

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2015**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, March 09, 2015 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Excused
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Present at 06:09 PM, Excused at 06:27 PM
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Rosa, Keyla	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Caucutt, Nancy	Excused
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Logue, Brian	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Hoffman, Hubert	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Ebert attended the Coulee Region Transportation meeting with DOT officials who explained the process for collecting information on challenges in the areas and possible solutions.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION MARCH 2015 - 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 2015 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 M. Kruse/K. Rosa to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - J. Veenstra, 5 excused - N. Caucutt, S. Hampson, A. Richmond, J. Schroeder and T. Wehrs.

- Ophelia’s House Update – Justice Support Services Manager Jane Klekamp and YWCA Housing Director Meredith McCoy presented.
  - Ophelia’s House started in 2008. Women pose a lower public safety risk than men and the pathway to crime is different than men with poverty, intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. Engagement in criminal behavior is often related to connections with others. In 2014 Ophelia’s House had 39 women with 50 stays. Some women will have multiple stays with the average length of stay at 41 days in 2014. If the stay is less than 10 days, there is a less than 1% chance of succeeding. If the stay is more than 31 days, they have an 86% chance of succeeding. Success is defined as finishing their sentence. After an increase in staff, there has been an increase in success.
  - The National Institute of Corrections reviewed Ophelia’s House and provided 8 recommendations:
    - Provided 24 hour staffing
    - Convene a planning team: with a communication plan, develop a consistent and enforceable set of sanctions, develop a consistent set of client re-enforcers, update the policy and procedures manual, update the resident handbook (orientation packet), minimize resident conflicts with groups, develop positive resident culture, train in trauma-informed practices
    - Utilize gender specific assessment
    - Adopt staff training curricula on gender responsive curricula
    - Provide substance abuse treatment that targets substance abuse, trauma, and mental health issues
    - Gender responsive caseload (probation)
    - Implement Moving On program
    - Develop a systematic screening and referral process for gender responsive needs
- Administrative Center & Downtown Campus Construction Committee (AC&DCC) update and group discussion of County Board Room configuration – AC&DCC Committee Chair Patrick Scheller gave an update on the meetings. The committee will be overseeing three projects at the same time; HHS addition, build out of LEC

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building and Associated Bank remodel. Project timelines will be brought back to the County Board. The construction manager was giving direction to look at a more user friendly boardroom layout. Supervisors who have an opinion or concern should bring them forward now as the plan is being developed for a future boardroom layout. The next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Hoffman would like to see statistics with regards to domestic violence and if there is a problem in the area.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by R. Plesha to adjourn at 7:20 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - N. Caucutt, S. Hampson, A. Richmond, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra 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, March 09, 2015 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 11 OF MARCH 2015.**