

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

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
2016 Budget Request	Administration	Following a significant amount of analysis and work, we have submitted our 2016 budget request. This has been the most challenging budget request to prepare in recent years due to community trends, capacity issues and demands around service expectations and mandates. We now become engaged in the discussion and review by Finance and the County Administrator and yourselves as the Administrator's budget is completed.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 druppert@lacrossecounty.org	No
Avatar Go-Live	Administration	We are in the final stages of product verification and testing for our new software system that brings one integrated product to our Department. Currently, provider and fiscal data is being loaded such that client data can be loaded by mid August for our Go-Live date of 9-1-15.	Dean Ruppert 785-6108 druppert@lacrossecounty.org	No
Donation to the Department's Mortuary Services Program	Administration & Economic Support	The Department is receiving a donation from an individual with ties to our community of six burial plots at Mormon Coulee Cemetery. The plots have a value of approximately \$965.00 each (\$5,790 for all six) and will be offered as part of the Department's Mortuary Services Program. The program provides mortuary services for La Crosse County residents that are not eligible for the State's Funeral and Cemetery Aids program, and whose resources are insufficient to cover mortuary expenses. We appreciate very much this generous donation.	Jason Witt 785-6095 jwitt@lacrossecounty.org	No
Food Share Payment Accuracy Award	Economic Support (ES)	The Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Consortium recently received an award for payment accuracy in administering the Food Share program, from the federal Food and Nutrition Services Department. The award recognizes WREA for achieving a Food Share payment accuracy rate of 99.17% for Federal Fiscal Year 2014.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No
Parent Pay Phase One Release	Economic Support (ES)	The WREA Consortium will kick-off its participation in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Parent Pay Phase One Release with a series of informational meetings for Child Care Providers in early September. The meetings are being sponsored by The Parenting Place and Child Care Partnership. WREA also received funding from DCF to support a Coordinator position for The Parent Pay Phase One Release. DCF and WREA plan for Parent Pay to be fully implemented within the Consortium's 8-county service area by the end of 2016, with statewide rollout of Parent Pay planned for 2017.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC) <i>Pilot Project Update</i>	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	<p>Pilot Project: Implement shared services approach for a core set of mental health/substance abuse services across partner counties by the end of 2016.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 of the Core Benefit services that will be delivered through this project are operating within the consortium. • 12 Core Benefit services have been approved by Directors for implementation within 2015/2016 • 9 Core Benefit services slated for 2016 implementation are currently being designed. • 2 Core Benefit services slated for 2016 implementation will begin the design process in Fall of 2015. 	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
Comprehensive Community Services Certification	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	<p>The WRIC Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program underwent a multi-day/multi-county recertification visit from the Wisconsin Division of Quality Assurance (DQA). This regional program has been operating for one year. Noted strengths were commitment of staff and program vision/intent. Suggested areas of improvement included tracking of supervision and enhancing the vendor system in Monroe and Jackson Counties.</p> <p>A one-year certification was awarded.</p>	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
New Outpatient Mental Health/ Substance Abuse Clinic Supervisor	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	Bev Trussoni accepted the Outpatient Mental Health/Substance Abuse Supervisor position. She has worked with a number of County and Human Services programs prior to this role. This position is currently slated to oversee the regional approach to clinic services in 2016.	Matt Strittmater 785-6156 mstrittmater@lacrossecounty.org	No
La Crosse Area Family Collaborative	Community Access and Resources Section (CARS)	Locations for a north and south side site are being identified. Email updates are available (by contacting Jason Larsen) for community members interested in this initiative.	Audra Martine 785-6172 amartine@lacrossecounty.org Jason Larsen 789-7847 jlarsen@lacrossecounty.org	No
Collaboration with County Aging Unit	Community Access and Resources Section (CARS)	The ADRC and County Aging Unit have participated in multiple meetings to discuss options for improved collaboration with the goal of providing the best services to the La Crosse community regarding aging services. Ideas and recommendations were provided to the County Administrator.	Audra Martine 785-6172 amartine@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Thinking For A Change	Justice Support Services (JSS)	Social Worker Anne Patton attended a <i>train the trainer</i> conference for <u>Thinking For A Change</u> which is widely utilized as an evidence-based practice for people involved in the correctional system. This will allow consistent training for new JSS staff, community providers, and jail staff who may be interested in learning to facilitate groups.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Pretrial Training	Justice Support Services (JSS)	Supervisor Becky Spanjers will be attending a week-long pretrial conference for administrators in August.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Criminal Justice Management Council (CJMC)	Justice Support Services (JSS)	The citizen members of the CJMC interviewed applicants for the CJMC and forwarded the names to the County Board Chair.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No
Outagamie County Visit	Justice Support Services (JSS)	Representatives of the Outagamie County Justice Program visited JSS to observe the pretrial program and the services provided at JSS.	Jane Klekamp 785-5547 jklekamp@lacrossecounty.org	No