

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 11, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 21 supervisors were present when Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

District Name	Attendance
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present at 06:53 PM
5 Johnson, Karin	Excused
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Excused
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Schultz, Bill	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Spiker, Charles	Excused
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- EPA National Award Gas to Energy Project – La Crosse County and Gundersen Lutheran Health System won the Environmental Protection Agency 2012 project of the year award for their landfill bio gas, electricity and heat generation project. They

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received national recognition for this program at an awards ceremony in Baltimore, MD.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Burke announced that Willa MacKenzie received the 2013 WI Correctional Teacher of the Year award. She is a technical college instructor at the jail and assists inmates with obtaining their GED.
 - Supervisor Burke also announced that Supervisor Holtze was selected as the Restaurant Operator of the Year.
 - Supervisor Kruse, Ebert, Schroeder, and Tara Johnson attended the WCA Legislative Exchange in Madison. It was very informative, interesting and excellent presentations.
 - Supervisor Holtze reported on the County Ambassador meeting. Five items were taken to the legislators: County tax rate limits, funding for enhanced 911, state highway maintenance, general transportation aids, and county Land Conservation staff funding. A full report was given to Chair Johnson if anyone would like to review it.

- Update Report on Western Wisconsin Cares – Executive Director Tim Garrity presented a report on Western Wisconsin Cares (WWC). WWC is a public long term care district for eight counties. The four basic goals of Family Care are choice, access, quality, and cost effectiveness. In winter 2006, West Central Consortium was created. On October 1, 2008 WWC was born. La Crosse County was the first county to roll into the newly formed Managed Care Organizations (MCO) from the CMO. Two major organizational components are ADRCs (Aging and Disability Resource Centers) and MCO. Another key agency is Economic Support / Income Maintenance. Financial issues include the WWC per member per month costs that are increasing over time after hitting 15% reduction target of expansion and the financial stress in parts of the state. Currently they have over 4000 members, 280 employees, \$125 million budget, 100% compliance with AQR (first time ever in state), enrollment cap on/off in 2012, and rate cut for 2013 from 2012. There is a push to expand Family Care to the remaining 15 counties in Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2/13 RE: SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN'S ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO EXPAND COVERAGE FOR THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM (BADGERCARE), GUARANTEEING COVERAGE TO LOW INCOME ADULTS

WHEREAS, if the State of Wisconsin agrees to accept Medical Assistance funding available through the US Affordable Care Act it would get \$12 billion dollars to fill the holes in BadgerCare over the next 10 years for the State or about \$240,000,000 for La Crosse County residents; and, **WHEREAS**, the new federal money will extend BadgerCare to over 170,000 Wisconsin residents or about 3400 La Crosse County residents per year or to over 211,000 Wisconsin residents or about 4200 La Crosse County residents within 10 years; and, **WHEREAS**, there are over 146,000 Wisconsin residents currently on the BadgerCare waiting list of which about 2900 are La Crosse County residents; and, **WHEREAS**, the Medicaid (BadgerCare) provisions of the national health care reform law guarantee coverage to all citizens below 133% of the federal poverty level (\$14,856 annually, \$7.14 per hour) for a single individual and \$20,123 annually (\$9.67 per hour) for couples; and, **WHEREAS**, an estimated 10,000 jobs would be created with this expansion; and, **WHEREAS**, 100% of the cost will be paid by the Federal government for the first 3 years and 90% for all years following, compared to the 40% share Wisconsin currently pays; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin would save an additional \$247 million in the cost of uncompensated medical care because more people would have health coverage. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board does hereby encourage Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, and Representatives Billings and Doyle and the Wisconsin Counties Association to support the \$12 billion dollar expansion of Medicaid (BadgerCare) under the new health care law. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Billings and Doyle, and the Wisconsin Counties

Association. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County. Acceptance of Medical Assistance funding will have positive impact as outlined in the resolution.

VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by R. Plesha/S. Hampson to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with 20 ayes, 1 nay - L. Berg, 8 excused - S. Doyle, M. Freedland, K. Johnson, R. Keil, A. Londre, L. Pfaff, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2013 - PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the Mission of the La Crosse County Health Department is to "Protect, Promote and Improve the Health of all People in the County"; and, **WHEREAS**, the Health Department is made up of 75 full and part time staff representing 13 different Public Health professions; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff of the La Crosse County Health Department enables County residents to be living in one of the healthiest Counties in the state; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff provides information and services to County residents in about 35 different program areas that enable citizens to live long and productive lives. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of February as Public Health Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of Health Department staff.

Motion by M. Kruse/B. Schultz to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 9 excused - V. Burke, S. Doyle, M. Freedland, K. Johnson, R. Keil, A. Londre, L. Pfaff, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

- Preliminary report on Lakeview Strategic Plan by WIPFLI consultants - Larry Lester and Mike Edwin presented the report to the board. Discussion topics were the market study, population/demographics, property incentive overview, project size assumptions, Medicaid rate impacts, estimated construction cost/debt services, financial analysis, key assumptions, and recommendations and considerations.
[Click here for full presentation.](#)

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Supervisor Ebert suggested a pay study for the union contracts that will be expiring at the end of 2013.

ADJOURN

Motion by B. Schultz/D. Ferries to adjourn at 7:39 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 7 excused - S. Doyle, K. Johnson, R. Keil, A. Londre, L. Pfaff, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)**

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk, in and for the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors at the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held Monday, February 11, 2013 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 19 OF FEBRUARY 2013.