

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Tammy Gamroth (exc. 8:00), Brad Konkel (6:40), David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: James Glasser, Sharon Hampson, Loren Kannenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jerry Huber, Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Dean Ruppert, Connie Eide, Ellie Meyer, Tony Parsneau, Lorie Graff, Al Graewin, Pat Killeen, Jordan Mickelson

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jill Billings called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March County Board Action

The Resolution to Support the Healthiest County passed unanimously.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Margaret Wood reported that WAHLDAB is asking for one more push on the raw milk bill, AB628/SB434. She said WAHLDAB is in the process of strategic planning. She asked for donations to a WPHA/WAHL DAB silent action.

WCHSA Spring Conference May 12-14

Information on the conference was provided.

National Mental Health Awareness Month (May)

Information about activities during May Mental Health Month was provided.

National Foster Parent Month (May)

Annual foster care picnic will be May 27, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Economic Support Shared Services

The Resolution authorizes acceptance of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding in the amount of \$348,580.66 to develop an Economic Support Regional Change/Call Center, which would include four limited term economic support specialists, one limited term economic support clerk, remodeling costs for staff space, Information Technology hardware and software, and incidentals. Staff sunset dates would be June 30, 2011. The La Crosse County Economic Support call center has been used as a model throughout the state, and will be used as a model for the regional call center for eight counties. Jerry Huber reported that the sustainability of the program is in question because the current administration's budget becomes null with a new administration. There is funding through June, 2011. **MOTION** by Brockmiller/Konkel to approve the Resolution Re: Economic Support Shared Services. **Motion passed unanimously.** Glasser, Kannenberg, Hampson excused.

Resolution Re: Accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for Obesity Prevention

The Resolution authorizes acceptance of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding in the amount of \$2,233,863.00 to provide services in obesity prevention between April, 2010, and March 31, 2012. It provides for hiring of four additional staff and subcontracts with partner agencies. Doug Mormann reported that the state receives the grant funds and will subcontract with La Crosse and Wood Counties. The University of Wisconsin-Madison medical school will do evaluations to measure the success of the program. He also reported on the start of a child obesity task force. **MOTION** by Brockmiller/Trapp to approve the Resolution Re: Accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for Obesity Prevention. **Motion passed unanimously.** Glasser, Kannenberg, Hampson excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Home Health

Ellie Meyer introduced Tony Parsneau, who is wheelchair dependent with spina bifida. He receives Home Health Care Services. He spoke about receiving help with all cares, which became more complicated following recent surgery. With the help he receives, he is able to live in a group home, rather than a nursing home.

Day in the Life Planning for June – set date

The consensus of the committee was to hold their Day in the Life program on June 8, 2010. New Board members will also be encouraged to attend. Information will go to the full Board at its retreat. Area legislators will also be invited.

Open Air Trash Burning Hazards

Jordan Mickelson, Winona State University student and Health Department intern, presented information on the health implications of open burning of trash. He showed that open burning was the fourth largest contributor to dioxins in the environment in 1987, and rose to number two in 1995, and number one in 2000. He presented information on the effects of burning VOC and PVC products, treated wood, leaves, fiberglass insulation, petroleum products, and other substances. Traces of products of burning remain in the environment and go through the food chain to human consumption, and can result in a range of physical problems, including birth deformities, miscarriages, asthma, cardiac arrhythmias, nervous system disorders, and cancer. Summer interns will take up the project and research burning ordinances by municipality.

Hank Koch, Solid Waste Director, reported on the emissions impact of burn barrels. He reported that since the County invested in cleaning up the Xcel waste-to-energy plant, the emissions from the Xcel plant cause the least environmental impact, and burn barrels the most environmental impact, and it takes only two burn barrels to equal the emissions from the entire Xcel plant. This summer, Xcel will be looking at a permit change to burn 100% refuse that would give them operational flexibility. Public comments could be focused on the waste-to-energy plant, rather than open burning. Koch reported that the Solid Waste Department can support the HHS Board with technical information and public education. Discussion was held about concentrations of burn barrels in the county, ordinance enforcement by fire marshals, and a public education process. Doug Mormann stated that they could look at citation activity. Consensus was that the HHS Board should issue an invitation to a joint meeting with the Solid Waste Policy Board and the Sustainability Commission.

POLICY ISSUES

Expedited Partner Therapy—STD

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature are considering identical Expedited Partner Therapy Bills for sexually transmitted disease. The Bills would allow treatment and delivery of oral medication to sexual partners of people who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) without the partner receiving a medical evaluation. Al Graewin reported that Representative Shilling supports the Bill, but Representative Huebsch stated he needs more convincing. It is uncertain if the Bill will be heard before the session ends on April 22, 2010.

MOTION by Trapp/Konkel to approve supporting AB 653 and SB 460. Supervisor Wood offered a friendly amendment to endorse sending letters, and Trapp/Konkel agreed to the amendment. **Motion as amended carried unanimously.** Glasser, Kannenberg, Hampson excused.

Direction on Legislative Policy Issues, Resolutions for Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Conference due June 28, 2010

Steve O'Malley reported that Resolutions could go through committee and the County Board, and then to WCA for their platform. Discussion was held regarding 17 year old's waived to adult court, mental health parity, and funding compared to other states. Supervisor Billings suggested that the HHS Board have a homework assignment for its May 11, 2010, meeting to list ideas.

Health Department 2011-15 Plan

Doug Mormann gave an update of the Health Department 2011-15 Plan. He stated that they are progressing with identifying objectives that relate to goals. Open burning will be added.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion passed unanimously.** Gamroth, Glasser, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

Doug Mormann supplemented his report with other handouts, including a draft of a Board orientation manual.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Brockmiller/Konkel to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously. Gamroth, Glasser, Hampson, Kannenberg excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 3/9/10

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI 3/23/10

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 3/5/10

Labor/Management 2/23/10

Labor/Management 3/30/10

Mental Health Advisory Council 2/19/10

W-2 Community Steering Committee 2/16/10

Poverty Task Force 3/12/10

Family Policy Board 2/18/10

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Criminal Justice Management Council 3/17/10

Fiscal

Human Services 2010 Vendor Contracts exceeding a 2% increase in rate

Items for Future Agendas

Fee Collection Activity Reporting

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Fee Collection Activity Reporting at County Board retreat

Health plan

Grant program for outside organizations

Resolutions for WCA

Health care reform bill

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wood/Konkel to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth, Glasser, Hampson, Kannenberg excused. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved, May 11, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder