

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Hampson, Bill Feehan, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse (exc. 8:03 p.m.), David Trapp, Margaret Wood

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jason Witt, Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Dean Ruppert, Al Graewin, Marilyn Hempstead, Sarah Spah, Lorie Graff, Traci Lien, Jamie Ludlum, Nancy Pohlman, David Steinberg, Sara Koopman, Mandy Bisek

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **December County Board Action**

The only related action was a resolution to oppose the CAPX2020 power line, in part due to the health risks it could impose.

#### **Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops**

- Dave Trapp attended a population health meeting, and showed tobacco products that are being marketed to youth disguised as candy. Al Graewin reported on a grant to monitor product placement and marketing. Bill Feehan reported that Kwik Trip made a strategic move to focus on food products rather than tobacco products. Discussion was held regarding educating vendors. Al Graewin said the Health Education Division could follow up at a future meeting.
- Margaret Wood spoke about the County Board meeting on January 9, 2012, and the focus on the Human Services Department.

#### **Health Department Recognition in February**

Doug Mormann reported that February is the designated month for recognizing Health Department activities. The week of February 20, 2012, there will be a department reception. A resolution will go to County Board.

#### **Final 2012 HHS Board Work Plan**

A monthly schedule of agenda items for 2012 was provided. Margaret Wood said that NALBOH has asked to support National Groundwater Association's recognition of Groundwater Week, March 11-17, 2012, and she asked for a proclamation in February.

#### **Discuss Committee Structure/Membership/Meeting Times for Downsizing Committee**

The Downsizing Committee asked for input on committee size and structure when the County Board is reduced in April, 2012, from 35 to 29 members. Chair Hampson reviewed recommendations the Downsizing Committee has made to date, including retaining the number of supervisors on the HHS Board. The HHS meeting time meets their recommendation to hold meetings after 4:00 p.m. to be accessible to the public.

#### **November HHS Board Meeting**

In anticipation of conflicts with the regular November meeting date and committee interest in the presidential election, Chair Hampson asked if the meeting time could be moved to 4:00 p.m. There were no objections. Hampson also reported on a conflict with the annual WCA Legislative Exchange and the February HHS Board meeting. Consensus decision was to move the meeting to Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution Re: Creating an Economic Support Supervisor Position in La Crosse County for the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Income Maintenance Consortium**

The Resolution states that the Western Region for Economic Assistance partnership operates under a single state/county contract between La Crosse County and the State Department of Health Services. A supervisory position in a partner county has become vacant, and filling the position in La Crosse County would maximize the unified management/supervisory structure. The position would be covered by State and Federal dollars in the WREA budget and have no impact on County tax levy. Jason Witt provided an update regarding the transition to a regional consortium and took questions from the committee, particularly regarding funding equity among the ten regional consortia. The first date under the new system—which includes a centralized client registration unit and a shared call/change center—was January 3, 2012. Witt provided data on the number of calls, answer rate, and average answer speed. He stated that the system was designed and the IT structure put in place in seven months, and he, Steve O'Malley, and the HHS Board complimented the staff that guided the process. Witt showed how the call center operates to disseminate cases, and spoke about attaining benchmarks and adjusting workflow. He reported there are fewer workers and less funding, but a larger caseload (1/6 of county population receives Income Maintenance). He gave an overview of 2012 goals related to customer service, equitable funding, and consistency in child care eligibility. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Wood to approve the Resolution Re: Creating an Economic Support Supervisor Position in La Crosse County for the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Income Maintenance Consortium. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Brockmiller excused.

## **BOARD EDUCATION**

NOTE: The Chair took the following item out of order.

### **Income Maintenance / Medical Assistance**

Jason Witt updated the Board on State-related medical assistance (MA) changes. The State's projected MA deficit has been scaled back from approximately \$500 million to approximately \$200 million. Despite this, the Governor is proceeding with his plan to make significant changes to BadgerCare under a waiver request that has been submitted to the federal government. The federal government notified the State that it would not be able to evaluate and respond to the full waiver request by December 31, 2011, which was the deadline set by the State budget to avoid a July 1, 2012, across-the-board eligibility reduction to 133% of the federal poverty level. As part of the notification, the feds did say the State could proceed with some of its requested BadgerCare changes so long as the changes did not impact children. While it is not yet clear, it appears the Department of Health Services is interpreting this limited approval to satisfy the State budget deadline so that the 133% eligibility change will not be triggered. The federal government also notified the State that it must lift the caps imposed in the State budget on Family Care. As these caps are statutory, lifting them will require specific legislation, which is expected to be introduced by the end of January, 2012. The Family Policy Board (FPB) has commissioned a study on the impact of the MA and BadgerCare changes to the La Crosse economy. FPB members plan on meeting with representatives from the La Crosse hospitals to see if there is common ground on this issue.

