

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

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program offers low-income older adults an opportunity to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from certified farmers. The ADRC has received 328 vouchers. Beginning June 1, the ADRC will distribute vouchers to individuals age 60 or older meeting income eligibility requirements.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 <a href="mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org">cpagel@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Caregiver Education	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Workshops Expanding Caregiver Resources & Awareness (WECARE) are coming to La Crosse! The ADRC is partnering with the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) and the Center for Aging Research and Education (CARE) at the UW-Madison of Nursing to bring these workshops to family caregivers of people with dementia and respite care providers. These workshops will be held June 27 at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center. Two sessions will be provided. There is no fee to attend but registration is required. For more information, or to register, please call the ADRC at 608-785-5700.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 <a href="mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org">cpagel@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Income Maintenance (IM) Program Administration Funding Study Report	Economic Support (ES)	A group of graduate students from UW-Madison's Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs recently completed an Income Maintenance funding study for the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA). The study was initiated to help WCHSA better understand the cost of administering IM programs in Wisconsin; how federal, state and local funding streams have changed over time; and consortia leadership's perceptions of IM administration costs and current financing model. The students faced a significant challenge in making meaningful comparisons of financial data between consortia due to differences in financial reporting from consortium to consortium. As a result, two of the recommendations that came out of the study relate to WCHSA's future collection of financial information from each consortium. First, it is recommended that WCHSA collect uniform IM program administration cost data on an annual basis. More detailed collection to support consortia priorities is also recommended. The third recommendation from the study reflects the uncertainty of the amount and timing of some federal and state IM revenue to consortia. As a result of the study, it is recommended that WCHSA and consortia encourage the state to prioritize a single, predictable funding stream for income maintenance.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 <a href="mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org">lgraff@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No

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2018 Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance Performance Award	Economic Support (ES)	The Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) consortium was presented with an award from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for high performance in the administration of the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance program for 2018. WREA was the only consortium to receive a performance award for 2018, with seven single county organizations also receiving an award. Organizations were selected for an award based on meeting or exceeding performance standards around timeliness, accuracy and monitoring of certified daycare providers.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 <a href="mailto:lgraff@lacrossecounty.org">lgraff@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Brat Barn for Kids in Foster Care Event	Family & Children's (FC)	The Permanency Resource Unit sponsored the sixth annual Brat Barn for Kids in Foster Care event on May 10, 2019, at the La Crosse Festival Foods on Copeland Avenue. This event was a huge success, adding approximately \$1,200 to our foster care donation account. This account helps pay for additional enrichment activities that kids in foster care do not always have access to. Past funds have paid for things such as: prom attire, sports shoes, bikes, instruments, class rings, and glasses for example. There were staff and foster parents that joined us to grill brats, work the stand, and hand out brochures to those interested in learning more about our Foster Care Program.	Lila Barlow 785-5539 <a href="mailto:lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org">lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Kari Heal 789-8508 <a href="mailto:kheal@lacrossecounty.org">kheal@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Advocacy	Family & Children's (FC)	On June 3, 2019, Senator Jennifer Shilling and Representative Jill Billings attended the Family Policy Board meeting. Members of the Board were able to advocate for the areas in the Governor's budget that directly impact programs and services provided to children and families in our community. Jason Witt and Tracy Puent spoke to the need to address the child welfare crisis by adding \$30 million annually to the Children and Family Aids allocation. This would help counties cover out-of-home care expenses and the cost of adding additional staff to decrease the workloads of CPS social workers.	Jason Witt 785-6095 <a href="mailto:jwitt@lacrossecounty.org">jwitt@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Tracy Puent 785-6083 <a href="mailto:tpuent@lacrossecounty.org">tpuent@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Foster Family Picnic	Family & Children's (FC)	The Foster Family Picnic will be held on June 11, 2019, at the Clearwater Farm in Onalaska from 5:00-7:30 pm. At the farm there is an 1890s barn to tour, animals to pet, and beautiful gardens to explore. This event is one way in which we are able to thank and show our appreciation to our foster parents and respite providers for all of the work that they do for the children and their families in our community. It also serves as a way for foster families to network and get to know each other. The picnic is a fun yearly event and we welcome anyone on the board to join us!	Lila Barlow 785-5539 <a href="mailto:lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org">lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org</a>  Kari Heal 789-8508 <a href="mailto:kheal@lacrossecounty.org">kheal@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No

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Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	<p>CCS Director Emily McGonigle and Mental Health Professionals Ryan Ross and Kayleigh Ingenthron have been asked to present on the blending of CCS and Coordinated Service Teams (CST) wrap around approach at the State Mental Health Conference in October 2019.</p> <p>With the blending of CCS and CST client centered approaches/philosophies, the La Crosse CCS team has seen an increase in successful discharges from residential facilities to community living as well as successful discharges from the program in general.</p>	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 <a href="mailto:cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org">cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Outpatient Clinic	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The Outpatient Clinic continues to collect data regarding vivitrol injections. To date there have been 17 injections given in the Outpatient Clinic and three given inside the La Crosse County Jail.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 <a href="mailto:cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org">cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No
Outpatient Clinic	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	A .5 Social Worker will begin employment on June 3, 2019, in the Outpatient Clinic. This is a direct result of the Opioid Crisis Grant funding for State Targeted Response to increase access to treatment services for opioid abuse. This position will assist the clinic in tracking data, outcomes, and work directly with consumers to assist them in receiving Medically Assisted Treatment, Peer Support and case management.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 <a href="mailto:cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org">cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org</a>	No