

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Administrative Center

5:30 P.M. – BUDGET HEARING: 6:30 P.M. – HHS BOARD MEETING

BUDGET HEARING:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Bill Feehan (5:50 p.m.), Bill Brockmiller, Monica Kruse, Margaret Wood, Loren Kannenberg, James Glasser, David Trapp

STAFF & GUESTS: Sara Koopman, Jane Klekamp, Mike Desmond, Ann Kappauf, Liz Beard, Bev Mach, Vicky Gunderson, Doug Mormann, Ann Quinlisk, Steve O'Malley, Tom Miller, Lorie Graff Samantha Marcus (La Crosse Tribune) and others.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Sara Koopman provided an update on the current Health and Human Services budget, the process for developing the 2011 budget, and the considerations being taken as the 2011 budget is being developed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Doug Mormann provided an update on the process for developing the 2011 budget and the related considerations.

TESTIMONY

Mike Desmond, 1331 Clinton Street, La Crosse, WI, Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse, encouraged the Board to continue to provide \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club for programming in 2011. These funds are used to support some of the costs associated with serving approximately 500 children per day in various locations with information on leadership, healthy lifestyle development, as well as athletic activities.

Ann Quinlisk, 205 5th Ave S, La Crosse, WI, Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), expressed appreciation for the Health and Human Services Board support of \$25,000 in previous years for DVIP. These funds are particularly important community match for several other contracts that bring in well over \$400,000 for programming that prevents domestic violence in the community. Evidence of success of the program include that a recent study done by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Family Violence indicated that La Crosse County has not had a domestic violence related death in the last 10 years.

Ann Kappauf, New Horizon Shelter and Women's Center, PO Box 2031, La Crosse, WI, requested the Board to continue to provide \$7,875.00 for Elder Abuse Prevention services in 2011. Recent data show that there has been an increase in the amount of elder abuse reported in part because the slowing of the economy puts persons into a higher stress situation which in turn sometimes translates in elder abuse related problems.

Vicky Gunderson, 715 Pleasant Court, Onalaska, WI, introduced herself as a parent from the community whose son died at age 17. She indicated her support for services provided by the Boys and Girls Club and encouraged the Health and Human Services Board to increase the contribution for their services in 2011.

Bev Mach, 2538 S 30th St, La Crosse, WI, County Board Member and former Human Services Board member encouraged the Board to continue to provide funds to prevent social problems which will help individuals to be productive adults while at the same time reducing the amount of resources spent to provide treatment, incarceration, or other services.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chairperson Hampson thanked persons for attending the meeting. She indicated that the role of the Health and Human Services Board is to provide the combination of services needed to enable the community to be healthy and productive, with available resources. She indicated that this hearing was held as a response to a state regulation that requires the Health and Human Services Board to convene a budget hearing during the development of the annual Human Service Dept. budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hampson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Approved, August 10, 2010, Doug Mormann, Recorder

HHS BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Jane Klekamp, Lorie Graff, Tom Miller, Matthew Strittmater, Vicki Riley, Linda Lee, Josh Miner, Becky Zay, Tiffany Adrians, Jack Zabrowski

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June County Board Action

Three Resolutions (Re: 17 year olds in juvenile justice, financial support of local public health, and Child & Family Services review planning) all passed.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Dave Trapp reported on completing his Day in the Life experience with visits to three programs.

Jill Billings attended a Criminal Justice Management Committee meeting, and spoke about a system-wide approach to the high number of minorities per capita in the justice system. Brief HHS Board discussion was held regarding causes of disproportionate numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CLOSED SESSION (6:40)

MOTION by Glasser/Kruse to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, TO WIT: Fraud investigation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OPEN SESSION (6:52)

MOTION by Billings/Wood to reconvene open session. **Motion carried unanimously.**
NO OTHER DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE IN CLOSED SESSION. NO ACTION TAKEN.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of HS Administration – Update on HS Management Team and HS Director Position

Jane Klekamp reported that the Human Services management team has been meeting to discuss 2011 budget challenges. They have utilized a "Service Prioritization Tool" to identify services according to whether they are mandated, essential, or optional, and the funding sources for each. They identified programs that could be reduced or eliminated if it becomes necessary. Steve O'Malley gave an update on the Human Services director position: The final candidates have been narrowed to three people to be interviewed. There will be three interview panels consisting of HHS Board and administrators, a community panel, and the management team and employee groups. Possible interview dates are July 23, 26, and 30.

Update on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Obesity Prevention Contract

Linda Lee and staff gave an update on the obesity prevention program that was funded by a federal grant. Four staff were recently hired to implement components of the program, and they provided descriptions:

- Josh Miner, Farm to School – he is working with La Crosse, Onalaska, West Salem and Holmen School Districts to bring fresh, locally grown foods to school meals; he took questions and comments about contacts with area food suppliers;
- Becky Zay, Safe Routes to Schools – she is encouraging walking and biking to schools, and is currently establishing school liaisons to work on programs for different schools and age groups;
- Jack Zabrowski, Bicycle/Pedestrian Friendly Environments – he is concentrating on bike/ped infrastructure, including helping to implement the Coulee Region 2035 Bike-Ped Plan;
- Tiffany Adrians, Health Eating Environments – she is working with area restaurants, grocery stores, and vending, and expanding existing programs such as 500 Club, Footsteps to Health, and Wellness Warriors.

Questions and suggestions from HHS Board members were discussed.

POLICY ISSUES

2011 Budget Planning

Steve O'Malley presented an overview of the 2011 budget process. A workshop was held with department heads and managers responsible for producing a budget. They are working to present a budget within existing tax levy or less. He will be talking with the Executive Committee at their July 7, 2010, meeting regarding major challenges and restrictions. He spoke about meeting with groups such as bargaining units and health insurance consultants, and talked about the need to not compound budget issues, but to see what happens with equalized value and the state budget.

Update on Women's Community Based Program

Jane Klekamp gave an overview of the Women's Community Based Program, and provided statistics regarding population, types of crimes, and lengths of stay. As a follow up to a report in the board packet, June statistics were reported. In June, 2010, there were 13 women in residence; of those, three had been residents previously. There were 19 hours of groups with topics on health, legal issues, and employment services. The women organized a bake sale toward purchasing a Wii system for the facility, and donated funds to the Domestic Violence Intervention Project. Klekamp also reported on jail population for July 1-6, 2010. Brief discussion was held regarding costs as compared to jail terms, and recidivism.

County Indigent Burial Program/Mortuary Burials

Lorie Graff and Tom Miller gave a follow-up to their June 8, 2010, report on the indigent burial program. They noted that counties are required by state statute to provide burial or cremation to persons that are unidentified or unclaimed. Graff surveyed other Wisconsin counties, and found that several counties do not provide services other than the minimum to be able to comply with state statute. She noted that it appears that people who are using La Crosse County funds are not excessively exceeding the maximum allowed, and appear to be in need of the program. The La Crosse County Medical Examiner suggested issuing a Request for Proposal to contract with a particular funeral home. Discussion was held regarding costs and options, the difficulty of projecting need for indigent burials, and factors to include in an RFP.

MOTION by Billings/Feehan to issue a Request for Proposal to funeral homes that are interested in contracting indigent funeral and burial services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update on Mobile Crisis, Chapter 51, CARE Center

Matthew Strittmater reviewed Chapter 51 detentions, including graphs that showed good progress in the following areas:

- Mobile Crisis Program contacts – contacts are at an average of 4,000 per year, and are projected to increase;
- Law enforcement use of Mobile Crisis – also projected to increase due to the CARE Center, and law enforcement involvement in the center's implementation;
- Chapter 51 Emergency Detentions – projected to decrease due to collaboration and use of the CARE Center.

Vicki Riley, director of the CARE Center, reviewed staffing, licensing, and admissions during their first 50 days. Strittmater and Riley identified some challenges, including alternatives to

discharging clients to homelessness, reducing the length of average stays, becoming more accustomed to what's involved with social detoxification, and networking with health plans regarding cost savings.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Kruse to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Margaret Wood spoke about the binders provided to HHS Board members that contain relevant information and references. Sharon Hampson offered congratulations to staff that have eliminated the long term waiting list.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 6/8/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 5/12/10

Criminal Justice Management Council 5/19/10

Family Policy Board 5/20/10

W-2 Community Steering Committee 5/11/10

Aging & Disability Resource Center of WW Advisory Committee 6/22/10

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

HS Director update

Juvenile Detention regional facility

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wood/Brockmiller to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved, August 10, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder