

COUNTY BOARD STAFF/FINANCE COMMITTEES
July 6, 2010

Call to Order. County Board Staff Committee Chair Podzilni called the joint meeting of the County Board Staff Committee and the Finance Committee to order at 3:00 P.M. in Conference Room N-1/N-2 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: County Board Staff Committee – Supervisors Podzilni, Kraft, Bussie, Brill, Collins, Jensen, Peer, Yankee. Finance Committee – Supervisors Kraft, Beaver, Podzilni.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Arnold (CBS), Supervisors Mawhinney and Diestler (Finance).

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Charmian Klyve, Human Services Director; Phil Boutwell, Human Services Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuelke, Controller, Human Services; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Bussie moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Review and Discussion of Preliminary 2012 Budget Projections and Program Information – Human Services. Chair Podzilni turned the meeting over to Ms. Klyve.

Ms. Klyve introduced her staff and read the Human Services Department Mission Statement. She said this presentation is a cost to continue (CTC).

Ms. Klyve said the mandated services they are required to provide are: Child Protective Services, which we receive more referrals per capita than Milwaukee County does; Juvenile Justice Services, Economic Support Services, which will have changes in the system coming from the State. She and Mr. Boutwell will be attending a meeting at the State to set up a consortium; Long Term Support Services, which will not go to Family Care in 2012, if at all; and Mental Health/AODA Services.

Ms. Klyve said the direction given to the departments was to assume a general 2% inflationary increase for personnel and health insurance, identify known revenue increases/decreases, list actions necessary to reduce the County tax levy by 2% below the 2011 levy in priority order, and to include 5.8% employee Wisconsin Retirement.

Ms. Mooren said the specific assumptions made to arrive at these costs to continue are: We will use the same full time equivalent positions as budgeted in 2011 with corresponding step increases. There will be no transfer of staff to capture additional revenue or meet increased need. There will

be no program changes. A loss of \$400,000 in Youth Aids for 2012. Estimated 5-10% rate increases for Substitute Care placements. Reduced MA revenue based on current trends. Some of the grant funding will come to an end (i.e. MacArthur and Partners). Reduced Long Term Support case management revenue based on current trends. Loss of 10% in DHS/BCA in certain Mental Health/AODA programs.

Mr. Boutwell said the State Budget includes a new model that requires counties to organize into no more than 10 multi-county consortia. The consortia are responsible for call/change centers, eligibility determination and application processing, case management and walk-in services. The Income Maintenance (IM) caseload is an average 675 per worker. This is an area of significant uncertainty as 2012 IM allocation has not been provided by the State and the legal and operational settings have not been established.

Mr. Boutwell said the 2012 CTC is as follows:

2011 County Tax Levy	\$19,813,185
2% Reduction Co. Levy	\$ 396,263
CTC Levy Increase for 2012	<u>1,627,484</u>
CTC Increase plus 2% Reduction	2,023,747
5.8% WRS Employee Contribution	<u>(950,570)</u>
CTC Increase less 5.8% Contribution	\$ 1,073,177

Ms. Klyve and Mr. Boutwell said the potential expenditure reductions are:

Estimated CTC Increase	\$ 1,073,377
<u>Potential Expenditure Reductions:</u>	
1.4% vacancy factor	(370,000)
Replace Running Rebels contract	(100,000)
Reduce guardianship fees paid by County	(40,000)
Adjust County levy for IM allocations	<u>(137,000)</u>
Sub-Total	\$ (647,000)
<u>Potential Revenue Enhancements:</u>	
WIMCR adjustment	\$ 200,000
Increase Long Term Support billing	<u>239,000</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 439,000
 Total Estimated Reduction	 \$ 1,086,000

Ms. Klyve said the challenges are: Significant uncertainty in the areas of Income Maintenance – required to form a consortium, the caseloads going up to an average 715 per worker, Medicaid revenue cuts at the State level – talking about a \$500 million cut statewide. The trends are showing an increase in need/risk cases.

Ms. Klyve said, in summary, the Human Services Department is a safety net for the County's most vulnerable residents. The department has a strong history of maximizing resources while continuing to provide quality services in a challenging fiscal environment. They will continue to examine ways to meet the needs of our citizens in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

Chair Podzilni asked if the consortia needs to be made up of contiguous counties. Ms. Klyve said not necessarily but it makes operational sense. We need to make sure they are financially viable

before coming into our consortium. There are huge disparities in some of the counties. When everything is done the State may still say that we may need to take a different county.

Mr. Boutwell said the counties do not need to be contiguous, but we want them to be fairly close to make working together easier. He said we need State approval by the end of October and be up and running by January. Ms. Klyve added that they do not want to be much larger than 40,000-60,000 cases total and we are 17,000-18,000 cases.

Chair Podzilni reminded the Committees that the next meeting is July 13th at 3:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 4:12 P.M., second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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