

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Bill Feehan, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse (exc. 6:55 p.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sharon Hampson, Margaret Wood, David Trapp

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jason Witt, Doug Mormann, Sara Koopman, Margaret Norden, Nancy Pohlman, Audra Martine, Mark Johnson, Jim Steinhoff, Jiin-Yu Wu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August County Board Action

There was no Board action pertaining to Health and Human Services.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

None reported.

Wisconsin Partner in Service Award

The Aging and Disability Resource Center-Western Wisconsin received the Social Security Administration award, "Wisconsin Partner in Service Award." The award cited the ADRC's efficiency and quality service. Audra Martine accepted the award on behalf of the ADRC, and recognized the staff, especially the Disability Benefit Specialists who work with the Social Security office.

September 12 WisKids Count Community Conversation

A forum will be held at Cartwright Center on the UW-La Crosse campus to increase awareness of how the well-being of children has been affected in the recession. WisKids is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids County project.

Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Council

Jason Witt reported that two Health and Human Services Board members are needed to fulfill membership requirements for the Mental Health Recovery Services (MHRS) Advisory Council, and asked for volunteers. The committee meets once per month, but may be scaled to meet less frequently. Monica Kruse stated she would consider it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of the Lab – Drinking Water Testing for Municipal Utilities

Jim Steinhoff introduced Mark Johnson, Water Utility Manager for the City of La Crosse.

Johnson stated his department has a great working relationship with the county lab, and is its biggest customer for testing water and sewer utilities, and also uses the facility as a resource. He cited an example during the early days of the AIDS epidemic when staff had concerns about exposure to human waste, and Al Graewin, health educator, gave a staff in-service on the topic. Johnson said he takes advantage of Health Department staff for education purposes on a regular basis. Discussion was held regarding the process of water collection and testing, and the procedures for notifying the public if there is ever an unsafe sample. Steinhoff reported that the lab also does testing of private water sources. Further discussion was held regarding disposal of municipal wastewater sludge in farm fields, which saves those farmers money that they would have spent on commercial fertilizer.

Shift-Staffed Foster Homes

Nancy Pohlman presented a Power Point on shift-staffed foster homes. The model was developed to keep youth with severe developmental and physical disabilities in the community in a home-like environment. Foster homes may have a single person or a couple as the house parents, with

rotating staff shifts to support the family. She reported that staff ratios would be one staff person per two children during waking hours, and one staff person to four children during sleeping hours. The requirements for admitting children are quite rigorous and include the following conditions: The child must have behavior or conditions to require a high degree of supervision; the child will benefit from a home-like environment; the child is expected to need long-term care. Pohlman spoke about the expense of keeping some clients in facilities such as Chileda, and showed that there would be a 40% cost savings by using Children's Long-term Support Waiver funding. A Request for Proposal has been issued and staff is currently reviewing a response to the RFP.

Income Maintenance Regional Consortium Update

Jason Witt reported that WCHSA advocated transferring money from the State's Income Maintenance administrative budget to close the funding gap for the La Crosse and Northern consortia. The transfer was justified due to fewer statewide trainers being needed since the administrative budget was built on 14 consortia, whereas the final legislation holds the number of consortia to 10. The proposal was rejected by the State. WCHSA plans to continue to pursue other transfer options. Regardless of funding scenarios the La Crosse consortium is going forward with start-up on January 1, 2011. Witt stated they will have to use funding more efficiently than other consortia around the state.

Accreditation – Domain 1 Community Assessment

Doug Mormann reported that the Health Department and HHS Board are preparing documentation to substantiate nationally accreditation. This will include assessments focused on population health status and public health issues in the community, as well as related standards and actions already underway in the community. Mormann stated that there are 12 categories of assessment, and reviewed the standards for documentation in Domain 1, as follows:

- Collaborate on community assessment process
- Collect data on health status
- Analyze public health data to identify problems
- Use the results of assessments

Mormann stated that over the next 15 months he will be bringing information regarding each of the domains with the goal of applying for certification at the end of that time.

Board Tours of Departments

The following tour options were proposed:

- Health Department – Health literacy example with the burn barrel project; Home Care tour
- Human Services Department – Economic Support Change Center; Economic Support applying for benefits through ACCESS; CARE Center; Juvenile Detention Facility remodel; and tours of each section with an overview of services

Discussion was held about other sites that could be toured, both within county buildings, and off-campus. The consensus of the committee was for committee leadership to schedule tours on a case-by-case basis according to the availability of committee members and length of the regular agenda.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

Health and Human Services Public Hearing & Board Meeting 8/9/11

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 7/13/11

Criminal Justice Management Council 7/20/11
Mental Health Advisory Council 7/15/11
Mental Health Advisory Council 8/19/11
Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 8/9/11
Family Policy Board 8/1/11
Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 8/5/11

Fiscal

Human Services Quarterly Report on Budget Benchmarks

Motion carried unanimously. Hampson, Kruse, Trapp, Wood excused.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Continued updates on Income Maintenance consortium

CARE Center update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kannenberg/Feehan to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Trapp, Wood excused. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED, October 11, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder