

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 19 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	Excused
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Weidenbach, Doug	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Tahiri, Isaac	Absent
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Excused
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Excused
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Absent
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Cornforth, Rick	Excused
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	Excused
27 Vacant	
28 Keil-Arellano, Karen	Present at 05:34 PM
29 Johnson, Tara	Present at 05:58 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Weidenbach noted the art show in the halls of the Administrative Center was changed.
 - Chair Johnson reminded the Supervisors that the Public Hearing and Annual Meeting on the budget will be next Monday. It's likely the full agenda will be taken up on Monday following the hearing.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION NOVEMBER 2018 - VETERANS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Office assists and supports La Crosse County veterans and their family members in recognition of the sacrifices and service of veterans to La Crosse County, the state of Wisconsin, and the United States; and, **WHEREAS**, respect for veterans' achievements and sacrifices on behalf of the nation and the world is ensured; and, **WHEREAS**, leadership and advocacy for La Crosse County veterans is demonstrated; and, **WHEREAS**, commitment to service excellence while assisting veterans with their applications for state and federal veterans' programs is of the highest level. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as La Crosse County Veterans Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution military veterans have made to La Crosse County.

Motion by D. Ferries/R. Plesha to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 19 ayes, 2 absent - M. Giese and I. Tahiri, 7 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, R. Ebert, J. Gundersen, D. Hesse, A. Richmond and T. Tryggestad, 1 vacant – District 27.

- Family Care – Managed Care Services in our region
 - From CMO to WWC to Inclusa – Tim Garrity, Chief Innovation Officer
 - Mr. Garrity walked through an educational session on Family Care; the past, present and future. Family Care is part of the Medicaid program in Wisconsin and portion that provides long term care services for people who fall into one of three categories; they have to be financially eligible for Medicaid program and have a physical disability, intellectual or developmental disability, or frail elder. Family Care provides 36 benefits that aim for people to stay in the community. Benefits range from an array of services as nursing home care, supportive home care, assisted care, employment services, day services, transportation, and more. Family Care started in 1998 and replaced the county waiver system. The four corner stone pillars of the Family Care Program are quality, access, cost effectiveness, and choice. Five pilot counties were selected in 2000 which included La Crosse. Wait lists were eliminated, people enrolled in Medicaid went up, provider networks expand to a community focus, and the program was cost effective under the new Family Care program. Each pilot county joined with like - minded counties to create MCO – managed care organizations. La Crosse partnered with seven other counties and agree on a similar approach and launched WWC – Western Wisconsin Cares. 2008-2015, MCO worked throughout the state to refine the models. A full dismantle was proposed in 2015. Three entities merged, WWC, CCW, and Continuous and became known as Inclusa which includes 52 counties. Inclusa is the largest MCO in the State with a \$600 million annual budget and 85-87 cents per dollar goes out to payment for members. They serve 15,000 members with 1100 employees. Focus now is on preparing for the future. 1. Build local accountability; 2. Person centered planning; and 3. Value based purchasing. Changes to the long term care delivery model is in the future.
 - Report by Aging and Disability Resource Center in relation to family care
 - Human Services Deputy Director Audra Martine presented to the Board. The Aging Disability and Resource Center is the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging and living with a disability. The percent of the projected population that is ages 60 and older is continuing to increase. ADRC provides information and assistance, long term care options counseling, health and wellness activities, and benefits specialists. In the last 10 years they have had

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about 2,000 members per year. The three target groups that are served are development disabilities, frail elderly, and physical disabilities.

- Report by Lakeview and Hillview, the impact of serving family care clients
 - Lakeview and Hillview Administrator Wanda Plachecki presented. MCO connections as Provider. Long Term Care includes advanced dementia care, secure settings, and rehab services. Residential services are client groups that include frail elderly, individuals with physical disabilities, individuals with mental illness, individuals who have intellectual and/or cognitive disabilities. The services include medical or high acuity, behavioral supports, short term stabilization, dementia supports, and assisted living.
- 2019 County Administrator's Recommended Budget – Priorities and Board decisions
 - 2019 budget priorities for long term care campuses include monitor Hillview census to match cost to revenue; restructure Hillview and Lakeview staffing levels while seeking to adjust compensation for retention and recruitment; address short term maintenance needs at Hillview facility within existing Hillview resources for 2019; evaluate market for Hillview services and funding options for major renovations needs to present choices to County Board; negotiate rates or restructure services to gain fair reimbursement for client care; address debt service for capital funding needs at Lakeview and Hillview because of the inadequacy of Medicaid, Medicare and Family Care to cover actual costs.
 - Other 2019 budget priorities include using fund balance for capital expenses; service continuation in all major areas within levy limits; personnel; pay scale adjustments for highway, sheriff, CE/CU and paraprofessionals; health insurance; highway increase and restructure use of debt; Goose Island upgrade with Federal Land Access grant; emergency dispatch and continue radio system upgrade; and design evaluations for Hillview Health Center and jail receiving. Specific budget decisions for the Board will be resolutions on Personnel; permits, fees and charges for 2019; employee health insurance plan; compensation plan for non-union; contract for AFSCME Union; and adoption of 2019 Budget and Tax Levy.
 - 2019 budget results include across the board raises of 1.75%, addresses some pay equity and market issues, refines indirect costs allocation to maximize revenue, reduces some positions in Human Services while expanding CPS staff, shifts some hourly employees from 37.5 hour/week to 40 hours/week, and first of five year plan to \$5 million /year for Highway. The 2019 Fund Balance for small Capital Projects will include the radio site upgrades, final costs of Enterprise Resource Planning and Kronos implementation, jail security scanner, possible solar project and boiler replacement in LEC building, Sheriff's department equipment for squads, Park Plaza sale proceeds for partial cost of site work at St. Joe's Highway shop location, and park capital and road improvements at Goose Island. The 2019 recommended mill rate will be \$3.67 per thousand. La Crosse County property taxes are still one of the lowest in the State.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by S. Doyle/S. Hampson to adjourn at 7:36 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 19 ayes, 2 absent - M. Giese and I. Tahiri, 7 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, R. Ebert, J. Gundersen, D. Hesse, A. Richmond and T. Tryggestad, 1 vacant – District 27.

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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, November 5, 2018 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF NOVEMBER 2018.