**Human Services Director’s Report**

**To the Health & Human Services Board**

June 2024

| **Activity** | **Program/****Section** | **Brief Description** | **Contact Person** | **Attach-****ment** |
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| Brain Health & Dementia Awareness Month | Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) | Did you know that Alzheimer's Disease is the leading cause of dementia, affecting around 2,800 people aged 65 and older in La Crosse County? June is dedicated to raising awareness about brain health and dementia. Through various activities and events, the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of La Crosse County, along with the Dementia Friendly Community Coalition, aims to engage and inform individuals, organizations, and communities about the resource available. See attachment for a schedule of events! | ADRC ManagerCarissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172cpagel@lacrossecounty.org | Yes |
| Elder Abuse Awareness | Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) | During the month of June, the ADRC of La Crosse County also observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding the rights of older adults and combating elder abuse worldwide. Join us for a walk (see attachment for details) on Saturday, June 15th at 10 AM to stand in solidarity and raise awareness about this critical issue. New this year, entertainment will be provided by the Grumpy Old Men Big Band and refreshments will be available for purchase. Whether you walk or simply come to enjoy the music, let’s unite to protect our elders and promote wellness! | ADRC ManagerCarissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172cpagel@lacrossecounty.org | Yes |
| Aging Advocacy: Legislative Town Hall June 27th | Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) | The ADRC of La Crosse County, in partnership with the ADRCs of Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties, are hosting a Legislative Town Hall on Thursday, June 27th at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The goal of our event is to highlight the key issues for Wisconsin Aging Advocates (see attached) and to give local constituents an opportunity to share how these issues impact them directly and/or the lives of their loved ones. To help with the success of our event, we need individuals to attend who can share their stories and experiences related to one or more of the priorities (see attached). Attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss other aging related matters during a “meet & greet” with representatives in attendance. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call the ADRC at 608-785-5700. | ADRC ManagerCarissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172cpagel@lacrossecounty.org | Yes |
| 2024 Shining Star Award | Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS) | The Crisis Unit received a 2024 Shining Star Award from the Mental Health Coalition of the Greater La Crosse Area. The award was presented May 31 during a ceremony at Viterbo University. This is a fitting tribute to our crisis team and the great work they do, often under difficult circumstances, to support our community.  | ISRS Assistant ManagerAnneliese Skodaaskoda@lacrossecounty.org  | No |
| Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and Outpatient Clinic -Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Audits | Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS) | The CCS program was audited by DHS licensing on 5/2. This was a planned audit that occurs every two years. It was a very positive review with no citations. The auditor stated that having no findings/citations is rare. Our CCS consortium continues to be recognized as a leader in the State with other Counties being referred to us for guidance. The auditor noted she was able to connect the dots on the consumers journey and all of the efforts and services put in place to support them due to the timely and accurate documentation provided by the social workers. The Outpatient Clinic AODA team received really positive feedback from the Peer Review Audit conducted 5/16.  This review is conducted on 5% of providers who receive the Substance Abuse Block Grant funds annually. The required documentation was in place, but at the heart of it there was recognition on the cohesive work of the team and great services and care provided to the people we serve. In their words, the auditors had ‘an amazing experience’ spending the day with the team.  | ISRS Assistant ManagerAnneliese Skodaaskoda@lacrossecounty.org | No |