

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. 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 |
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| 1 Richmond, Andrea | Present at 06:28 PM |
| 2 Geary, Ralph | Present |
| 3 Weidenbach, Doug | Present |
| 4 Freedland, Maureen | Present |
| 5 Tahiri, Isaac | Present |
| 6 Plesha, Roger | Excused |
| 7 Hampson, Sharon | Excused at 06:51 PM |
| 8 Isola, Peg | Present |
| 9 Gundersen, Jerome | Present |
| 10 Cable, Kim | Present |
| 11 Scheller, Patrick | Present |
| 12 Holtze, Dave | Present |
| 13 Tryggestad, Tina | Present |
| 14 Larson, Margaret | Present |
| 15 Kruse, Monica | Present |
| 16 Ferries, Dan | Excused |
| 17 Giese, Mike | Present at 06:23 PM |
| 18 Berg, Laurence | Excused |
| 19 Cornforth, Rick | Absent |
| 20 Doyle, Steve | Excused at 07:04 PM |
| 21 Burke, Vicki | Present |
| 22 Barlow, Patrick | Present |
| 23 Nikolay, Matt | Excused |
| 24 Hoyer, Kevin | Present |
| 25 Ebert, Ray | Excused at 07:00 PM |
| 26 Hesse, Dan | Excused |
| 27 Jacobs, Thomas | Present |
| 28 Keil-Arellano, Karen | Present |
| 29 Johnson, Tara | Present |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AGENDA ORDER: Chair Johnson asked for unanimous consent to take agenda item, Legislative Update, out of order due to the weather. There were no objections.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

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- Legislative Update – Senator Shilling, Representative Billings and Representative Doyle
 - Legislators gave an update on the legislative issues going on in Madison during this new session and the transition to the new administration with Democratic Governor Evers taking over. They reviewed the budget process and bills they are watching closely. Each legislator reviewed their budget priorities, and goals for this legislative session. Governor Evers has said he wants bipartisan bills to land on his desk so the Democrats and Republican need to work together. Medicaid expansion, transportation needs, juvenile justice, water quality issues, public defender pay, middle class tax cut, foster care, and flood recovery were all discussed. An update on the PRAT was also given and the likelihood of it not moving forward.
 - The budget process starts with the Governor presenting the budget on February 28th. From there it goes to the Fiscal Bureau for their work on it and then it's in the Republicans hands. The Joint Finance Committee will hold listening session in different regions around the State. This is a great time for the public to input their concerns and priorities on the budget. The JFC then submit their drafts and vote on a budget that will be presented to both houses for consideration. It will then go to the Governor's desk for possible vetoes and signing of it into law.

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- **Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.**

Administrator Report (cont.)

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2019 - PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the Vision of the La Crosse County Health Department is “Healthy People in a Healthful Community”; and, **WHEREAS**, the Mission of the La Crosse County Health Department is “Working collaboratively as a trusted leader and partner, preventing illness and injury, promoting health and well-being to protect and improve our community where we live, work, learn and play”; and, **WHEREAS**, the Values of the La Crosse County Health Department are: collaborate, advocate, lead, serve, and communicate; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department is made up of 56 full and part time staff representing 14 different Public Health professions; and, **WHEREAS**, the 2018-2020 Health Department Strategic Plan identifies that our most important strengths are our employees and our relationships with community partners; and, **WHEREAS**, the 2018-2020 Health Department Strategic Plan priorities are to: (1) invest in Health Department employees, (2) build intentional relationships, (3) program/staff with intention, and (4) improve visibility and transparency; and, **WHEREAS**, Health Department employees provide leadership and collaboration with and for the community across three top health priority areas including mental health, substance abuse, and social determinants of health (where you live, work, learn, and play); and, **WHEREAS**, Health Department employees provide information and services to County residents in about 55 different program areas that enable citizens to live long and productive lives; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin rates the Health Department performance at the highest level possible in Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department is among the first 10 in Wisconsin and first 150 in the US to achieve national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board. **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. Giese/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 8 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, S. Hampson, D. Hesse, M. Nikolay and R. Plesha.

- Update on the work of the La Crosse Area Collaborative to End Homelessness - Project Manager Julie McDermid.

- o The La Crosse Area Collaborative to End Homelessness originally made a request to the County for funding in November of 2017. In November of 2018 they started enrolling clients and providing assistance. Forty three households were served including 105 individuals of which 56 were adults and 49 children. 33% served have experienced domestic violence and 47% enrolled were at 14% of County median income or below. Seventeen households have received assistance in the last 2 years. Twenty four households had reported being previously homeless. The households that are paying more than 30% of their gross income for rent was at 79%.
- o La Crosse Area Collaborative to End Homelessness serve based on flexibility to meet the needs of clients. They focus on supportive services based on housing first case management, duration of services matches need, and financial assistance applied to resolve crisis and increase likelihood of sustainability. They assess the needs of their clients with two meetings, have a case conference and assign the level of service, and then serve with case management and financial assistance. 95% of funds were spent on rent, arrears, and late fees with .5% on legal fees. Twenty three households are working to increase employment and 17 households are working to access benefits such as foodshare, healthcare, unemployment compensation, W2, and/or social security.
- o HUD categories are defined as categories; category 1 is "literally homelessness, category 2 is imminently homeless, category 3 is homeless under other federal statutes, and category 4 is fleeing domestic violence. Of the households served, 40 are classified as category 2 and 3 at category 3. 95% of the assisted clients have retained house. Individuals are referred to the "list". The "list" is HUD directed and prioritizes clients based on need as determined by a universal assessment tool. Going forward they will work with the community prevention providers to determine appropriate use of the list in the future and follow-up or clean-up. Projected expenditures as of January 31, 2019 was \$75,356.48 and actual expenditures was \$44,622.42. To keep serving they have continued assessment, referral to list and obtaining documentation for enrollment, and continued provision of supportive services. They are asking for \$175,000 from La Crosse County for continued direct aid.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by T. Jacobs/K. Keil-Arellano to adjourn at 8:02 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 8 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, S. Hampson, D. Hesse, M. Nikolay, and R. Plesha.

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, 2019 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 13 OF FEBRUARY 2019.