### **Policy, Practice, People of Public Health Nursing - Pertussis Investigation**

Doug Mormann provided information that pertussis ("whooping cough") is classified as a Category I disease that requires any confirmed case to be reported to the Health Department. The Public Health Nursing Division is the entity responsible for controlling the spread of communicable diseases. Traci Lien, RN, BSN, reported that there have been 32 cases reported this year in La Crosse County, compared to two to eight cases in other years, and 1,087 cases reported statewide. Infants and children are especially vulnerable, and it can be fatal among infants. Treatment is a course of antibiotics and isolation. She reported that the Health Department interviews each person about their vaccination history and their recent contacts, and those people are then also contacted and interviewed. Lien introduced a client, Michelle, who spoke about her own and her children's

pertussis diagnoses. She talked about the value of having public health nurses to provide a tangible resource. She has referred friends with symptoms to the Health Department nurses, and posted information on her Facebook page. Discussion was held about the need for maintaining current vaccinations.

### **Health Dept Accreditation Domain 11 – Maintain Administrative and Management Capacity**

Doug Mormann presented Domain 11 – Maintain Administrative and Management Capacity toward national accreditation. The domain includes more measures than any other domain in the accreditation process:

- Maintain operations policy and procedures
- Maintain confidentiality policies
- Maintain culturally relevant services
- Maintain human resource system
- Follow human resource policy and procedure
- Maintain information systems to support public health work
- Maintain Health Department buildings
- Meet funding agency requirements
- Maintain written contracts/agreements
- Maintain financial management systems
- Seek resources to support public health services

Mormann asked the HHS Board to communicate any activities that could support meeting the requirements, and pointed out that the Health Department is updating its medical records storage policy. Discussion was held about the County's ability to exceed minimum health standards set by the federal government.

### **Juvenile Detention Facility**

David Steinberg and Mandy Bisek reported on the CORE Academy which is projected to start on February 1, 2012, and presented a review of the following:

- Mission Statement: Offer treatment to youth and their families that produces lasting behavioral changes and successful transition to the community.
- Purpose: Teach youth to be productive members of the community; utilize evidence-based programming to reduce recidivism; operate fiscally responsible programs; and keep youth and families involved.
- Candidacy for participation: Youth must be court-ordered into placement, have a history of unsuccessful intervention, display behavior that warrants a secure setting, have moderate to high risk level on their assessment, show a need for out of home placement, and be presented to a review team.
- Program description: It is a program for 10-17 year olds as a placement option, with a maximum stay of 180 days; the program is to be made up of orientation, skill building, community transition, and aftercare.

Steinberg and Bisek elaborated on the program components, and outlined the staff that will be involved. They will also be engaging teachers, school social workers, and guidance counselors for a successful transition back to the community. There was also information provided about the inspection of the Juvenile Detention Facility, which was found to be in substantial compliance with State requirements.

### **Board Performance Evaluation Results**

The self-evaluation scores were positive overall. There were nine areas that the HHS Board felt they were doing well. There were also four suggested areas of improvement, and discussion was held regarding ways to improve those areas.

## **HHS Board Chair's Year End Summary/Accomplishments**

Chair Hampson provided a summary of accomplishments, including employee recognitions, awards, activities, and issues in 2011.

## **POLICY**

### **Open Burning Community Education Update**

Al Graewin provided follow-up information on the December 6, 2011, report on open burning. He requested an extension from Solid Waste on their grant to conduct public education of the health impacts of open burning. There would be approximately \$7,000 of that grant money carried forward to proceed with a "best practice" ordinance and further public education. Margaret Wood asked Graewin to provide an update at the Solid Waste Policy Board's quarterly meeting.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **Health Department Written Director's Report**

### **Human Services Written Director's Report**

**MOTION** by Wood/Trapp to approve the Director Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Billings, Brockmiller, Kruse excused. Doug Mormann clarified statistical health reports. Al Graewin spoke about the Options in Reproductive Care budget and STI statistics.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **Minutes**

Health and Human Services Board 12/6/11

Labor/Management 11/29/11

W-2 Community Steering Committee 11/15/11

Family Policy Board 11/7/11

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 11/7/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 11/16/11

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 11/8/11

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI Advisory Committee 12/13/11

Mental Health Advisory Council (consumer entity) 12/16/11

Downsizing Committee 12/13/11

### **Fiscal**

Human Services Budget Benchmarks for 2012

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Report on STI's

Report on tobacco programming

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Wood/Trapp to adjourn the meeting to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Approved,** February 8, 2012, Margaret Norden, recorder.