

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Feehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jason Witt, Doug Mormann, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Jiin-Yu Wu, David Steinberg, Steve O'Malley, Marilyn Hempstead, Audra Martine, Sara Koopman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July County Board Action

The County Board had the second reading of the "Mental Health Recovery Services (MHRS) Advisory Council" Ordinance. It passed unanimously.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

None reported.

State Foster Parent Recognition Month (Sept)

Foster parents will be recognized at a dinner at 7 Bridges restaurant on September 22, 2011.

Awards will be given for five, 10, and 20 years of service.

August 16 Rebuilding for Learning Retreat

The event will be held at the La Crosse Center. It is part of a La Crosse County-City-School District collaboration to bring together school staff with community service providers. There will be break-out discussions regarding barriers to learning and institutional cooperation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Hempstead, representing the mental health coalition of Advocating, Mobilizing and Organizing in Solidarity (AMOS), invited HHS Board members to attend a forum on mental illness and the offender at Viterbo University on October 6, 2011.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI

Audra Martine reported that the Aging, Disability & Resource Center conducts community outreach every week at gathering places like churches and senior centers. Following the May 22, 2011, tornado, they partnered with the Community Emergency Response Team to go door-to-door to advise residents, particularly the elderly and disabled, about available services. They cautioned property owners about hiring "storm chaser" construction firms that could be unethical about standing behind their repair work. They also worked with landlords to ensure utility services were restored in rental units. She spoke about helping a single mother whose vehicle was destroyed by a downed tree, and helping her connect with agencies that assisted with funding and emergency transportation which enabled her to maintain her new job.

Juvenile Detention Facility Update

David Steinberg reported on structural and staffing changes in the Juvenile Detention Facility. The remodeling will coincide with staff training that begins in August. During this three-day period, the Western Regional Adolescent Center will be used for detentions. Steinberg's written report stated that the 180-day rule passed with the budget bill, which will enable long-term programming. The programming committee and services RFP committee have been assembled. The safety committee is reviewing policy and procedure. Steinberg spoke about their contingency plan while the JDF is closed, which includes notifying surrounding counties of closing and re-opening dates. He stated that the facility and staff should be ready for an October 1, 2011, opening.

Income Maintenance Regional Consortium Update

The Income Maintenance Regional Consortium tentatively consists of La Crosse, Clark, Jackson, Buffalo, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties. The consortium will not include Adams or Taylor Counties, which have joined other groups. A workgroup consisting of county human services directors, including Jason Witt, La Crosse County Human Services Director, has met to discuss consortium make-up. Witt provided an update on funding. The new allocation system has put La Crosse County at a disadvantage with both a decreased allocation and a levy freeze. There are only six counties that gained funding. Discussion was held about the location of the call center, which will be in La Crosse until the end of the year.

POLICY

Evidence Based Service Delivery

Doug Mormann reported that the Health Department Strategic Plan calls for the Department to submit an application for national accreditation in 2013. There are 12 domains of activity in the application, including Domain 10, "Contribute to and Apply the Evidence Base of Public Health," and Domain 12, "Maintain Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity." He reported that an alternative for providing documentation of accomplishment of these two domains would be a policy to have the Health Department document the use of evidence based public health programming. Mormann gave an overview of a proposed evidence based policy and expected costs and benefits. While this will help to better use resources and provide better rationale, staff time will be taken away from performing services while they are conducting research. Discussion was held about various research sources and the possibility of a lack of specific documentation of like programs. Mormann provided a draft of a resolution for County Board consideration. Chair Hampson suggested that the resolution would need to show fiscal impact. She also suggested having a presentation to the full County Board at a Policy and Planning meeting, with a resolution presented at a future meeting. Consensus of the HHS Board was to support an evidence based policy.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to approve the Director Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes

Health and Human Services Public Hearing & Board Meeting 7/12/11

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI Advisory Committee 6/28/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 6/8/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 6/15/11

Family Policy Board 6/6/11

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 6/6/11

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 7/12/11

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 6/3/11

Labor/Management 7/26/11

Department Reports

Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Health Department

Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Human Services

Quarterly Goal Reporting for Health Department

Quarterly Goal Reporting for Human Services

Motion carried unanimously. Feehan excused.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

HHS Board group tours of various sections of the Health and Human Services Departments

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kruse/Billings to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED, September 6, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder