

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

June 2015

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM)	Justice Support Services	The EBDM Team met for the second time with consultant Mark Carey. The team reviewed access to data and drafted a mission statement for the project. Most members of the team will be meeting with other local service providers and the state team in June to continue planning the local and statewide implementation process.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 <a href="mailto:jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org">jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
OWI Treatment Court	Justice Support Services	After a process and outcome evaluation was completed in 2013, the OWI Treatment Court Policy Team has worked toward implementing numerous recommendations of the evaluation. As a result of the evaluation and based on research, fewer people are involved in OWI Treatment Court which is manageable for Judge Levine to preside at both sessions of the OWI Treatment Court and allows for Judge Horne to focus on the Drug Treatment Court.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 <a href="mailto:jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org">jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Project PROVEN (Positive Re-entry Offered though Vocation and Education focused Narratives)	Justice Support Services	Project PROVEN (Western Technical College) presented to the Criminal Justice Management Council (CJMC) on the benefits of a service provider linking jail inmates to the technical college. The grant funding for Project PROVEN is also funding the majority of the <i>Moving On</i> training in June.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 <a href="mailto:jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org">jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Moving On	Justice Support Services	The training for the cognitive-behavioral group for women involved in the criminal justice system is scheduled for June. Staff from Justice Support Services, the YWCA, Project PROVEN, and the Department of Corrections will be trained in the curriculum.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 <a href="mailto:jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org">jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Foster Parent Recognition	Family & Children's Permanency Resource Unit	La Crosse County foster parents, Doug and Diana Zwart, were recognized by the Governor on May 27 <sup>th</sup> as two of Wisconsin's 2015 Foster Parents of the Year.	Cheryl Howe 785-6042 <a href="mailto:chowe@lacrossecounty.org">chowe@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)	Family & Children's	The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has approved a funding request for a second round of Clinical TF-CBT training for up to 30 local and regional behavioral health therapists. DCF will pay for all costs incurred (approx \$22,000) and La Crosse County will be the host site and provide all of the coordination for the year long clinical training collaborative. The year long collaboration will start in October of 2015 and conclude in September of 2016. Our coordination has already begun and at this time Vernon and Monroe Counties are referring clinicians. Any interested La Crosse County staff will be able to attend Day One of the clinical training to get an overview of childhood trauma and TF-CBT.	Nancy Pohlman 785-6060 <a href="mailto:npohlman@lacrossecounty.org">npohlman@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Parent Pay Pilot	Economic Support	Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) representatives met with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to review the timeline for the Parent Pay pilot. WREA will begin working with DCF late in 2015, with most of the pilot work occurring in 2016. There will be a four month period between WREA rolling out Parent Pay, and it rolling out statewide. Parent Pay will transform many areas of the Wisconsin Shares Child Care program, with the most notable difference that recipients of the Wisconsin Shares program will begin using an EBT card to make payments directly to the Child Care providers.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 <a href="mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org">lgraff@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Child Care Subsidy Review	Economic Support	WREA is preparing for the first Child Care Subsidy review that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) will begin conducting annually in 2015. In addition to quality control reviews, DCF staff will spend time on-site conducting the quality review. The Western and Northern Consortia will be reviewed as consortia, while DCF will conduct individual reviews of each county within the other 8 Consortia statewide.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 <a href="mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org">lgraff@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC)  <i>Pilot Project Update</i>	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	<p><b>Pilot Project:</b> Implement shared services approach for a core set of mental health/substance abuse services across partner counties by the end of 2016.</p> <p><b>Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 of the 32 Core Benefit services that will be delivered through this project are operating within the consortium.</li> <li>• A new timetable for implementation of services has been developed due to the delay imposed by Medical Assistance and the additional year of funding.</li> </ul>	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 <a href="mailto:mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org">mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
ISRS Vendor Administrator Received Iris Award from La Crosse NAMI	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	<p>Kathy Rohr was selected by the La Crosse Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to receive an Iris award for her contribution to the Human Services field in our area.</p> <p>Kathy is an administrator for ISRS services provided by Family &amp; Children’s Center via contract. She was instrumental in helping the Individualized Placement &amp; Support (IPS) model of Supported Employment (Comprehensive Community Services-CCS and Community Support Program-CSP), become the only such program in Wisconsin to achieve “Exemplary” fidelity to the Evidence Based Practice model. She also facilitated the initiation of a regional approach to CSP. Consumers in all three WRIC counties are now receiving a consistent and stronger model than we were able to achieve separately.</p>	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 <a href="mailto:mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org">mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Mental Health Awareness Walk	Integrated Support & Recovery Services	Staff from ISRS facilitated the 4 <sup>th</sup> annual Mental Health Awareness Walk on May 20 <sup>th</sup> . Approximately 80 people gathered at City Hall to hear a proclamation by Mayor Tim Kabat and a brief speech by Dr. Ron Diamond. A walk through the downtown area then occurred with individuals carrying informational signs. Radio and television coverage of the event occurred.	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 <a href="mailto:mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org">mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
2015-2017 Biennium State Budget	Community Access and Resources Section (CARS) / ADRC	The Joint Finance Committee voted on motions pertaining to the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and publicly funded long term care programs (Family Care and IRIS) on May 27. All changes proposed in the Governor’s budget for the ADRC were rejected. Three studies are requested regarding ADRCs, two regarding core services and one to study merging ADRC functions with Income Maintenance. The significant long term care program changes proposed by the Governor were modified but many of them remained in the budget. The final budget has yet to be passed by the full legislature, which is expected to occur before July 1.	Audra Martine 785-6172 <a href="mailto:amartine@lacrossecounty.org">amartine@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
ADRC/Aging Discussions on Collaboration	CARS / ADRC	A small work group of ADRC and Aging Department staff have met together several times since February to discuss options for enhanced collaboration; outcomes from the group are being presented to the County Administrator.	Audra Martine 785-6172 <a href="mailto:amartine@lacrossecounty.org">amartine@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Community Discussions	CARS / ADRC & Adult Protective Services (APS)	Gundersen Lutheran, Mayo Health System, Lakeview, Hillview, Human Services and other community partners have been meeting to plan improved care transitions for individuals who are difficult to transfer due to condition, insurance, behaviors, lack of decision makers, lack of appropriate care setting placements, etc.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 <a href="mailto:druppert@lacrossecounty.org">druppert@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Cheryl Neubauer 785-5708 <a href="mailto:cneubauer@lacrossecounty.org">cneubauer@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No