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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 supervisors were present when Chair Monica Kruse 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	Konradt, Joe	Excused
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Excused
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Mathu, Grant	Present
6	Plesha, Roger	Present
7	Padesky, Gary	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Present
9	Wacek, Dawn	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Excused
11	Scheller, Patrick	Present
12	Erickson, Randy	Present
13	Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14	Larson, Margaret	Present
15	Kruse, Monica	Present
16	Ferries, Dan	Present
17	Pogreba, Jack	Present
18	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Present
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Present
28	Keil, Karen	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Child Care Provider Proposal

- Presenters were Angie Wells – Executive Director of Coulee Children’s Center; Jennie Melde – Director of Youth Development YMCA; Linda Meinking – Administrator La Crosse Toddle Inn Daycare; Sheri Betz and Ya Sayaovang – co-owners of Little Feet and Helpful Hands; Sherry Pica and Savanna Tonne – co-owners of Sprout Childcare; Jodi Widuch – Executive Director of The Parenting Place and Audra Wieser – Director of Early Care and Education at The Parenting Place.
 - The child care crisis is not unique to La Crosse County. All are looking for and developing new strategies that include increased compensation, attracting a larger workforce and

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increasing availability of quality early care and education. The crisis was brought on by broke economics, impacts of COVID-19 pandemic, workforce shortages, unstaffed classrooms, and child care closures.

- o Phase 1 of The Workforce Retention Strategy is stipends to existing child care. This would be a one time investment to sustain existing child care. Phase 2 is accreditation support. An alternative path to 4 or 5 star rating and financial incentives, stipends for fees and materials, and coaching support. Phase 2 would also include increased pipeline strategy with intentional recruitment and innovative training model. The intentional recruitment would be targeted toward untapped demographics. The innovative training model would include blended online/onsite lab learning format, hands on experience in child care centers, train-the-trainers for in-center mentors, ongoing support through trainer cohort group, and benefit of employment while training. Phase 3 is increase access to quality care and business development grants. This will increase capacity first through filling unmet capacity, expansion after retention efforts, focus on family child care and areas with limited child care options, construction and start up costs are often barriers to new businesses, and shift to additional child care after address open positions.
- A lengthy question and answer session with County Board Supervisors and the presenters of the Child Care Model ensued.

ADJOURN

Motion by T. Tryggestad/D. Mader to adjourn at 8:21 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - K. Cable, J. Konradt and D. Pierce.

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 Special Meeting held Wednesday, July 6, 2022 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 JULY 2022.