

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Room 3220, Administrative Center, 400 4<sup>th</sup> St. N.

6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Cheri Olson, Bill Brockmiller, Ralph Geary, Joe Veenstra

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Laurence Berg, Karin Johnson, Loren Kannenberg

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Peg Jerome, Nick Nichols, Dean Ruppert, Jason Witt, Doug Mormann, Lindsay Menard, Marilyn Hempstead, Audra Martine, Linda Lee, Sara Koopman, and Lorie Graff

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **Announcements**

#### **July County Board Action**

Chair Kruse advised Women in Government participated in Habitat for Humanity build in Viroqua on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Harvest of the Month grant for \$400,000 passed unanimously at County Board.

#### **Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings**

Chair Kruse attended Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) gathering. The group agreed on big issues that include STD prevention, frac sand mining, climate change, suicide prevention, and disease outbreak.

#### **State Foster Parent Recognition Month in September**

September is Foster Parent Recognition Month. A banquet is planned for September 27<sup>th</sup> and board members are invited. Location will be announced via e-mail.

#### **Mississippi Valley Health Services**

Bill Brockmiller was appointed to sit on this committee.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **BOARD EDUCATION**

#### **Policy, Practice, People – Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Nursing Home Relocation Projects**

Audra Martine presented. Program works with clients that are interested in moving from nursing home to less restrictive housing. Staff works with client to assess needs and help identify suitable housing. Audra discussed a woman that was at Lakeview for 7 years funded by Medicaid. She wanted to be out in the public more but had issues with moving, bathing, medications, etc. A community home was identified to meet these needs. The client is now in a less restrictive environment and the housing is more cost effective. ADRC receives referrals from a variety of sources and ADRC does outreach activities as time permits.

#### **Wisconsin Works (W-2) Request for Proposal (RFP) Application Update**

Jason Witt and Lorie Graff presented. They reported that Human Services recently received notification that the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has selected Workforce Connections as the W-2 provider for the eight-county western Wisconsin region beginning January 1, 2013. La Crosse County Human Services had submitted a competitive proposal for the W-2 contract and had made it to the final round of the application process, which included face-to-face interviews. Human Services realized going into the process that it may face some disadvantages, as the selection criteria appeared to favor private agencies. Human Services has administered W-2 in La Crosse County since 1997, winning all of the previous competitive awards. The Department funds 2.5 FTEs in addition to one contract position with its current W-2 funding. The La Crosse County Board was one of several local Boards that recently passed a resolution asking

DCF to suspend the RFP process due to what appears to be its unbalanced nature and the abrupt W-2 privatization that appeared to be its intent. As expected, as a result of the DCF process, W-2 will now be completely privatized across the state. Human Services has the option of appealing the DCF decision by a deadline of Friday, August 10. It will be carefully examining whether to go forward with an appeal. Administrator O'Malley stated that he has informed Chair Johnson of the W-2 proposal status. Assuming the results stand, Human Services will work diligently to assist Workforce Connections with a smooth transition.

### **Wisconsin Shares – Child Care Subsidy Program Update**

Jason Witt and Lorie Graff presented. They informed the Board of an important meeting Human Services has with Wisconsin Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson on 8/24/12. The hope is that the meeting will lead to changes that will provide for more efficient and effective use of State funding related to Child Care Administration. La Crosse County administers Child Care collaboratively with its seven partner counties in the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA). This is a very natural integration as a significant percentage of child care clients receive other income maintenance services through WREA. This integration provides much potential for cost savings and better customer service. This integration is hampered, however, by what appears to be needlessly conflicting rules between DCF and the Department of Health Services (DHS), which oversees the other income maintenance programs administered by WREA. Human Services is excited about the opportunity and appreciative of Secretary Anderson's participation in the meeting.

### **Accreditation – Domain 7: Access to Health Care Services**

Doug Mormann presented. The focus of Domain 7 is access to Health Care services and is focused on the strategies in place to provide access to service. Collaborate with partnering agencies to provide the services identified. Examples of the partnership that this Domain requires are part of the resolutions that are being presented this evening. The grants are examples of these concepts. Accreditation has 12 domains and most have been presented at past meetings. If the Health Department is ready, the Health & Human Service committee will decide whether to apply for accreditation in 2013.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution Re: Accept Community Transformation Through Collaboration Contract**

Linda Lee presented. This contract is a two year continuation of the work Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) has completed. The contract has three pieces: tobacco, food systems and active lifestyles. Nutrition will work with Health Education to encourage landlords of 4+ units to go smoke-free. Nutrition will work on food system and physical activity portion. The Farm to School program will work to expand school gardens. Work on being able to use food stamp card at farmer's market looking a card swipe technology and strategies. Work to formalize agreements between municipalities and school districts for joint use of facilities for physical activity programs is planned. Provide before and after school activities for students that attend schools that are not "walkable". **MOTION** by Geary/ Brockmiller to approve the Resolution Re: Accept Community Transformation Through Collaboration Contract. **Motion carried unanimously** (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused).

### **Resolution Re: Accept Community Transformation Smoke Free Apartments=Clear Gains Contract**

Doug Mormann presented. Project is in conjunction with Monroe to move toward smoke-free apartments. This effort is expected to take some time educating renters and landlords of benefits, similar to past efforts in smoke-free workplace and restaurants. Apartment owner would make decision on whether facility is smoke-free. **MOTION** by Trapp/Veenstra to approve the Resolution Re: Accept Community Transformation Smoke Free Apartments=Clear Gains Contract. **Motion carried unanimously** (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused).

### **Resolution Re: Accept Wisconsin Seal-a-Smile School-Based/School-Linked Dental Sealant Program Grant**

Doug Mormann presented. The grant would provide screening and dental sealants to a limited number of schools in La Crosse, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and goal to expand to more schools. Goal is to reach 300 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in county. Education is also provided on dental care to parents. **MOTION** by Trapp/Brockmiller to approve the Resolution Re: Accept Wisconsin Seal-a-Smile School-Based/School-Linked Dental Sealant Program Grant. **Motion carried unanimously** (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused).

## **POLICY**

### **Expand Public Health with Partnerships**

Dave Trapp/Nick Nichols presented. There are a number of areas that are in need of funding to provide benefits for people who need healthcare. New York's "sugar tax" is a model to investigate. Funds from the tax could be used to subsidize needed health services. Chair Kruse approved moving forward to form an exploratory sub-committee to work on this project. Dave Trapp, Nick Nichols, Cheri Olson, Lindsay Menard and Doug Mormann agreed to participate on this sub-committee. Results of the sub-committee findings will be presented at the November meeting.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **Health Department Written Director's Report**

### **Human Services Written Director's Report**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Veenstra to approve the Directors' Reports. Discussion: Health Department report of change to vaccine policy effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Doug will forward Cheri note regarding vaccine guideline. This will have significant impact on our services. The chair was asked to draft a letter regarding vaccine issue. Jason updated the Human Services Director's report by sharing that Human Services received notice this past Friday that it had been awarded the Mental Health / Substance Abuse services collaborative pilot grant referred to in the report. Our collaborative group of three counties (Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe) was one of two sites selected. The second site is a group of seven counties in the Eau Claire area. **Motion carried unanimously** (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused).

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Veenstra to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously** (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused).

### **Minutes**

Health and Human Services Board 7/10/12

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI Advisory Committee 6/26/12

Criminal Justice Management Council 6/20/12

Mental Health Recovery Services Advisory Council 6/14/12

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 6/12/12

W-2 Community Steering Committee 5/9/12

### **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

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Update on Ophelia's house.
- Short report on Farmer's market enforcement/numbers of vendor, etc.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Veenstra to adjourn (Berg/Johnson/Kannenberg excused). **Motion carried unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Approved, September 11, 2012, Diane Panzer, Recorder