

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The Deputy County Clerk, Amy Twitchell, took attendance. 25 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
5 Johnson, Karin	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Present
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	Excused
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Excused
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Absent
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of John Steers who served as the Medical Examiner for over 19 years.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Update on Lot C Advisory Committee – Chair Johnson stated that the Committee has met twice and has been working with the consultant, John Shardlow. The Advisory Committee has had great participation and attendance of members. The next

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meeting will be on March 20th at 2:00 p.m. in room B190 to review the results of the surveys and preferences.

- New Supervisor Orientation Suggestions by Board Members – Chair Johnson asked for suggestions from the County Board to help prepare new County Board supervisors for the position.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Holtze informed the Board of the TGIF fundraiser for the Aging Unit on Thursday, March 27th. Twenty-five percent of the check will go to the Aging Commission.
 - Supervisor Burke gave an update on the La Crosse Area Arts Board. The La Crosse Arts Festival, Artspire, will be held on June 13th and 14th.
 - Chair Johnson recognized and presented a small token of appreciation to Personnel Director Bob Taunt for the work he has done. He is retiring after 30 years of service in La Crosse County.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION MARCH 2014 - HUMAN SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT MONTH

WHEREAS, staff who work in the Human Services Department and Family Court of the county literally “touch” thousands of lives every day who are in need of temporary or longer term assistance to meet their basic needs or to adjust to transitions in their families; and, **WHEREAS**, citizens who rely on county human services and family court programs range in age from pre-birth to over 100 years of age; and, **WHEREAS**, county human services programs are designed to protect our most vulnerable populations which include children, adults and children with disabilities, the aging, and people dealing with mental illness; and, **WHEREAS**, to serve and help individuals in need, county human services professionals routinely enter homes and travel to other locations in the community, at times facing volatile situations and safety risks; and, **WHEREAS**, Family Court and Mediation and Family Court Services strive to maintain the dignity, safety and security of families going through difficult transitions; and, **WHEREAS**, the individuals and the entire community benefit from the investment in lives that human services and family court professionals make every day; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as Human Services and Family Court Month and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of Human Services and Family Court staff.

Motion by B. Schultz/K. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - R. Keil, 3 excused - L. Berg, S. Hampson and M. Pedretti.

- Human Services Department Overview – Jason Witt
 - Human Services Director Jason Witt gave an overview of the Human Services Department as an organization and what they do and what it means to be a Human Services worker. Human Services is a very large department made up of 36 different program units and broken into five service sections-Family & Children, Integrated Support & Recovery, Justice Support, Economic Support, and Aging & Disability Resource Center. The budget is approximately \$37 million with an \$11 million tax levy. Human Services has about 200 contracts with local community agencies. One in six La Crosse County residents receive some type of assistance or support from La Crosse County Human Services. The bulk of budget is Integrated Recovery System and Family and Children. The total of positions is about 238. Family and Children’s budget is made up mostly by the tax levy, where Economic Support and ARDC are funded more by State resources. Some accomplishments in 2012: launched an eight-county regional income maintenance consortia, restructured staffing and programming in Juvenile Detention Facility, and consolidated reception and access into a single point of entry.

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- Human services workers are serving our community. These workers have to enter unsanitary & potentially unsafe homes, be exposed to countless traumatic situations, receive personal threats against their safety, and deal with the stress and weight of their professional decisions.
- Eight accomplishments in 2013 include organizing the Western Regional Enrollment Network and ramped up staffing and call center to handle increased Affordable Care Act workload, won approval to pilot a regional approach to Child Care Administration, earned \$160,000 in Food Share Bonus Funds, won one of two State grants to pilot a regional Mental Health System (creating the Western Region for Integrated Care), completed merger of children's & adult programming in mental health crisis and community mental health (CCS), won several major grants in child protective service area (trauma informed care, in-home safety services, post reunification services, juvenile justice reform), increased efficiency in access and processing of FoodShare application through local pilot program with food pantries and launching of weekly computer lab in HS building, and earned a clean fiscal and single audit opinion. Human Services is making a difference for individuals and families in need.
- Presentation on Recommendation to Remodel Associated and small addition to HHS
 - Chad Bloedl and Val Schute from River Architects shared information on Option E with graphic recommendations. Chad went over the 3 parts of Option E: Option 1-Associated Bank remodel, Option 2-HHS addition, and Option 3-LEC buildout. These three different pieces would provide 95,881 gross square footage. Val reviewed the project costs.
- Presentation on Information Technology Department Accomplishments
 - John Parshall, IT Director, gave an overview of the IT Department. The Information Technology Mission Statement is to provide the highest quality technology-based services in a cost-effective manner. Be a leader in customer service, establish systems, processes, and solutions based on best practices and industry standards. Some of the core responsibilities are as follows: IT governance, IT purchasing and implementing of software systems, computer networks, network devices, IT Security, printing, faxing, scanning, copying and mail distribution and collection. The department is composed of IT Director, Infrastructure Manager, Application Manager, Security Officer, Printing Manager, Office Coordinator and supporting staff. The 2013-14 strategic direction is customer service, alignment with business, changing technology, data, and continuity. The planning process for 2014 is to build out operational plans from strategies, set direction and decisions for software and hardware products, align business requests and business strategies and communicate.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by J. Schroeder/P. Jerome to adjourn at 7:50 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - R. Keil, 3 excused - L. Berg, S. Hampson and M. Pedretti.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

I, Amy Twitchell, La Crosse Deputy 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

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La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2014 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 14 OF MARCH 2014.