**Human Services Director’s Report**

**To the Health & Human Services Board**

January 2024

| **Activity** | **Program/**  **Section** | **Brief Description** | **Contact Person** | **Attach-**  **ment** |
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| Unwinding  Update | Economic Support (ES) | November 2023 marked six months into the 12-month unwinding period, the rolling back of the COVID Public Health Emergency policies that impacted income maintenance programs.  Health care renewals, suspended since early 2020, resumed in June 2023.  As members renewed their health care, if they were no longer eligible for Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus, their coverage would end at the end of their renewal month.   In November 2023, there were 2,501 fewer individuals receiving health care benefits in La Crosse County than in June 2023, the first month of the unwinding.  The unwinding will continue through May 2024. | ES Manager  Lorie Graff 738-2410  [lgraff@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org) | No |
| Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Award | Justice Support Services (JSS) | The WI Department of Justice awarded Justice Support Services $154,714 to support evidence-based enhancements to the Diversion program. This funding will support staff salary/fringe, training and technical assistance focused on racial equity. | JSS Manager  Tonya Van Tol 785-5815  [tvantol@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:tvantol@lacrossecounty.org) | No |
| Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award | Justice Support Services (JSS) | The WI Department of Justice awarded Justice Support Services $52,300 to support evidence-based enhancements to the Pre-Trial program. This funding will support direct client care and staff trainings in 2024. | JSS Manager  Tonya Van Tol 785-5815  [tvantol@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:tvantol@lacrossecounty.org) | No |