

LA CROSSE COUNTY W-2 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

La Crosse County Human Services

Administrative Conference Room

7:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicole Johnson, Tom Miller, Lindsey Schwarz-Nichols, Nancy Wagner,
Jodi Widuch

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jackie Helgeson, Beverly Mach, Deb Suchla

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paula Egge, Sean Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Fitzpatrick

CALL TO ORDER

Jodi Widuch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February 15, 2011 committee minutes. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Nicole Johnson, Social Worker with Domestic Violence Sexual Assault , Gundersen Clinic, will replace Maureen Funk on the committee. Mary Fitzpatrick, Emergency Services Director with Catholic Charities attended the meeting in Deb Suchla's absence. Nicole and Mary gave an overview of their responsibilities.

Poverty Task Force Update/Community Collaboration Committee

None. Beverly Mach excused absence.

W2 UPDATE

Tom Miller explained the purpose and goals of the W2 Program for the benefit of the new members of the steering committee.

W2 participation 37—15 CMC's (participants with babies less than 12 weeks old), 12 CSJ's (community service jobs), 10 W2T's (applying for disability or SSI).

ADDITIONAL W2 FUNDING FOR CURRENT CONTRACT

State changed the philosophy of the W2 Program. The change allowing W2 eligibility if employment was not found in five days prompted an increase in funds available for the program. An additional year was also added to the current contract year.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Approval of May 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Public Input

Chairperson's Report

Community Collaboration Committee Update

W2 Program Update

Agenda for November 15, 2011 Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:45 a.m. at La Crosse County Human Services, Administrative Conference Room. Future meeting will be: November 15, 2011.

The above minutes were approved at the November 15, 2011 meeting. The August 16, 2011 meeting was cancelled.

Nancy Gardner, Recorder