Milestone Anniversary Celebration Nov. 9

There will be a recognition luncheon on November 9, 2011, to honor staff work anniversaries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Creating Positions Necessary for Operation of Regional Income Maintenance Consortium

The Resolution states that the Wisconsin Biennial Budget requires all counties to organize into 10 multi-county consortia to administer Income Maintenance programs. La Crosse County has joined with seven other counties, with some functions to be centralized in La Crosse County. There will be a need for a fulltime Economic Support Supervisor and two fulltime clerks. The total salary and fringe of \$222,222 will be covered by account transfers, and will have no impact on tax levy. Jason Witt gave a presentation to show the administrative changes, staff impact, fiscal and workload challenges, workload efficiencies, and client impact. There is a 31% decrease in funding from the state to the eight-county group, while at the same time there is a 20% increase in workload. Witt explained the centralization of certain functions and pooled caseload system that will be shared among the eight-county consortium to create efficiencies in processing cases. The chosen name for the consortium is Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA). **MOTION** by Brockmiller/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Creating Positions Necessary for Operation of Regional Income Maintenance Consortium . **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Feehan excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Health Department Accreditation – Domain 4 Engage with Community

Doug Mormann reported on Domain 4 of the national accreditation requirements, which is to engage with the community to identify and address health problems. He asked the HHS Board for input on activities which fulfill these requirements:

- Standard 4.1 Engage with the public health system and the community in identifying and addressing public health problems through collaborative processes.
- Standard 4.2 Promote the community's understanding of and support for policies and strategies that will improve the public's health.

The Board cited WALHDAB lobbyists, the Legislative Committee, events such as a recent award presentation for La Crosse earning silver status as a bike-friendly community, and initiatives such as the farm-to-school food program.

POLICY

National Health Education Week Proclamation

The Proclamation addresses health literacy and improving communication in health education. National Health Education Week will be observed the week of October 16-22, 2011. **MOTION** by Wood/Glasser to approve the National Health Education Week Proclamation. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Feehan excused.

2012 BUDGET

Health Department

Doug Mormann reviewed the Health Department budget to accomplish the goals and objectives in the strategic plan. He reported an overall 2% increase in fee rates, and gave an explanation of the factors that determine fee amounts which reflect the costs of providing each service. He reported the challenges and risks in the budget, including a \$30,000 decline in federal pass-through funds from the state. Steve O'Malley outlined the budget challenges in Home Health, which include State budget cuts and lower revenues, no increased tax levy allowed for the next two years, and additional cuts in Medicaid and Medicare. He stated that La Crosse County is one of only 10 counties to provide in-home care services. Overall, the health department budget is challenged: The governor's budget tools have been insufficient, and federal support of health departments is in jeopardy. It's not advisable for the department to underfund other services in order to maintain Home Health. The proposed solution is a reduction in the number of Home Health clients and level of service, reduction in staff by 2.4 fulltime equivalents, and continued monitoring of program viability. Connie Eide reported on steps that are already being taken to reduce and refer clients. Mormann stated he has had contacts with other agencies that will gear up to respond to referrals.

Human Services

Jason Witt presented the Human Services budget challenges, which include:

- State budget decrease in shared revenue, cuts in youth aids, decrease in general purpose revenue, and juvenile corrections rate increases;
- Unplanned impacts, including decrease in Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waivers, elimination of general fund contribution to Justice Sanctions, and potential decrease in MA revenue to the CARE Center;
- Standard Operating Adjustments, including salary and fringe increases, and rate increases of 3% for contracted services

Witt identified the following issues that were addressed to retain good outcomes, and drive down costs while increasing quality:

- Fill the deficits in the CARE Center funding
- Make up current staffing in children's long term support and Juvenile Justice
- Add integrated clinical capacity in Chemical Health, Mental Health, Children & Families
- Follow through with Juvenile Justice evidence-based practices
- Keep Income Maintenance service local
- Improve Juvenile Detention Facility programming
- Implement "single point of entry" in HHS
- Add capacity for data driven decision-making
- Maintain resources for leadership development

Each section manager gave a report on maintaining and expanding services through collaboration with staff and the community, and opportunities for improvement. Witt presented the following cost savings initiatives: Net savings from employee contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement Savings, savings from Juvenile Detention Center reconfiguration, Juvenile Justice decrease in State institution expense, AODA—community living trends, merger of Juvenile Justice and Child Protective Services

on-call, and taking over MA crisis billing. He concluded his report with the risk areas: Responsibilities for MVHS clients, impact of the state's \$500 million MA savings, impact of Family Care caps, transition to a regional Income Maintenance System, and stability of high cost case levels.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmilller/Kannenbergl to approve the Director Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Feehan excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Kruse/Brockmilller to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Feehan excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 9/6/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 8/10/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 8/17/11

Labor Management 8/30/11

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western Wisconsin Advisory 10/4/11

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 9/13/11

Labor/Management 9/27/11

Fiscal

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned to the next meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED, November 8, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder