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The following documents are included in the packet for Health and Human Services Board Meeting held on Monday February 8, 2021

- February 8, 2021 Health and Human Services Board meeting amended agenda
- January 11, 2021 Health and Human Services Board Draft Minutes
- January 20, 2021 Commission on Aging Advisory Meeting Draft Minutes
- Children and Families Unit Report
- Kinship Care Policy
- Behavioral Health Unit Report
- Treatment Court Report
- Public/Environmental Health Unit Report
- Admin Unit Report
- ESU/Child Support Unit Report
- Resolution supporting an increase in funding for Aging and Disability Resource Center



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Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Notice

**Date: February 8, 2021 Time 5:00 PM
Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, COUNTY BOARD Room #0902 Green Lake WI**

*** AGENDA AMENDED***

Committee Members

*Joe Gonyo,
Chairman
Harley Reabe,
Vice Chair
Brian Floeter
Joanne Guden
Nancy Hoffmann
Christine Schapfel
Richard Trochinski
Joy Waterbury
Charlie Wielgosh*

*Kayla Yonke,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes (1/11/2021)
5. Director's Report
6. Veteran's Service Office Report
7. Advisory Committee Reports
 - ADVOCAP/Headstart Report (Gonyo)
 - Aging Advisory Committee (Reabe)
8. Unit Reports
 - Children and Families Unit Report
 - Kinship Care Policy
 - Behavior Health Unit Report
 - Treatment Court Program Report
9. Personnel Updates
 - FRI Program Aids
10. Resolution
 - Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Center.
11. Budget
 - 2020
12. Committee Discussion
 - Future DHHS Meeting Date (March 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.)
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
13. Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance (6 ft. social distancing required) or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.

Sincerely,
Kayla Yonke
Financial/Business
Manager

Join Zoom Meeting

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD HELD AT GREEN LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 571 COUNTY ROAD A, GREEN LAKE, WI 54941 ON MONDAY, January 11, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Joy Waterbury, Member
Charlie Wielgosh, Member
Sue Wendt, Member
Richard Trochinski, Member

PRESENT: Joe Gonyo, Chairman
Harley Reabe, Vice Chairman
Brian Floeter, Member (5:07)
Nancy Hoffmann, Member
Joanne Guden, Member
Christine Schapfel, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Jerome, HHS Director
Kayla Yonke, Financial/Business Manager
Jon Vandeyacht, VSO
Kathy Munsey, Health Officer (via Zoom)
Tony Daley, Newspaper (via Zoom)
Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (via Zoom)

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Gonyo.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Action on Minutes: Motion/second (Reabe/Guden) to approve the minutes of meeting held on November 9, 2020 of the Health & Human Services Board as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Jerome reported on the decline in COVID cases from November to December.

Jerome reported on the 2020 Budget, and what HHS has done to stay within budget during 2020.

Jerome also reported how Human Services is implementing DocuSign. Discussion followed.

Jerome reported Fox River Industries has reopened and is operational again.

Veteran' Service Officer Report - Vandeyacht report on Veteran's Services activities.

Advisory Committee Reports

ADVOCAP/Headstart Report - Gonyo reported there was meeting December 10, 2020. Gonyo reported on the meetings agenda. ADVOCAP Committee meeting was canceled for this week, but an additional one is scheduled for later on this month.

Family Resource Committee - Jerome reported on the Family Resource agenda minutes were attached to the packet.

Transportation Committee - Jerome reported on the Transportation agenda minutes were attached to the packet.

Unit Reports

Public Health/Environmental Health Unit - report was reviewed and placed on file.

Munsey reported on the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine that will take place starting on Thursday January 14, 2021. Green lake County Public Health is getting and will be distributing 75 vaccines this week. Green Lake County has had 14 Deaths and 3 Probable COVID Deaths. Discussion followed.

Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) - report was reviewed and placed on file.

Children and Families Unit (CFU) - report was reviewed and placed on file.

Admin Unit- report was reviewed and placed on file.

Economic Support and Child Support - report was reviewed and placed on file.

Fox River Industries - report was reviewed and placed on file.

Aging report - was reviewed and placed on file.

Personnel Updates:

Amy McClelland is the new reception/Data Entry that started on January 4, 2021.

Financial/Business Manager position was filled with an internal candidate Kayla Yonke and Billing Specialist/Admin Coordinator position was filled with an internal candidate Beth Matuszeski.

Jerome reported that the Admin Unit is now fully staffed.

Sherri Wandersee has filled the FRI Secretary/Bookkeeper position and Lindsey Leedle filled the Representative Payee specialist positions both of these position were filled with internal candidates creating two Program Aid position vacancies at FRI. We are recruiting and interviewing for these two vacancies.

Budget 2020: Jerome reported that HHS is on track to meet the 2020 budget. Discussion followed

Committee Discussion:

Future Meeting Date: The next Health & Human Services Board meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2021 **at 5:00 p.m. at the Green Lake County Government Center.**

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Gonyo adjourned meeting at 5:34 p.m.

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

January 20, 2021

Present in Person: Kayla Yonke, Parkis Waterbury, Gloria Lichtfuss, Harley Reabe

Present by Zoom: Betty Bradley

Excused: Robert Dolgner, Darlene Krentz

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Bradley at the Green Lake County Government Center.

CERTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion/second (Waterbury/Lichtfuss) to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

85.21 Grant: Bradley explained 85.21 grant was submitted and accepted for 2021 grant period. Funding should be received in February.

2021 Aging Program Budget: Bradley reported on the projected categories and the funding associated in each category. Discussion followed.

2022-2025 Aging Plan: Bradley reported that every three years the aging programs have to write a three year plan, stating the goals for the three year span of the plan. Bradley stated July 2021 first draft has to be submitted to the state. In September the plan will come to the Aging Committee for approval. Discussion followed.

Health and Human Services Board Report: No report

Advocacy: No report

Year-to-Date Program Information: Bradley discussed the aging report. Report was put on file. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: No Discussion

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Commission on Aging Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Green Lake County Government Center at 10:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Aging Plan, Plan for Senior Picnic, Committee Vacancy.

Bradley adjourned the meeting at 10:59

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CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES UNIT –January 31, 2021

Out-of-Home Care – as of 01/01/2021

Foster Care – Level I & II (Range of costs from \$244.00 to 2000.00). **Two (2)** child(ren) are local placement(s).

Treatment Foster Care – **Two (2)** children/youth were in treatment foster care through Pillar & Vine.

Court-ordered Relative Care (\$244.00 month per child)

Three (3) children were placed in January, 2021

Total in Court ordered Kinship Care at month's end = **Five (5)**

Subsidized Guardianship – At the end of January 2021, **three (3)** remained in subsidized guardianship.

Kinship Care – Voluntary (\$244.00 month per child)

Eleven (11) children were in Kinship Care at the end of January, 2021.

Total out of home at month's end = 2 + 2 + 5 + 3 + 11 = **23**

The base rate for relative foster care (level 1) and Kinship Care remained the same from 2020 at \$254.00/month.

ACCESS REPORTS

Child Protective Services –

January – TBD – State numbers won't be in until 01/09/2021

Child Welfare –

January – TBD - State numbers won't be in until 01/09/2021

Youth Justice –

January – 9

YTD - 9

Unit staff have continued to assist in other areas as needed including – food pantry; contact tracing and food delivery; taking temperatures at main entrance and with interpretation.

The roll-out for the Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument (YASI) for application with the Youth Justice Population began this month. This process will take approximately one year. **Four (4)** staff completed the first phase of this training. Staff will begin the second phase of training in February 2021. Our agency is on track with the implementation plan.

Green Lake County is a recipient of diapers and wipes from a grant received by Jake's Diapers. Jake's is a basic needs bank incorporated in the State of Wisconsin. On a monthly basis, the agency can request diapers for families in need that have a primary case manager within the agency.



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KINSHIP CARE POLICY

UPDATED January 1, 2021

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families proposed to repeal and recreate ch. DCF 58, relating to kinship care and long-term kinship care. The rule included a number of provisions which sought to ease the workload of the kinship care agencies and provide for more consistent experience for relative caregivers throughout the state which included the following: eliminating agency policies other than waiting list priorities.

I. APPLICATION

~~Relatives seeking kinship payments will submit a fully completed Kinship Application and Criminal Background Information Disclosure (HFS-64) to Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Department.~~

II. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

~~Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Department will conduct criminal background checks per (HFS-58(04)). There are automatic conviction denials for Kinship Care from Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapters 939, 940, 944, 948 and 961.~~

III. VERIFICATION OF RELATIONSHIP

~~Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Service Department will verify the relationship between the kinship applicant and the child. The Department may take verbal report of this relationship which would be documented in the kinship home study. If there is reason to question the validity of the relationship between the applicant and the child, the Department may request written verification such as, but not limited to, a birth certificate, marriage license, guardianship papers or paternity papers. A copy of this written verification will be kept in the kinship file.~~

~~If the applicant is applying for long-term kinship, the applicant must submit proof of guardianship under S.48.977 (2), Stats.~~

IV. VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE

~~Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services will conduct a home study as part of the application process. The social worker or Unit Manager conducting the home study will verify the child's residence in the home. This will be documented in the home study report. The social worker or Unit Manager will also conduct an inspection of the home.~~

~~The social worker or the Unit Manager as part of the home study will document “Best Interest of the Child”. If the child is placed by a court order under S.48.13 or 938.13, Stats or a tribal court in a matter related to a child in need of protection or services, the agency will assume that the placement is in the best interest of the child and a copy of the court order will be kept in the kinship care case file.~~

~~The home study will cover the following areas:~~

- ~~A. Summary of situation (need for living arrangement)~~
- ~~B. Eligibility Criteria~~
- ~~C. Family composition~~
- ~~D. Family residence~~
- ~~E. Family relationships~~
- ~~F. Health~~
- ~~G. Family finances~~
- ~~H. Criminal background check~~
- ~~I. Recommendations~~

~~V. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA~~

~~A. Need of the child:~~

- ~~1. The child needs the kinship living arrangement and the agency determines that the child needs the kinship living arrangement by determining at least one of the following:
 - ~~a) The child’s need for adequate food, shelter and clothing can be better met with the relative than with the parent.~~
 - ~~b) The child’s need to be free from neglect, physical injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or emotional injury can be better met with the relative than with the parent.~~
 - ~~c) The child’s need to develop physically, mentally and emotionally to his or her potential can be better met with the relative than the parent.~~
 - ~~d) The child’s need for a safe or permanent family can be better met with the relative than with the parent.~~~~
- ~~2. The agency shall personally interview the prospective kinship care relative to make the determination that one or more of the criteria are met.~~

- ~~3. The agency administering the kinship care program shall establish a written policy describing its requirements for documentation for determining need for the child's living arrangement.~~
- ~~4. The agency shall maintain in the kinship care relative's case record a description of the determination of need that was used to approve the application and shall maintain a narrative statement of information obtained through any interviews.~~

~~B. Best interests of the child:~~

- ~~1. The proposed kinship living arrangement is in the best interests of the child. This should be determined by proceeding as follows:
 - ~~a) If the child is placed with the relative by the order of a court; the agency shall assume that the living arrangement is in the best interests of the child and shall maintain a copy of the court order or other documentation in the kinship care relative's case record.~~
 - ~~b) If the child is not placed by a court order, the agency shall determine if the kinship living arrangement is in the best interests of the child by making a reasonable effort to contact the child's custodial parents to determine that he or she are aware of and have consented to the living arrangement. The effort to contact the parents shall be made by mail and can be supplemented by telephone or in person. If consent is received, the kinship living arrangement is determined to be in the best interests of the child. If the agency is unable to contact the parents the agency may determine that the inability to make contact indicates that the placement with the relative is in the child's best interest. It is only necessary to receive consent from one custodial parent. In addition, to determining parental consent the agency shall determine that both of the following conditions exist:
 - ~~1) The applicants or kinship care relative's parenting history and parenting ability do not include behaviors or actions that are contrary to the health, safety or welfare of the child.~~
 - ~~2) A minor child residing in the potential kinship care relative's home has not committed any delinquent acts or other acts that endangered the safety of another child or that could adversely affect the child.~~~~~~

VI. COOPERATION WITH AGENCY

- A.** The kinship applicant is expected to cooperate with the Department (HFS-5804(3)). Falsification of information on the application or refusal to allow a home study will result in denial of kinship benefits
- B.** The kinship applicant is required to apply for other forms of assistance that the child may be eligible for.
- C.** The kinship applicant and the kinship care providers are required to report to the Department any changes that would affect eligibility for kinship benefits.

VII. APPROVAL PROCESS/PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

- A.** Green Lake County Department Health & Human Services will complete the application process and make a determination of eligibility for kinship benefits within 45 days of the day the application is received by the agency. If an applicant is denied, the family will be notified of the reason for denial and a copy of the appeals process.
- B.** Payments for approved kinship care will begin from the date the completed application was received by the Department.

VIII. WAITING LIST

WAITING LIST POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTARY KINSHIP CARE

- A.** The Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Department shall develop and maintain a waiting list for relative caregivers that have been found newly eligible for Kinship Care benefits once a determination is made that there are insufficient funds in the agency's annual allocation to begin the payments. In accordance with DCF 58 the agency will notify DCF that the agency expects to place newly eligible relative caregivers on the wait list for the remainder of any fiscal year as well as of any changes to the waitlist policy.
- B.** Exceptions to the waiting list: 1) A relative caregiver that has been determined eligible for long-term Kinship care payments 2) a relative caregiver that has been determined eligible for kinship care payments if the child was placed with the relative caregiver under a court order or a voluntary transition to independent living agreement and a child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility for the child. 3) a relative caregiver whose type of relative caregiving under s. DCF 58.03 changes to voluntary under s. DCF 58.03(2) while the relative caregiver is receiving kinship care payments or long-term kinship care payments.
- C.** Priority order in which the agency will move relative caregivers off the waiting list: 1) Level or urgency of the child's need under s. DCF 58.06(5)(a); 2) the

Lack of stability in the living arrangement if a payment is not made; 3) the order in which the applications are received and/or 4) the child is under the guardianship of the relative caregiver by a statutory provision other than s.48.977 Stats.

D. Funding Available: The Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services shall: 1) Shall notify relative caregivers in writing that funding is available and request that the relative contact the agency if the relative caregiver continues to be interested in and eligible for Kinship Care payments and 2) begin payments to the relative caregiver for the time period beginning no later than the first day of the month beginning after the date the relative caregiver contacted the agency to express continued interest in and eligibility for kinship care payments.

IX. DENIAL OF KINSHIP

A. If Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Department denies approval for Kinship Care to an applicant or discontinues a current Kinship Care the agency shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision and the reasons for the decision. The agency shall include in the notice information about the applicant's right to appeal or request a review of that decision under sub. (2).

B. If the notice states a payment will be discontinued the notice shall also include a statement that the payment shall not be terminated until after the hearing decision is issued if the kinship care relative requests a hearing within 10 days after the date of the notice.

DIRECTORS DESIGNEE

C. The Director shall fulfill the responsibilities under ss DCF 58.08(2)(a) 1 a. for Green Lake County. If an application is denied or a payment is terminated as the result of a negative criminal background of the applicant may request a review of that decision to the Director of Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Department.

D. If an applicant is denied kinship care; the applicant cannot reapply for six months after the date of denial.

X. PERIODS OF PLACEMENT WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN

- ~~A. When a child has periods of placement or visitation with his/her parent or guardian and the time period becomes greater than 50% the Kinship relative is no longer eligible for kinship care benefits and payments would be terminated.~~
- ~~B. While it is the intent of the Kinship Care program that the child is placed outside of the parental home, there are some instances where the in-home parent is not able to care for the child (due to age or disability) and as such, the child is at risk of CHIPS or JIPS. In some of these instances, the parent may reside in the home of the parent or caregiver. At other times, when the child has been removed due to court order and the court has ordered the child to placement with another relative for safety purposes, the parent may live in the same household (example child placed due to incarceration, then parent released). If the parent is demonstrating that they intend to resume care for the child and are working on court-ordered conditions of return, the Unit Manager may determine that Kinship Care benefits could continue for a period of three (3) to five (5) months in the instance that the parent is living with the relative and child (ren). (Amended 09/2015)~~

~~XI. REASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY~~

~~Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services shall reassess eligibility of a kinship care relative every 12 months after the date the agency initially began making payments to the kinship care relative. If it is determined through reassessment that the requirements under ss.DCF 58.04 and 58.10 are not met the Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services shall discontinue making kinship care payments to the relative.~~



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WAIT LIST POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTARY KINSHIP CARE

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- D.** Funding Becomes Available: The Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services shall: 1) Shall notify relative caregivers in writing that funding is available and request that the relative contact the agency if the relative caregiver continues to be interested in and eligible for Kinship Care payments, and 2) shall begin payments to the relative caregiver for the time period beginning no later than the first day of the month beginning after the date the relative caregiver contacted the agency to express continued interest in and eligibility for kinship care payments.

Behavioral Health Unit—January 2021

A Note on COVID19: This winter and holiday season have been a trying time for many individuals facing behavioral health concerns. The isolation and significant alterations to holiday traditions that have resulted from COVID19 combined with other seasonal patterns such as depression, grief, or holiday financial stress have taken a toll on many within the community and around the globe. Global and nationwide statistics continue to show alarming increases in suicide rates, depression, and problem substance use concerns. This month, our providers are grateful to have started receiving the vaccination due to the hard work of our public health department. Although providers are beginning to receive the vaccine, we anticipate that continued use of telehealth will be the safest way to continue services for the present time. Wisconsin DHS is continuing to work on permanent rule change to provide new guidance to counties on the use of telehealth, however currently we are operating under the variances requested last summer.

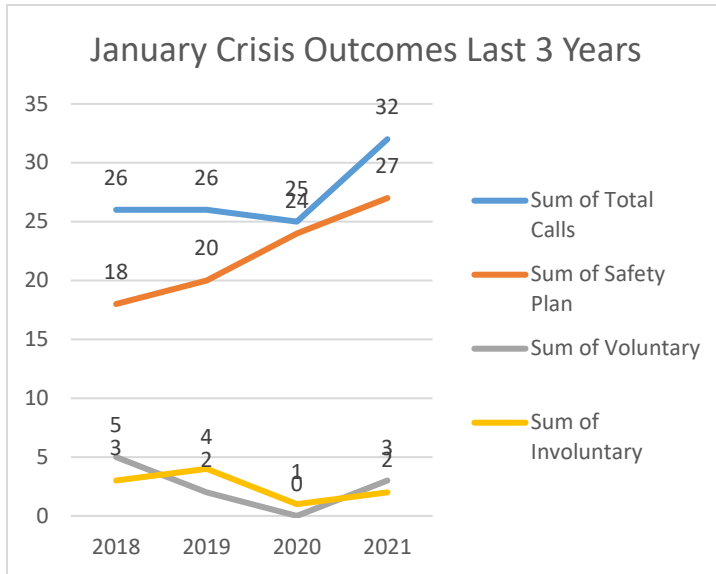
Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Abuse Programs- *The majority of Behavioral Health clients are served via our outpatient clinic. The outpatient clinic serves clients' mental health and substance use disorder (AODA) needs.*

January Note: Due to the early date of this month's meeting, data is not yet available for the clinic for last month. Our electronic health record shows data based on "completed" services (meaning that the client has checked in and had a note entered for the service). Because most clients are using telehealth and not "checking in" at our front desk, visits will not appear in the data until the clinician has completed all documentation. This data will be added to this report when it becomes available and will be included in the report for the next month as well.

At this time, clinicians continue to experience high case load volume and frequent difficulties scheduling clients within the recommended time frames. Our therapists continue to develop strategies to manage this and ensure that those clients who are experience emergent needs are able to be seen quickly.

Wrap-Around Services- *Behavioral Health Unit provides three tiers of wrap-around services, allowing us to match individuals with a program that meets the level of need based on their unique situation. **Staff in these programs have been exceptionally flexible and have needed to think outside the box to find ways to continue services to consumers during this time.***

1. *Targeted Case Management (TCM)— Less intensive case management for clients. **This program expanded to include adult clients in summer 2018. It presently serves 9 individuals.***
2. *Comprehensive Community Support Program (CCS)—Recovery-focused support for clients who may benefit from an intensive level of services for a shorter period of time. **This program serves individuals across the lifespan and presently serves 36 individuals.***
3. *Community Support Program (CSP)- Intensive community-based support for individuals with chronic mental illness. This support is intended to be long-term and supports clients to maintain psychiatric stability in the community and to reduce hospitalizations. **This program presently serves 10 adults.***



Crisis Services- Crisis services are available 24/7 including weekends/ holidays for psychiatric and substance use disorder emergencies. The chart shows service encounters an outcomes for this time of the year over the past several years. As can be seen, there has been an overall increase in crisis contacts, however general number of hospitalizations has not increased drastically from prior years. In the current environment, safety planning is much more difficult, and may require more frequent follow up contacts. This January has been busier for crisis calls than previous years, however is comparable to recent months this winter.

Treatment Court- Treatment Court is an evidence-based alternative-to-incarceration program that combines high levels of accountability and community-based supervision with intensive substance use treatment. The program accepted its first participant in November 2017 and is designed to take 14-18 months to complete. **In January 2021, three ongoing clients continued to progress steadily through phase advancement. One new referral was accepted into the program however will not be able to formally begin phase advancement until next month due to having a mandatory minimum jail sentence to serve prior to beginning. An additional referral is awaiting sentencing, but appears eligible for treatment court upon sentencing. This individual has been able to be diverted from jail to a treatment program while awaiting entry into the program.**

Children’s Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)—Medicaid waiver program provides funding for families of children with long-term disabilities (developmental, physical, and/or severe emotional disturbance) to access services such as respite care and service coordination which are otherwise not covered by Medicaid insurance. **In 2018, Wisconsin announced the dissolution of the local waitlist and then subsequently the transition to a state-wide waiting list model. As this program is not frequently discussed, but is undergoing significant changes at the state level which have increased our program population from 8 children in 2018 to over 30 children now, I have attached a more detailed explanation of the program and the changes that have occurred.**

Residential Clients- In September 2020, one client was returned to a more restrictive level of care in a hospital-based setting. This stay is for stabilization. A case worker remains actively involved with the intent to transition to a community-based setting when this can be safely achieved.

Additional Notes:

- We are continuing to work diligently to integrate e-prescribe technology. The majority of our adult psychiatric clients have now been entered into the e-prescribe software at this time. We anticipate our child psychiatrist will be working on the necessary training to begin entering youth clients into the software as well.
- One full time staff member began an extended medical leave at the end of December. There is a plan in place for other staff to provide interim care to each client served by that staff member, however this continues to impact caseloads for many other clinic providers.

Childrens' Long Term Support Waiver—Statewide Waiting List

The Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS) is a Medicaid Waiver program designed with the idea in mind that families who have children with disabilities experience frequent (and often high-cost) needs that are not covered by insurance. Children who are eligible for the waiver may belong to one of three target groups:

1. Physical disability
2. Developmental delay
3. Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Children's Waiver in Green Lake County

Prior to 2017, each county had a set number of "slots" based on available funding. When a child screened eligible they were placed on a local waiting list for services. When a slot in county became available, waitlist families would be contacted to begin services. At that time, Green Lake County had 8 "slots" for children receiving waiver services.

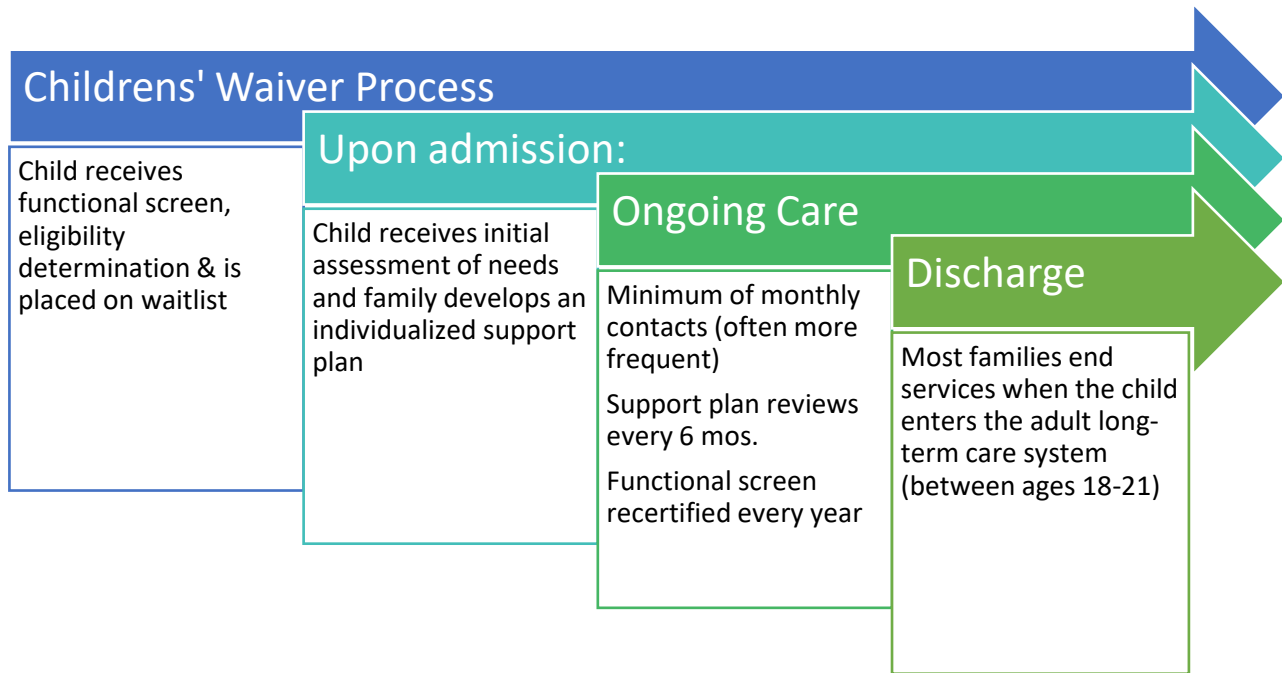
In 2017, the State of Wisconsin announced the dissolution of the CLTS waitlist, requiring counties to develop strategies to service families presently on their local waiting list. All families who were on the waiting list at that time, are now being served. Green Lake County is now serving 32 families in the waiver program (four times the amount served in 2017), and works to bring waitlisted families into services as quickly as possible. However, new families do continue to be added to the newly created state-wide waiting list. Last year, DHS announced that beginning in 2021, programs will be required to check this state-wide waiting list each month. When a family from Green Lake County "comes up" on this list, our program will be required to begin serving them within one month. Additionally, when a child receiving waiver services moves into the county, we must now take over responsibility for their waiver services within 30 days of their move into the county. This is a change from in the past where the county of origin was required to provide services until the receiving county had an open "slot". During the first months, 5 families from our county came up on the waiting list and 2 eligible children moved into the county.

Additionally, there has been a state-wide push to dually enroll many children. What this means is that when a child receives a functional screen, if they screen eligible for Comprehensive Community Services (a Medicaid wrap-around program focused on psychosocial supports and mental health) and the CLTS waiver, counties are encouraged to open them in both programs to maximize the available supports. In some cases, it may be evident that a child or family has needs only in one program or the other, however we are seeing an increase in the number of children that we do open in both of these programs. When a child is opened in both of these programs, they often have a need for more intensive support, require multiple specialized services that need to be able to coordinate care with one another, and/or there is a significant impact to the family system such that services are needed for the whole family, not just the identified child.

EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CLTS

- Home or vehicle modifications for children with significant physical disabilities or limited mobility
- Safety enhancements such as door alarms, etc.
- Sensory supplies/ therapeutic aids, often recommended by child's providers
- Respite care where traditional childcare options may not be feasible
- Youth participation in individual or group daily living skills training
- Parent registration to attend conferences or trainings after a child receives a rare/ little known diagnosis
- Parent education via Love & Logic/ behavioral support planning
- Support & service coordination

How Do Waiver Services Work?



What Does This Mean In Green Lake County?

At Green Lake County, the Childrens' Long Term Support waiver program is housed in Behavioral Health, however case managers from multiple units (Children & Families and Public Health) collaborate to provide services. There are no case managers who work exclusively within the CLTS program—all other case managers carry partial CLTS case loads and partial caseloads in other programs (Comprehensive Community Services, Targeted Case Management, Birth to 3, etc.). Several of these case managers are dually trained to serve kids who need services simultaneously from CLTS and CCS.

All staff are currently at or consistently near capacity within this program so this new requirement places increased burden on the existing resources. As noted on the chart above, most children will remain in the service once opened until they enter adult Long Term Care services (between ages 18-21). Because children are most frequently identified for services between the ages of 3-10, the number of children in the program grows much more quickly than children are transitioning out.

