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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: November 7, 2013

Re: November Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the November Monthly Report to the County Board, providing monitoring information about department activities to the full County Board instead of reporting only to governing committees.

REMINDER Monthly Reporting by roughly half the organization every other month. While you will receive this report each month, the reports do not cover every department each time.

February, April, June, August, Oct. & Dec.

Planning, Resources & Development
Public Works & Infrastructure
Judiciary & Law Enforcement
Corp Counsel & Child Support

January, March, May, July, September, November

Health & Human Services
Aging & Long Term Care
County Clerk, Finance, IT,
Printing, Personnel, Treasurer

"OF INTEREST"

Change in operations of Goose Island

As the board will recall, this is the first year that the Facilities Department has been responsible for the operation of the Goose Island campground. Our Facilities Director completed a memo summarizing the results of this change which is included at the end of this report.

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.
County Administrator direct line: 785-9789, cell phone 608-385-3316
or e-mail omalley@lacrossecounty.org*

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Aging & Long Term Care November 2013

Lakeview Health Center

LAKEVIEW PLANNING UPDATE

After many months of planning, the trucks are moving in! The Lakeview driveway has been relocated to allow for the construction of the 8 bed CBRF to begin. The construction on this facility is scheduled to begin in early November. Our residents are very excited to see the walls go up!

We continue to get feedback from a variety of groups on the design of the nursing home campus. Residents, staff, & medical practitioners have all had an opportunity to look at the spaces that are planned. Their feedback is routed to our architects for processing. The architects have been very helpful in facilitating these discussions.

FDD CLOSURE & RELOCATION PLANNING UPDATE

Work with the State of Wisconsin continues on the Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (Applewood) closure. This facility is expected to close at the time construction is completed for the new 8 bed CBRF. All residents on Applewood have started the process for relocation with the Aging & Disability Resource Center. The advocates, managed care organizations, County representatives, State of Wisconsin representatives and provider staff will continue to work together to provide for a smooth transition for these individuals.

RAVENWOOD SURVEY

State surveyors arrived in October for our State-only nursing home (Ravenwood) annual survey. They did an in-depth review of several residents, observed cares, met with residents and staff. After completion of their survey tasks, they were complimentary of staff interactions and the care provided. This survey resulted in no deficiencies.

As always, I extend an open invitation to each of you to stop in or call with questions or just to find out more about the campus design.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wanda Plachecki, Administrator
wplachecki@lacrossecounty.org
608-786-1400
Lakeview Health Center

Veterans Service Office

Here are a few events, that our office is aware of, taking place for Veterans Day. Please attend an event to show your support for the veterans in La Crosse County.

November 7th, 2013 –

Veterans Day Concert at 6:30 pm at Southern Bluffs Elementary

November 8th, 2013 –

Veterans Day Concert at 9:30 am at Southern Bluffs Elementary

Tomah VA Medical Center Annual Veterans Day Observance

- The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will honor our nation's armed service Veterans at 10 a.m

November 11th, 2013 –

Honor Flight / UW-L to host Veterans Day breakfast

- The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a brief ceremony at the Veterans Hall of Honor in the UW-L Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex, followed by breakfast inside the adjacent Mitchell Hall Fieldhouse.

Luther High School - Honoring Wounded & Disabled Veterans

- Overview of: How many veteran have been in Iraq, How many veteran have been in Afghanistan, How many veterans injured since 1990, How many veterans have a Purple Heart from La Crosse County

VFW Post 1530 / American Legion Post 52

- In observance of Veterans Day, there will be activities starting at the VFW Post at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, moving to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for an ceremony from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and finishing at the American Legion at 11:00 a.m. with the honor guard and some chili

American Legion Post 336

- The Post will be hosting a Post's Salute for Veterans Day at 1:00 pm at their American Flag site. The American Legions Post Honor Guard will provide the ceremony.

By the numbers:

- Currently 418,461 veterans residing in Wisconsin (2012)
- 9,200 – Veteran Population for La Crosse County in 2012, down from 9,443 in 2011 (-2.6%)
- As of 2012 there were 1,653 Active Duty and 635 Reserve Forces from Wisconsin deployed.

As most of you know Jim Guasmann retired at the end of August however you may not be aware that I have taken his place as the Veterans Service Officer for La Crosse County. A quick background; I am a former Marine, Iraqi veteran and current commander of the VFW. I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future and being able to work with you. I would also like to thank La Crosse County Board, Steve O'Malley and the selection board for the opportunity to serve the veterans of La Crosse County.

Adam Flood, CVSO

Aging Department

Please see attached flyer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Noreen Holmes, Director

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Health & Human Services November 2013

Human Services Department

CHEMICAL HEALTH & JUSTICE SANCTIONS

Evidence-Based Response to Violations Training

CHJS staff attended an evidence-based response to violations training presented by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). This training was one of the interventions presented to the CJMC and is believed will have the effect to reduce the jail population. CHJS staff and the DOC have been meeting weekly to review the population of incarcerated women in an effort to reduce the jail population.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SECTION

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Trauma Grant

The trauma project kick-off meeting was held on August 26 from 10:00 – 12:00 and 54 people were in attendance.

The Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training will be held on September 5 from 8:30 – 4:00 at the Black River Beach House. We have had an overwhelming response for registration. At the current time 92 people are registered to attend.

In addition there were 30 spots available for mental health clinicians to participate in the 12 month intensive TF-CBT training and learning collaborative. Eight local provider agencies responded including both Mayo and Gunderson and 39 clinicians wanted to register. We had to deny some clinicians' participation; however, the 2 major health institutes and 5 smaller agencies are participating. Through the training provided and the implementation of this evidence-based treatment intervention for children and youth, we will see a positive impact which could result in increased placement stability and more timely permanency (including reunification).

Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant

Mandy Bisek, Juvenile Justice Supervisor, submitted a grant proposal on behalf of the Department for funding from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission has awarded La Crosse County Human Services the grant in the amount of \$20,000 including match for the EPICS training program. EPICS is Effective Practice in Community Supervision. EPICS is centered around the risk, need, responsivity framework and trains staff to apply principles of effective intervention to their community supervision practices with youth. By developing a structured approach in the ways in which La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Social Workers intervene with the offenders they supervise, appropriate dosage of treatment interventions can be reached; content of supervision can remain focused on criminogenic need; and the ability for social learning and cognitive behavioral approaches can be utilized within each interaction.

MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES

Suicide Prevention Awareness Event and Summit

Staff within the section actively participated in the planning and operation of the annual La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative Awareness Event and the Summit that occurred the following day. Approximately 100 people attended the Awareness Event. Over 300 people received significant training in suicide prevention at the Summit.

Wisconsin Nicotine Treatment Integration Project (WiNTiP)

People with mental illness and/or a substance abuse disorder now consume almost half of all cigarettes in America. They pay a staggering price – death, on average, occurs approximately 25 years earlier for those with a mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder than others. The Outpatient Mental Health / Substance Abuse Clinic began partnering with the Health Department to promote smoking cessation in January of 2013. This partnership will continue into 2014 with a coordinated effort to screen new Outpatient Clinic clients and connect interested individuals with resources that can include a referral to the Health Department for tobacco cessation counseling.

Jason Witt

Human Services Director

Health Department

Mission: Protect, Promote and Improve the Health of all People in the County

Goal #1 – Provide high priority public health services.

- Al Graewin, Health Education Manager, will retire in early 2014 after over 36 years of service protecting the health of the Public in La Crosse County.
- Almost 900 County employees participated in Health Assessments to help them determine ways to promote and maintain their health.
- An assessment of the availability of Home Health Services in La Crosse County provided by the 6 certified home health agencies including the one at the La Crosse County Health Dept. is underway. It is part of the effort to determine the options for the future of the County Health Department Home Health Care program.
- Tobacco compliance checks to determine if sales will be made to youth under 18 years of age were completed at 99 tobacco retailers. Only six of the establishments failed the test, continuing the down ward trend begun over 10 years ago.
- Health Department services were not directly impacted by the Federal Government shutdown. If it had continued we would have seen interruptions in the WIC program which serves about 2100 persons in the County each month. The other fifteen or so services supported by Federal funds have not been impacted in the short term.
- With 75% of the year complete the health dept. has spend about 65% of the approved budget and collected about 63% of expected revenue.

Goal #2 – Achieve and maintain designation as the highest level public health agency

- State audits of the Health Department Home Health program, Environmental Health Food Inspection program, and the WIC program were undertaken. All audits indicated that high quality services are being provided.

- The Health and Human Services Board and Health Department staff are in the process of updating the Health Department Strategic Plan as part of the process to achieve national accreditation as the local Health Department.

Goal #3 – Promote and utilize partnerships to develop public health services

- The Heroin Task Force was established in conjunction with approximately 15 partner agencies and organizations in the County. The goal of the Task Force is to provide evidence based recommendations for activities that would reduce the amount of death and injury associated with heroin and other illicit drug use.
- Planning has begun with the Great Rivers United Way, Gundersen Health System, Mayo Health System, and others to update the Community Health Needs Assessment.

Submitted by Doug Mormann, Director

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Internal Departments November 2013

County Clerk's Office

Elections

Our office has begun to prepare for the 2014 Spring Elections. The "current" scheduled elections are the Spring Primary, Tuesday, February 18th (if needed), and the Spring Election, Tuesday, April 1st. However, our Office is always prepared to expect the unexpected.

County Board Vacancy

Supervisor Chuck Spiker resigned as of October 17, 2013. Four candidates filed letters of interest by the October 25th deadline, and interviews were held on October 29th. Chair Tara Johnson anticipates making an appointment recommendation to the County Board for approval at the November 4th Planning Meeting.

County Board Elections

December 1, 2013 is the first day for any person interested in running for County Board Supervisor to circulate nomination papers. It's important that you file a GAB 1 – Campaign Finance Registration Statement before circulating papers. Packets with all the necessary forms were distributed to current Supervisors at the October 17th Monthly Meeting or may be picked up in the County Clerk's Office. We would be glad to offer any assistance in filling out these forms. Nomination papers must be turned into the County Clerk's Office no later than 5pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. If you do not intend to run for County Board Supervisor again, a Non-Candidacy Form must be turned in no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, December 27, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

Treasurer's Office

I attended the October County Treasurer's association from October 16-18 and the major discussion at the conference was the support of the razing bill to change this to a special charge instead of reporting this as a special tax. The main reason for this is that a municipality has total control of placing razing orders on structures within a municipality. The effect would be that for razed property which we often take in foreclosure, the County won't be able to recoup the outstanding taxes and charges because the now vacant property is worth less than the outstanding taxes and the razing costs.

Foreclosed Properties

We finalized the paperwork for the latest foreclosures for 2008. We met with the facilities department on steps that we need to take in order to get these ready to advertise for sale. We have two houses that fell into the criteria for 2008 and we have had discussions with the City of La Crosse on a possible rehabilitation for these. We have already begun working on the 2009 foreclosures and have sent these out for the proper title search.

In November we are holding our annual Clerk/Treasurer meeting for the municipalities which gives them updates on our dog license program that the County Clerk is involved in, .

We hold this session as a type of workgroup for the upcoming tax collection. And also provide them with any news and changes that are happening.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Handland, La Crosse County Treasurer

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La Crosse County, Wisconsin

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TO: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James M. Speropulos, Facilities Director

DATE: November 4, 2013

RE: GOOSE ISLAND CAMPGROUND MANAGEMENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Upon approval of Resolution No. 70-3/13 RE: Approval for Change of Management at Goose Island Campground, the Facilities Department began complete management of the Goose Island Campground operations with the 2013 camping season. To assist with the operations, Facilities hired four (4) limited term employees (L.T.E.) and contracted with two (2) camper hosts who lived on-site at the campground during the camping season.

Management of the campground operations meant the addition of some specific functions and responsibilities. The following Description of Responsibilities describes how we handled these tasks.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

| LA CROSSE COUNTY with L.T.E. STAFF | CAMPER HOSTS |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process all campsite registration - Receipt all money transactions - Staff, stock and operate the campground store - Provide Services: canoe rental; goosey golf rental; LP gas sales; firewood sales; DNR licensing sales, schedule and receipt fees for honey wagon service - Provide extra security as needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a contact for emergencies, facility issues and facility questions when the campground store is closed - Assist with Special Events, including hayrides - Provide campground tours over the weekend to verify registrations |

The 2013 season began with cooler than normal temperatures. The Mississippi River remained high for the first half of summer affecting both the Memorial Day and the Fourth of July holidays and forcing closure of 30 +/- campsites through the month of July. Yet despite these obstacles, the campground fared well as shown by the number of camper nights.

CAMPER NIGHT COMPARISON:

3 Year average (2010-2012): 23,028 Camper Nights
2013 camping season: 22,259 Camper Nights

With the management change, came additional revenues and expenses. Following is a comparison of the projected figures and the estimate of actual figures. The estimates are based on costs and revenues received as of 10/30/13.

REVENUES / EXPENSES:

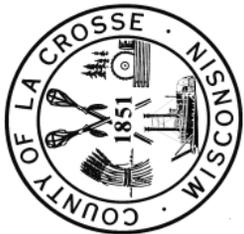
| | 2013 Proposed (2/7/13) | 2013 Estimate (as of 10/30/13) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | |
| Store Sales | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,500 |
| Camper Commission | \$ 30,000 | \$ 28,316 |
| Reservation Fee | \$ 8,000 | \$ 8,600 |
| | \$ 78,000 | \$ 77,416 |
| <u>EXPENSE</u> | | |
| Store Products | \$ 25,000 | \$ 22,000 |
| Staff | \$ 35,000 | \$ 28,300 |
| Postage/Printing | \$ 800 | \$ 500 |
| Credit Card Fees | \$ 5,000 | \$ 4,500 |
| Store Equipment* | \$ 12,200 | \$ 5,200 |
| | \$ 78,000 | \$ 60,500 |
| NET FUNDING REQUIRED | \$ - | (\$ 16,916) |

ADVANTAGES OF CONTINUING COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF GOOSE ISLAND CAMPGROUND:

- County maintains control over campsite registrations, store operations, and services.
- All fees are receipted and deposited by La Crosse County employees.
- No long term contracts.
- Able to respond and react to concerns and/or make changes as needed without third party involvement.
- Gain transparency of true revenue and expense

RECOMMENDATION:

After one year of experience in complete management of the Goose Island Campground operations, review of the advantages listed above as well as reviews of the revenue and expense figures, the Facilities Department recommends continued County management at Goose Island campground for the 2014 camping season.



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Home Sweet Home

2013 Aging In Place Conference

Monday, November 18th
Radisson Ballroom A
200 Harborview Plaza
La Crosse

9:30AM- 3:00PM

*I want to stay in my own home
as long as I can.*

*Mom & Dad want to stay at
home... Now what?*

Sponsors

**La Crosse County
Aging Unit**



- 9:30AM Registration & Discover Community Resources
- 10– 10:45 Home Sweet Home ~ Help to Stay There
(Noreen Holmes, Aging Unit & Mark Stowers, Comfort Keepers)
- 10:45-11 Break & Discover Community Resources
- 11-12 Homes and Built Environments
The CAPS Experience *(Monica Sommerfeldt Lewis)*
- 12-12:45 Lunch & Discover Community Resources
- 12:45-1:30 Self-Care with Flair *I didn't know there were so many tools for independence.* *(Molly Steinhoff, Occupational Therapist, Hillview)*
- 1:30-2:15 Power of Legal & Financial Planning
(Art Peek, Mayo Health System & Tina Johnson, Aging Unit)
- 2:15-3PM Technology Can Help You Stay at Home
(Mark Stowers, Comfort Keepers)



Monica Sommerfeldt Lewis,
Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) is one of the building industry's top professionals with skills and knowledge specific to home modifications for aging-in-place. Lewis is president and owner of Archer Lion Inc.

Exhibitor Tables \$75

Contact Comfort Keepers 608-784-3357

Home Sweet Home

Monday, November 18

Who Should Come?

Anyone growing older ~ Anyone who wants to age at home ~
Family Caregivers ~ Professionals ~ Students

Registration Required (Lunch Included)

†\$20 Seniors or Family Caregivers
\$25 Professional
\$10 Students

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State ____ Zip/Postal: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Register by Tuesday, November 12th.

Make check payable to: La Crosse County Aging Unit

Mail check and registration form to:

La Crosse County Aging Unit
400 4th Street, N., Rm. 2260
La Crosse, WI 54601

Need more information? Please Contact

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