

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

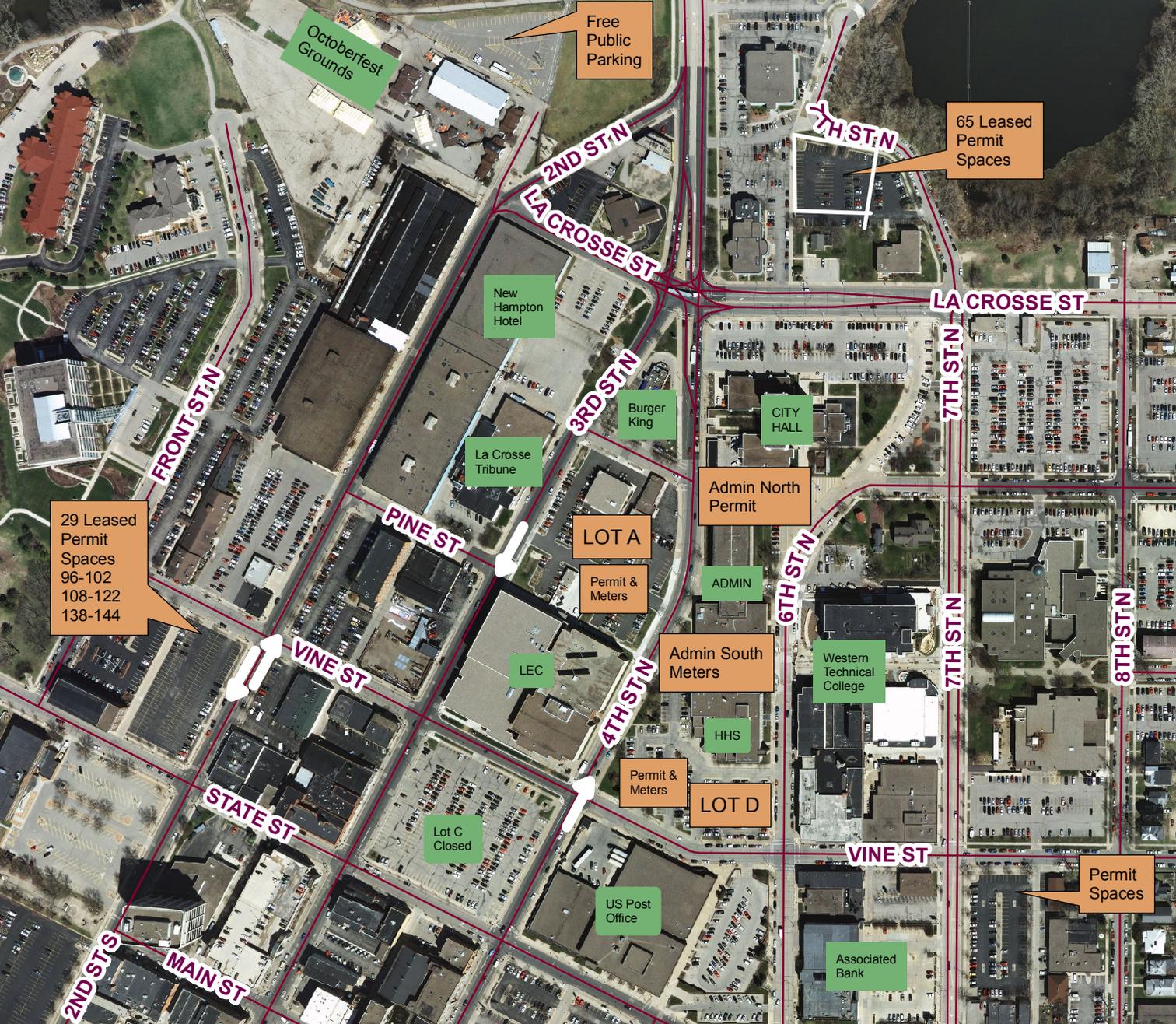
April 2015

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Staff and Customer Parking	Administration	With the construction on Lot C and the anticipated construction in our HHS lot, due to our building's addition, parking for staff and customers are at a premium. Several of us from our Human Services staff are participating in a downtown planning group surrounding this topic. Not only is this good to promote buy-in to the changes, but the group also is being listened to in terms of ideas on how to improve current and future needs around parking. It is anticipated that this group will continue to meet as the building projects continue. Please see the map showing parking spaces available. Besides the lot just outside our building, HHS staff are heavily using the new lot by Associated Bank at 7 th and Vine.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 druppert@lacrossecounty.org	Yes
Avatar Implementation	Administration	As with any large software installation, delays can be anticipated. Due to recent discoveries during our Integration Testing phase, Netsmart and we have agreed to delay our May go-live date. A new date for 2-3 months from now is being chosen. Our Department's project staff and super users who have now seen significant pieces of the product are excited to begin the training of our 200+ users and then actually begin the use of this integrated electronic health record.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 druppert@lacrossecounty.org	No
Office Space Planning	Administration	We have completed our discussion with Facilities and the architects surrounding our space needs which have changed considerably since the HHS Building was occupied in 1990. Even though we have had remodeling projects throughout the past many years, we have not been able to keep up with the growth and changing needs of our staff. We are nearing 40 Human Services staff that are doubled up in offices currently and have no room for further growth. The anticipated addition to our building would allow staff to again have private/confidential work spaces as well as allow for a small growth of our staff. We greatly appreciated the planning process that took place and hope that both the remodeling plans for our existing building and the addition to the building take place over the next year or so.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 druppert@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Homeless Youth Coalition	Family & Children's	On February 27, 2015, Nancy Pohlman presented information to the La Crosse Community Foundation regarding interventions and services available when reports are received regarding child, youth or family homeless and Child Protection concerns. On Thursday, April 23, from 1:00 – 3:00 Nancy and other Family & Children's representatives will be attending a La Crosse Community Foundation sponsored event to learn more about the Avenues program from the Twin Cities area that works to ensure all youth have safe shelter and other services.	Nancy Pohlman 785-6060 npohlman@lacrossecounty.org	No
Parent, Family, Community Engagement (PFCE)	Family & Children's	The Family and Children's Section proposal to the Wisconsin Head Start Association was approved for funding to support enhanced collaboration and networking to strengthen our work targeting issues that impact the most vulnerable children in our community, those ages 0 - 4. The Parenting Place, Family and Children's Center, La Crosse County Health Department, La Crosse Area Head Start and the Family and Children's Section will be attending the Finding Your Way conference on May 20, 2015. The grant received will fund attendance and participation for a representative from each of the five area agencies.	Nancy Pohlman 785-6060 npohlman@lacrossecounty.org	No
Friday, May 8, Foster Care Awareness & Fundraising Event @ Brat Barn on Copeland Ave. (Festival Foods)	Family & Children's Permanency Resource Unit	Staff will share information about foster care while selling brats, hotdogs, and beverages. Proceeds will go toward the foster care donation fund used to provide for extras needed by youth in care, such as bicycles, uniforms, lessons, etc. Volunteers to grill, serve, etc. are welcome!	Liza Collins 789-7880 Cheryl Howe 785-6042	No
Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC) <i>Pilot Project Update</i>	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	<p>Pilot Project: Implement shared services approach for a core set of mental health/substance abuse services across partner counties by the end of 2015.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 of the 32 Core Benefit services that will be delivered through this project are operating within the consortium. • An additional 9 of the 32 Core Benefit services have been "approved" by the Division of Quality Assurance to operate, but implementation is still on hold until Medical Assistance determines how billing and cost accounting should be handled. • Significant design team work continued on 8 additional Core Benefit services slated to begin in the summer months of 2015. 	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Family Policy Board Mental Health-Substance Abuse Work Group	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	La Crosse County Family Policy Board's MH/SA Work Group has been working on ways to help families with the challenge of navigating and accessing resources in our community. One of the tools that has been available for a number of years is a brochure (Community Link) that lists community resources in a number of categories. The work group assisted in a process to enhance the level of information within this product as it relates to children/youth mental health and substance abuse counseling/therapy resources. The enhanced product has been distributed across the community! <i>A sincere thanks to Cheryl Neubauer and Service Option Assessment Team (SOAT) staff at La Crosse County Human Services</i> for committing to keeping this enhanced level of information available in future print versions of the brochure!	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM)	Justice Support Services	La Crosse County was chosen as a site to receive technical assistance to implement the principles of EBDM. EBDM is sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections and the Center for Effective Public Policy, and is designed to review each decision making point in the criminal justice process, determine if decisions made are based on research, and redesign the process in partnership with the jurisdiction. Technical assistance will be provided for 18 months by Mark Carey from The Carey Group, who completed a systems assessment in 2007.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Criminal Justice Management Council (CJMC)	Justice Support Services	the CJMC held a retreat in March and updated the mission and vision statements which now read: Mission: The Criminal Justice Management Council seeks a just, coordinated and accountable criminal justice system for La Crosse County by promoting collaboration and engagement of criminal justice stakeholders and the community. Vision: All people in La Crosse County experience a healthy, safe and just life.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Grant Application	Justice Support Services	Justice Support Services has been working with Western Technical College, the jail, Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and Workforce Connections in writing a grant application to develop a one-stop job service within the jail. Staff would be hired by the Workforce Development Board to work in the jail providing employment services and linkages to community partners.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Community Partners Meeting	Justice Support Services	The YWCA and Justice Support Services staff met with community partners to review implementation of the recommendations of the Ophelia's House review. Almost all of the recommendations have been implemented.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
2015-2017 Biennium State Budget	Community Access and Resources Section	We continue to communicate with legislators and others about the proposed changes.	Audra Martine 785-6172 amartine@lacrossecounty.org	No
ADRC Statewide Conference in La Crosse – April 2015	Community Access and Resources Section	The Statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center Conference will be held at the La Crosse Center on April 15 – 17, 2015.	Audra Martine 785-6172 amartine@lacrossecounty.org	No
Parent Pay Pilot	Economic Support	Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) supervisors will begin meeting with staff from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in May to plan for the consortium's Parent Pay pilot. Parent Pay will replace the current fiscal processes within the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance program with an EBT card that eligible parents will use to pay child care providers. While Parent Pay won't be implemented statewide until 2017, WREA's pilot will begin in late 2015. In addition to educating parents and providers on Parent Pay, WREA will assist DCF by reviewing plans, promotional materials, staff curriculum etc. that will be used for the Parent Pay implementation.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No
Food Share Program	Economic Support	The new work participation requirements for the Food Share program went into effect April 1 st . Individuals between the ages of 18 and 49 that do not meet the new work requirements or qualify for an exemption are subject to time limited Food Share benefits. Individuals will be limited to receiving Food Share for three months in a 36 month time period unless they comply with the work requirements or meet an exemption. One of the ways that Food Share recipients can meet the work requirements is to participate in the State's Food Share Employment and Training (FSET) program. Beginning April 1 st , FSET services are also being provided by regional service providers. The new FSET regions align with the state's Workforce Development Area (WDA) boundaries. Workforce Connections is the new FSET service provider in La Crosse County.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No



Octoberfest Grounds

Free Public Parking

65 Leased Permit Spaces

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96-102
108-122
138-144

New Hampton Hotel

La Crosse Tribune

Burger King

CITY HALL

Admin North Permit

LOT A

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Western Technical College

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US Post Office

Permit Spaces

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