



RESOLUTION # 24-8/12

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

ITEM # 8-16
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 27
Against: -
Abstain: -
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Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

VETERANS,
AGING AND
LONG TERM
CARE
COMMITTEE
ACTION

Adopted:
For: 5
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EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION

Adopted:
For: 1
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 2

Re: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY STAFF TO REPLACE LAKEVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER WITH SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES, CONTINGENT UPON FURTHER EVALUATION OF NEED AND COSTS

WHEREAS, Lakeview Health Care Center is in need of major repairs and replacement of all mechanical and structural systems throughout the facility, to include: roofs, boilers, air handlers, electrical, plumbing, communications, doors, windows, entryways, parking lots and flooring; and

WHEREAS, the facility was built in 1974 to serve as a 250 bed facility with semi-private rooms, which is drastically oversized for the anticipated need in the future, and nearly double the size to serve the current Nursing Home residents, plus residents served by other licensed services; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that upgrade and repair of the existing building would cost between \$12-\$13 million, while perpetuating a large institutional model of care, without addressing the need for significant restructuring to accommodate private rooms and separations by types of clients; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus recommendation by County Administration, Finance, Facilities and Nursing Home staff that Lakeview Health Care Center be replaced with up to three Small Neighborhood Facilities, as Wisconsin Department of Health Services prefers, instead of upgrading & remodeling the current building, or replacing it with a single building; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview serves clients with very difficult behaviors requiring a higher level of staffing than most nursing homes, and the Human Services Department has concluded that it is more cost effective to serve La Crosse County clients at Lakeview than any other available alternative and there is significant support from private area nursing homes for the services provided at Lakeview.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors that Lakeview Health Care Center should be replaced with Small Neighborhood Facilities, contingent upon further independent evaluation of the need and costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator will bring a recommendation to the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee and County Board to conduct an independent business and management analysis, including but not limited to:

1. Evaluation of Need for Lakeview Health Care Center services Projected Trend of Client Needs (Market); Cost of Alternatives if La Crosse County no longer operated this type of facility and evaluation of economies of scale to serve a larger region (i.e. Mississippi Valley Health Services members)

2. Recommendations on type and sizing of neighborhood facility or facilities Right-Sizing for number of beds based on projected trend and need; Identification of potential licenses and evaluation of staffing configurations and options

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3. Independent Evaluation of the Pros & Cons of Co-Location on the current Hillview Campus vs. continuing a separate presence at the Lakeview campus Benefit and Efficiencies of Co-Location; Identifying any benefit or efficiency in separate locations and recommendations on other operational efficiencies to reduce costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is directed to bring a cost estimate to the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee and County Board to conduct a Preliminary Architectural / Engineering Site Analysis comparing the infrastructure costs and options of locating the Small Neighborhood Facilities on the current Lakeview, or the Hillview Campus, and a cost estimate of conducting an independent business and management analysis.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no cost to this resolution at this time. The cost of independent analysis will be considered by the Board at a future meeting.

Date: 8/6/12
R. Plush
VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE CHAIR

Date: August 8, 2012
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 16 Day of August, 2012

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, 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 16th day of August, 2012.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk