

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Brockmiller, Bill Feehan, Loren Kannenberg, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Jane Klekamp, Matt Strittmater, Maichor Lee, Al Graewin, Fran Hegenbarth, Sue Conard, Mee Xiong, Susanne Hayes, Marilyn Hempstead, Lieske Giese, Mari Freiberg

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October County Board Action

There was no action pertaining to Health & Human Services.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Jim Glasser reported on attending the Human Services employee recognition event.

Monica Kruse attended a White Privilege conference sponsored by Couleecap.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Health Education

Al Graewin gave a brief review of prevention projects over the past 30 years, and introduced Maichor Lee, a health educator in the Health Department, who led a project that focused on Hmong women in the La Crosse community. The program lasted 18 weeks. The weekly three-hour sessions presented exercise and information on nutrition and health issues. Lee introduced Mee Xiong, a program participant, who spoke about the positive effects of the class, including weight loss and nutrition guidance. She spoke about networking with other women, and gaining the self-confidence to be a volunteer for Hmong New Year celebrations. Discussion was held regarding long-term effects of the class, and cultural perceptions of exercise vs. dance.

Health Department Level III Designation by State of Wisconsin

Doug Mormann provided information on the review conducted by the State Department of Health Services. Their review determines the local department's compliance with statutory and administrative rules. The review showed no deficiencies, and authorized a Level III Health Department, which is the highest level of performance. In particular, the review cited strong core public health services, clear connection to the broader public health system's focus on collaboration, and strong board commitment and leadership. Mormann introduced Lieske Giese, Regional Director, Wisconsin Division of Public Health, who spoke about the review process, and standards that lead to national accreditation. She cited three aspects that were essential to have in place prior to applying for national accreditation: A strategic plan, a community health improvement plan, and local data. Discussion was held about the HHS Board's oversight responsibilities and the Board's role in the strategic plan and accreditation process.

POLICY ISSUES

Scenic Bluffs Expansion

- HHS Board Support

Doug Mormann introduced Mari Freiberg, director of Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers. She reported that Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers, which originated in Monroe County, is looking into establishing a location in or near La Crosse. She spoke at length about community health centers in general and Scenic Bluffs services in particular. Their health center is a primary care, outpatient clinic that provides physical, dental, and mental health

services to patients in need. They provide services based on a sliding fee scale for patients below 200% of the federal poverty level. She reported on their patient population, service hours, and funding. She spoke about a continuum of care and their ability to refer to Gundersen Lutheran or Franciscan Skemp specialists, and to the St. Clare Health Mission. They have requested a letter of support from the HHS Board for a grant application under the federal health reform bill.

- Impact on La Crosse County Human Services

Matt Strittmater spoke about the needs of Scenic Bluffs patients in the La Crosse area, which has been primarily dental, but would also focus on mental health going forward. Strittmater stated that the strengths of the Human Services Department were a natural fit with Scenic Bluffs. He anticipates several collaboration opportunities, such as possible pilot projects to integrate behavioral health with physical health that could receive grant funding. As services evolve, resources can be channeled differently.

MOTION by Billings/Glasser to approve having the HHS Board send a letter of support.

Motion carried unanimously. Brockmiller, Feehan, Kannenberg, Wood excused.

Health Department 2011 Reports to HHS Board

Doug Mormann reported that with a new five-year strategic plan and 2011 goals and objectives, the Health Department is updating its data collection systems. He invited suggestions for improving their reports to the HHS Board. Input from HHS Board members was that the quantity and quality of reports was sufficient.

Electronic Monitoring Vendor

Jane Klekamp reported that Satellite Tracking of People (STOP) was chosen in 2008 as the electronic monitoring provider, but the units did not perform as expected, and Behavioral Interventions (BI) was subsequently chosen as the contractor for a one-year period. In the year BI has provided service, there have been no complaints regarding reliability or accuracy, and Klekamp requested approval of BI as the provider until January 24, 2014. The cost is estimated at \$104,000 for 2010. **MOTION** by Billings/Trapp to approve Behavioral Interventions as the provider of radio frequency services for Justice Sanctions until 2014.

Motion carried unanimously. Brockmiller, Feehan, Kannenberg, Wood excused.

2011 Budget Consideration

Steve O'Malley asked for any final questions about the 2011 budget before it goes to County Board. He stated there had been no specific questions from the County Supervisors regarding HHS budget. There were no questions posed by the HHS Board.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Kruse/Trapp to receive and file the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Brockmiller, Feehan, Kannenberg, Wood excused.

Doug Mormann pointed out the book, "The Community Guide", as well as a NALBOH article and a UW medical school publication that provide data on evidence-based public health programs. Discussion was held on trends in anti-immunization activities. Jason Witt spoke about upcoming management training.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 10/12/10

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI Advisory Committee 10/5/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 9/8/10

Family Policy Board Retreat 8/18/10

Family Policy Board Meeting 9/16/10

Mental Health Advisory Council 9/17/10

Obesity Coalition 10/12/10

Fiscal

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

Quarterly Goal Reporting for Human Services

Quarterly Goal Reporting for Health Department
Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Human Services
Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Health Department

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved, December 7, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder