



RESOLUTION # 43-8/08

AS AMENDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM #
BOARD ACTION

Adopted: 8-21-08
For: 18
Against: 14
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Vote Req: _____
Other Action: Amended

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD ACTION

Adopted: _____
For: _____
Against: _____
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: _____
For: _____
Against: _____
Abs/Excd: _____

See original resolution

RE: WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in May 2000, the National Institute of Corrections, in providing consultation to the La Crosse County Criminal Justice Management Council, recommended parity and equity of treatment between the men and women and that women in jail should receive special programming and services to meet unique needs; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2007, the Justice Assessment completed by The Carey Group recommended La Crosse County close the women's jail permanently within the next six months and develop a 4 tiered system to handle the women coming into the jail: Tier 1 – Assessment, Tier 2 – Residential, Tier 3 – Community and Tier 4 – Secure Jail; and,

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, the County Board of Supervisors accepted and approved the Justice Assessment completed by The Carey Group; and,

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2007, the County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with the La Crosse area YWCA to plan and implement the Women's Community Based Program. The 2008 budget includes net funding of up to \$250,000 for professional services for the Women's Community Based Program and up to \$250,000 for capital expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, the Women's Community Based Program should facilitate closing of the separate women's jail and redirecting jailers to the main jail; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2008, the La Crosse Community Foundation awarded La Crosse County \$50,000 for housing needs for the Women's Community Based Program; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2008, county staff reviewed properties for leasing. In June 2008, the City of La Crosse offered La Crosse County the opportunity to lease 1118/1120 Kane Street and 1102/1104 St. Paul Street for one year for the women's program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has offered the leasing of a 3 bedroom unit for \$279/month and the leasing of a 4 bedroom unit for \$335/month plus utilities; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2008, the City of La Crosse Community Development Block Grant Program agreed to fund up to \$100,000 to refurbish a location suitable for the program in the long term; and,

WHEREAS, three neighborhood meetings have been attended by county staff to explain the details of the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that La Crosse County agrees to lease 1118/1120 Kane Street or 1102/1104 St. Paul Street or any combination thereof to house the participants in the Women's Community Based Program. The term of the lease will not exceed one year.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program shall be required to provide supervision during evening, early morning and weekend hours as are determined to be needed or appropriate as the program progresses. The preference shall be for volunteers, if available.

FISCAL NOTE: The estimated cost for lease and utilities is \$874 per month which is broken down below. These expenses are within the budget for Justice Sanctions.

- \$279/month per leased 3 bedroom unit (plus utilities)
- \$335/month per leased 4 bedroom unit (plus utilities)
- Utilities average \$130/month per unit

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COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

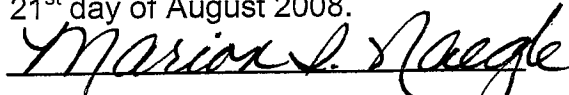


COUNTY CLERK

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of August, 2008

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 21st day of August 2008.



Marion I. Naegle, La Crosse County Clerk