

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, James Glasser, Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Loren Kannenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Brockmiller, Bill Feehan

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Bev Mach, Mary Ellen Prinsen, Fran Hegenbarth, Sarah Spah, Connie Eide, Jane Klekamp, Lorie Graff, Sharon Krumenauer

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new HS Director, Jason Witt

Chair Hampson welcomed Jason Witt, whose appointment was approved by the County Board at the September 16, 2010, meeting. He will begin his new responsibilities on November 1, 2010. He stated he was impressed with the passion in the community for human services.

September County Board Action

The Ordinance amendment regarding smoke free air passed after an unsuccessful motion to refer back to committee.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Jill Billings reported on the Complete Streets workshop, which had a lot of community support. She also attended an AMOS presentation on returning 17 year olds to the juvenile justice system where Jim Moser (Wisconsin Council on Children and Families) and Margaret Carpenter (Division of Juvenile Corrections) were speakers.

Margaret Wood reported on a WALHDAB meeting. WALHDAB and WPHA successfully lobbied for a legislative study committee regarding funding. Mary Lou Gerke from Gundersen-Lutheran will be invited to present the committee's white paper.

Monica Kruse attended a workshop regarding the differences between adversarial and Alternative Response.

Chair Hampson announced there will be no HHS Board retreat this year.

HS Milestone Anniversary Recognition Lunch on November 2

A noon lunch on November 2, 2010, will recognize long-term employees for their years of service. Board members are encouraged to attend.

La Crosse Area Development Corporation Triangle of Achievement Award for creation of the Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission

LADCO recognized the collaboration efforts of La Crosse County in creating the MVHS Commission at its annual awards luncheon.

Foth Good Government Award for creation of the Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission

Foth, Inc., annually recognizes governments for improving service and reducing costs. La Crosse County received the Foth Good Government Award at the recent WCA conference for creating the MVHS Commission. There will be a formal presentation at the County Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of New Vision Wilderness

Sharon Krumenauer introduced four of the participants who spent 21 days in the New Vision Wilderness program. They are now halfway through a 12 week Girls' Circle follow-up program. The girls shared their experiences and challenges in the NVW program, especially night hiking and canoeing. They said they appreciated home and family when they returned. Chair Hampson pointed out the fiscal impact report that was provided by Wayde Anger that compared NVW and follow-up costs to projected costs of standard alternatives, such as group homes, foster homes, drug tests, and AODA services:

Totals were as follows:

NVW	Projected follow-up	Projected standard services
\$32,970	\$118,802	\$307,108

Total averages per girl were as follows:

NVW	Projected follow-up	Projected standard services
\$4,121.25	\$14,850.25	\$38,388.50

Alternative Response Update

Janet Holter reported on Alternative Response, which partners with families to identify safety threats and service needs in child protection. La Crosse is one of five pilot counties to assign cases to Alternative Response (AR). The pilot goes through December, 2011. The project includes seven social workers, with one doing only AR, one doing only emergency response, and five splitting caseloads between traditional response and AR. They have referred 44 cases to AR since July 5, 2010. Holter reported that as social workers become more comfortable with screening and working through complexities of new situations, there will be more cases referred to AR. The focus of AR is to be short and intensive with a goal of closing the case within 90 days. Rather than focusing on investigating and proving abuse, the worker concentrates on whether the child is safe and what services are needed for the family. Holter cited other states that are fully operational with AR programs, e.g. North Carolina, Missouri, and Minnesota, and spoke about community partners and stakeholders in La Crosse.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation for National Health Education Week October 17-23

The week of October 17-23, 2010, is National Health Education Week, and will focus on tobacco prevention and cessation through the theme, "A Tobacco Free Nation through Health Education." **MOTION** by Wood/Glasser to proclaim October 17-23, 2010, National Health Education Week. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kannenberg excused; Brockmiller, Feehan absent.

POLICY ISSUES

Budget 2011

Steve O'Malley reported on the difficult process of reaching a 0% levy increase. He said that employee groups are still working on identifying savings and working through bargaining issues with a goal of preserving services and lobbying for changes in 2012.

- Health Department: The department came in with almost no change in tax levy. The Nutrition section received a major grant that will last through 2011 to March, 2012. The department is using fund balance primarily in Home Health. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the services offered by Home Health, which is a non-mandated program, and how those services can be preserved going forward. The HHS Board will focus on finding solutions during Board discussions in 2011.
- Human Services: Dean Ruppert gave an overview of programs and services, and cited several instances where consolidating programs, maximizing the drawdown of Federal funds, and reassigning staff resulted in cost savings. There was further discussion regarding particular challenges and options for the Juvenile Detention Facility, programs for children with disabilities, and Family and Children prevention service providers. Ruppert presented a pie chart that showed the following areas and their percentages of levy and fund balance requested for the 2011 Human Services budget: Family and Children's (47%), Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions (18%), Mental Health and Recovery Services (16%), Mississippi Valley Health Services (13%), Economic Support (3%), Aging and Disability Resource Center/Adult Protective Services (2%), and General Operations (1%).

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Glasser/Billings to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kannenberg excused; Brockmiller, Feehan absent.

Supervisor Billings asked if a report on the 2009 audit could be provided to the HHS Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 9/7/10

Labor/Management 8/31/10

Obesity Coalition 9/14/10

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 8/6/10

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 9/3/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 8/11/10

Criminal Justice Management Council 8/18/10

Dental Care Coalition 9/27/10

W-2 Community Steering Committee 8/17/10

Fiscal

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Federally qualified health center (November)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Glasser/Wood to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kannenberg excused; Brockmiller, Feehan absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved, November 2, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder