

Human Services Director's Report
To the Health & Human Services Board
January 2015

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Parent Pay Pilot	Economic Support	The Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Consortium has been asked by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to pilot "Parent Pay" in late 2015. Parent Pay is a major initiative that will reform the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance subsidy reimbursement system. Similar to the Food Share program, parents that are eligible to receive Child Care Assistance will receive an EBT card loaded with funds to help pay for their daycare expenses. Parent Pay will allow the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance program to more closely align to the private market, with parents purchasing daycare from a qualified daycare provider instead of checks being issued by the State to providers based on their attendance records.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No
BadgerCare Plus Applications	Economic Support	The WREA Consortium received an influx of BadgerCare Plus applications from the Marketplace following the beginning of the current open enrollment period, November 15, 2014. By the end of December, WREA had received 1,300 BadgerCare applications from the Marketplace. Under the single application for Health Care, when an individual or family applies for health care through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace their application is electronically sent to the appropriate Consortium if they are potentially eligible for the State's BadgerCare program. Consortia have 30 days to process the BadgerCare Plus applications.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No
Brighter Futures Grant Submission	Family & Children's	On December 4, 2014, The Office of Youth Services announced the awards for the 2015 Brighter Futures grants. La Crosse County was not awarded the grant within the Western Region. Our grant proposal requested funding for a La Crosse Area Youth Collaborative that would be operating in conjunction with the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative (neighborhood initiative). The project funded for the Western Region was continued enhancement of trauma services in Barron County.	Nancy Pohlman 785-6060 npohlman@lacrossecounty.org	No
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Review	Family & Children's	The Department has received the results of an October 2013 onsite critical incident review conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF). As a result of the review, the Department is working with DCF to address identified practice issues related to response time and safety assessments and determinations.	Nancy Pohlman 785-6060 npohlman@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Bond Notification Process	Justice Support Services	Similarly to reminders for medical and dental appointments, La Crosse County is establishing a method to notify defendants of the next court appearance. It is believed notification of the next court appearance will reduce the number of events where the defendant fails to appear in court. Information Technology expects the project to be completed in the first quarter of 2015.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Ophelia's House	Justice Support Services	The second meeting of the community workgroup occurred in December. The team agreed to meet quarterly in 2015, and are in the process of establishing the dates.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Presentations	Justice Support Services	Two presentations were given in December. The first was to Rotary Leadership about the Criminal Justice Management Council and the second was to the League of Women Voters about the effects of a felony conviction on a person's life.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Birth To 3 Program Review	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	La Crosse County is mandated to offer Birth to 3 Services and makes this available via contracts with Parenting Place and Coulee Children's Center. Federal requirements include a State review of program compliance with outcome standards. The 2014 review was recently completed and La Crosse County was notified that our program is <u>100 percent</u> compliant. Many counties and the state as a whole are not meeting Federal standards.	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC) <i>Pilot Project Update</i>	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	Pilot Project: Implement shared services approach for a core set of mental health/substance abuse services across partner counties by the end of 2015. Update: 5 of the 32 Core Benefit services that will be delivered through this project are operating within the consortium. The latest service to "go live" was the Community Support Program on 11-1-14. Significant design team work continued on 9 services slated to begin in January of 2015.	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
Youth Collaborative Crisis Grant Update	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	In May of 2014 Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC) was selected to receive \$120,000/yr for up to 5 years to strengthen our Mobile Crisis service array for youth and children. December activity included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant funded part-time social worker and full-time therapist began employment. • A local graduate student has also begun a large scale survey of local high school students to determine current use of social media and what forms of crisis service students would be most likely to utilize. • Contract negotiation began for a Parent Peer Specialist to provide support for family members with children/youth in crisis. 	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No