

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Monica Kruse, Loren Kannenberg, Ralph Geary, Laurence Berg, William Schultz, Peg Jerome appointed to ensure quorum

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Karin Johnson, Dave Trapp, Joe Veenstra, Cheri Olson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jim Steinhoff, Doug Mormann, Jason Witt, Marilyn Hempstead, Troy Harcey, Dean Ruppert, Sara Koopman, Jane Klekamp, Nancy Pohlman, Sharon Hampson, Steve O'Malley, Sara Halvorson, Katrina Allen, Tom Allen, Lindsey Menard, Renee Weston

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Supervisor Peg Jerome was appointed to ensure quorum.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Welcome New Board Member**

Welcome to Bill Schultz as a new County Board and Health & Human Services Board Member.

#### **October County Board Action**

- The three ordinance changes for Environmental Health that the HHS Board approved in October went to the County Board for first reading on October 18. County Board approved motion for second reading of all three ordinances in 30 days.
- The November 5 County Board Planning received an update on the current jail population, comparisons to other counties, and strategies to control the population.

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

None

#### **Update on plans for Frac Sand discussion with Department of Public Health**

##### **Administrator Karen McKeown**

Doug Mormann is working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health (DPH) Administrator Karen McKeown to come to La Crosse to answer questions and address concerns regarding the Frac Sand Industry in Western Wisconsin. HHS Board members will be invited to attend, as well as other counties in our region. It is anticipated that this meeting will occur at 5:00 PM on December 11 before the next HHS Board meeting (location to be determined). Mormann handed out a list of issues he will provide to Administrator McKeown prior to the visit. If board members have additional items to add to this list about Frac Sand or other issues, please contact Mormann.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

none

### **BOARD EDUCATION**

#### **Rebuilding for Learning Initiative**

Troy Harcey is the Associate Superintendent of Instruction at the School District of La Crosse and he presented on the Rebuilding for Learning Initiative which is a collaborative effort formed by the School District of La Crosse, County of La Crosse, and City of La Crosse. Dr. Harcey's goal is to get the word out on this collaboration and keep the community thinking about how we can collaborate together to create the conditions that our young people need to flourish.

Dr. Harcey shared the results of a recent feedback survey of students (grades 6-12) in the School District of La Crosse. The survey reported multiple statistics including 64% being bullied within the last year, 12% do not feel safe in school, 10% do not feel safe in their neighborhoods, and 4% do not feel safe at home. Specific comments by students were also captured in this survey.

Two Rebuilding for Learning Summits have been held over the past couple of years attended by many community agencies that work with children and families coming together with the school district, county and city to discuss issues and identify barriers to learning. A summary of the summits included identification of students' barriers to learning, what services agencies offer to address these barriers, what are embedded institutional barriers, and general feedback. As a result of the information gathered at the summits several workgroups have been created to begin working through some of the barriers identified. Dr. Harcey shared a video from the 2011 summit, including a testimonial of a student that had been in the system from a very early age.

Dr. Harcey outlined the six content arenas for a component to address barriers to learning:

1) Classroom-Based Approaches, 2) Support for Transitions, 3) Home Involvement and Engagement in Schooling, 4) Community Outreach for Involvement and Collaborative Support, 5) Crisis Assistance and Prevention, and 6) Student and Family Assistance.

The next Rebuilding for Learning Summit is scheduled on August 13, 2013. The goal is to have a collective representation from many organizations in attendance to hear reports and information stemming from the subgroups/content arenas identified.

### **Policy, Practice, People of Human Services Family & Children's**

Nancy Pohlman (Family & Children's Manager) and Sara Halvorson (Social Worker in the Children with Special Needs Unit) introduced foster parents Katrina and Tom Allen who presented on the unique challenges they have encountered as parents of special needs adopted children. The Allens have five children of their own, and in 2009 they adopted a sibling group of three special needs children (ages 4, 7, and 10) whose parents were significantly impaired with mental health and addiction issues. The children have severe emotional and behavioral disabilities and attachment issues that are evident at home, school and within the community related to the trauma they had been exposed to by their birth parents. The Children with Special Needs Unit at the county offers services that this family needs to stay together through the trauma informed care approach of recognizing the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledging the role that trauma has played in their lives.

### **Board Orientation "Being a Client" Update**

The list of board members who have signed up for Being a Client was distributed. Mormann will work with Schultz and Veenstra to identify an opportunity for each of them to participate in before the end of the year, and then report out to the January HHS Board on their experiences. Presentations will last 5 minutes and can include the staff involved in providing the opportunity to the board member. Each board member is limited to two opportunities over the next year, and two presentations to the HHS Board will occur each month.

## **POLICY**

### **IT Integrated Solutions System Vendor Selection**

Dean Ruppert presented on the integrated product that Human Services has been working on for quite some time now. On July 13 Human Services released a Request for Proposal (RFP) and three proposals were received by the August 24 deadline. These proposals were evaluated by an eight-person RFP Review Committee made up of a wide range of sections in Human Services as well as other county departments. The proposals were ranked in 13 different areas and a point system was applied. Based on the evaluation scores, the RFP Review Committee is recommending that the HHS Board approve Human Services to move forward towards negotiations with the intent to contract with Netsmart to provide an IT Integrated Solutions System. Implementation would be planned to begin Spring 2013 and would take 9-12 months.

This single integrated system would serve as a complete product for business and financial needs for the Department, and would replace a large number of internal systems that are currently being used in Human Services. The Department has been setting aside resources for this integrated system and have plenty of monies budgeted to cover the cost.

**MOTION** by Kannenberg/Berg to approve the recommendation for the Human Services Department to move forward towards negotiations with the intent to contract with Netsmart to provide an IT Integrated Solutions System. Steve O'Malley advised that County IT Director John Parshall strongly supports this request and that the process to identify an integrated system has been a team effort with the IT Department and Human Services. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson/Trapp/Veenstra excused; Olson absent.

#### **2013 Budget Questions/Input**

None

#### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

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

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

**MOTION** by Kannenberg/Jerome to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson/Trapp/Veenstra excused; Olson absent.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Schultz/Geary to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson/Trapp/Veenstra excused; Olson absent.

##### **Minutes**

Health and Human Services Board 10/9/12

Criminal Justice Management Council 9/19/12

Criminal Justice Management Council 10/17/12

Family Policy Board 10/1/12

Family Policy Board Executive Committee 10/1/12

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 10/9/12

HHS Board Healthy Nutrition Subcommittee 10/29/12

##### **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

##### **Fiscal**

Vendor Audit Compliance Report

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

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

**MOTION** by Geary/Kannenberg to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Johnson/Trapp/Veenstra excused; Olson absent. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Approved, December 11, 2012, Renee Weston, Recorder