

**Human Services Department Report to County Board
July 2019**

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Drug Pick-Up Program

The ADRC's Senior Nutrition Program, in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office, successfully piloted a drug pick-up program. Deputies traveled with meal delivery drivers to pick up unused and expired medications from home delivered meal participants living in West Salem, Town of Onalaska, Town of Campbell and one route in the City of Onalaska. Additional routes will be scheduled due to success.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

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.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT (ES)

2018 Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance Performance Award

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.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S (FC)

Advocacy

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.

INTEGRATED SUPPORT & RECOVERY SERVICES (ISRS)

Division of Medicaid Services Crisis Stabilization Innovation Incentive Award

Our Crisis Unit was recently informed by the Department of Health Services (DHS) that we have been awarded a Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) Crisis Stabilization Innovation Incentive Award. DHS received a total of 15 applications and our Crisis Unit stood out as one of the top applications. The award will be focused on collaboration with a residential provider in the La Crosse area to establish a crisis diversion facility which would be accessible regionally or possibly state wide to individuals with complex behavioral needs to reduce Institutions for Medical Disease (IMD) admissions.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Include, Respect, I Self-Direct (IRIS) Award

Human Services Therapist Sam Seefeld was awarded the NAMI IRIS award of excellence on May 29 for his work in supporting the recovery of those who are or have been involved in the correctional system and transitioning back into the community.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

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.

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.

Outpatient Clinic

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.

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.