

Human Services Director's Report
To the Health & Human Services Board
 March 2019

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Governor's Budget	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	The Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be visiting our Aging and Disability Resource Center on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. During the visit, we hope to provide a tour of our ADRC and a visit to a Memory Café. We'll also have some time for discussing the proposed budget plan and our feedback on how it will impact adults who are aging and/or disabled in our county.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
National Nutrition Month/Senior Nutrition Services	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	March is National Nutrition Month! In 2018, the ADRC's Senior Nutrition Program served 98,769 meals. Among congregate meal site participants surveyed, 84 percent attend to eat a balanced meal and 85 percent feel the program improves their quality of life. Among home-delivered meal participants, 87 percent eat healthier food due to home-delivered meals. Additionally, without the program, 31 percent of participants would not get enough to eat in a day.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Aging Advocacy Day	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Register Now: Aging Advocacy Day is Tuesday, May 14. Join the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network to help educate state legislators about the issues of importance to Wisconsin's aging population. For more information or to register, contact Carissa Pagel-Smith at 608-785-6172, or go to https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2019 .	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Governor's Task Force on Caregiving	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Governor Evers signed an Executive Order to create a Governor's Task Force on Caregiving to address the state's crisis-level shortage of direct care workers and improve supports for families providing care for their loved ones. See attached Executive Order #11 for more details.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	Yes

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Potential Child Protective Services (CPS) Funding	Family & Children's (FC)	In Governor Evers' budget proposal, there is an increase of \$15 million annually beginning in CY20 in the Children and Family Aids allocation to counties to address increasing child welfare costs. We are encouraged that this recommendation to increase county aid is in the Governor's budget and we will continue to monitor.	Jason Witt 785-6095 jwitt@lacrossecounty.org Tracy Puent 785-6083 tpuent@lacrossecounty.org	No
Education	Family & Children's (FC)	On February 28, 2019, La Crosse County foster parents, Maxine Jacobs and Quincy Daniels, traveled to Madison and met with legislators regarding gaps in the foster care system and ideas about how to better support foster families and the children who are in the foster care system. The main focus of the discussion was on how to make the foster care system work better for foster parents.	Jason Witt 785-6095 jwitt@lacrossecounty.org Lila Barlow 785-5539 lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org	No
Comprehensive Community Services	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Intensive program is piloting the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA). This assessment is the adult version of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool used with children and youth inside the CCS program. Data is being collected to help with understanding if a more intensive CCS approach has positive outcomes for higher needs consumers.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No
Outpatient Clinic	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	Planning has begun for the 8 th annual Mental Health Awareness Walk to be held at 12:00 pm on May 29, 2019. The Outpatient Clinic is collaborating with Gunderson Health Systems this year to host the event and La Crosse City Mayor will be presenting a proclamation.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No
Crisis	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	Crisis Unit Supervisor Dona Christianson was recently certified as a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainer. She along with other MHFA Trainers will be assisting to train community members on May 22, 2019, at Viterbo University.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No