Because all members of the CLTS staff work across multiple programs, and because the needs of youth can vary drastically from case to case, it is difficult to estimate an exact capacity limit for each worker. Cases where the youth is dually enrolled, are more time-intensive both in terms of typically seeing need for more frequent case manager contact and also in terms of increased documentation and administrative work required by the case manager. In counties where there is a full-time designated CLTS case manager, 30 CLTS-only cases or 10 dual CLTS/ CCS cases comprises a "full" caseload.

Green Lake County Treatment Court



What is Treatment Court?

Green Lake County's Treatment Court Program is a court program specifically designed to help individuals, who are on probation or parole supervision and who struggle with alcohol and/or drug use, through an intensive, judicially monitored program of treatment, rehabilitation services, and strict community supervision. Treatment Court provides an opportunity for intensive treatment to those who might not otherwise get the chance.

What are the goals of the Treatment Court?

- Reduce drug and/or alcohol-related crimes
- Reduce participant contacts with the criminal justice system
- Reduce costs associated with criminal case processing and re-arrest
- Introduce participants to an ongoing process of recovery, designed to achieve total abstinence from illicit/illegal drugs and/or alcohol
- Promote self-sufficiency and empower participants to become productive and responsible members of the community

Who is eligible for Treatment Court?

Anyone who:

- Is a current resident of Green Lake County
- Has or will have a felony or misdemeanor conviction of possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance or a crime that was motivated by an addiction to alcohol or drugs
- Is on or will be placed on probation or parole for 18 months or more
- Does not have any prior felony convictions for violent crimes and/or prior felony convictions, as defined in 941.291(1)(b), Wis. Stats., or a conviction involving use of a dangerous weapon
- Has been diagnosed with or is likely to meet the DSM-5 criteria for Alcohol/Drug Dependence
- Agrees to participate in and abide by the rules of the Treatment Court Program

What is the Referral Process?

- 1st** The District Attorney, Probation & Parole Agent, law enforcement officer or family member will complete the Referral Form, which can be found online on Green Lake County's website. (If the referral is made by a family member, the District Attorney and prospective participant's attorney will be contacted to determine if the pending criminal case(s) is/are eligible.)
- 2nd** The Treatment Court Coordinator will obtain releases of information from the prospective participant.
- 3rd** The Coordinator will complete a COMPAS screening tool (evidence based) to determine the prospective participant's risk level and needs level.
- 4th** Prospective participant's with medium/high or high risk and high needs will then complete an intake assessment with the Coordinator, and an AODA assessment will be set up.
- 5th** Once the client has completed all assessments and screenings, and as long as they agree to the terms and conditions of the Treatment Court program and are found eligible, they will be admitted into the program.

What Happens Next?

Treatment Court consists of 5 phases. We work with each participant to develop specific goals and benchmarks around their individual goals and needs. In early phases, the expectations center around attending more intensive treatment and being accountable for obtaining proximal goals. In later phases, the focus moves towards the participant's ability to become more stable and independent in maintaining their recovery and obtaining and maintaining more distal goals. Participants learn to ask for help and rely on others in recovery to assist them through difficult situations.

Between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020...

- Between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, a total of \$76,881.24 has been saved by Green Lake County in incarceration costs for the participants in Treatment Court.
- A total of 144 hours of community service have been completed by Treatment Court participants.
- Each participant has spent approximately 7 hours per week working with a Certified Recovery Coach. This includes in-person meetings, phone calls, and follow-up.
- Program materials were updated.
- Due to COVID-19, processes and procedures were modified in order to follow local health and safety guidelines. We are now prepared should another health emergency arise.

What Data Do We Have?

- Including all current and past participants, 77% have not had any new criminal arrests. **This means our recidivism rate is 23%.** *(According to the National Institute of Justice, the national recidivism rate is 77%.)*
- Based on our current grant, our measureable goals are as follows:
 - 75% or higher completion rate
 - 25% or less recidivism rate
 - 300 days of jail averted

In 2020, we averted a total of 1,494 days of incarceration. The Green Lake County Jail reports a daily cost of \$51.46 per person. This means the Treatment Court has saved approximately \$76,881.24 in incarceration costs alone in 2020. The Treatment Court also had an 81.5% completion rate for 2020. The recidivism rate for 2020 was 23%.

More Statistics...

- In 2019, there were 9,128 prison admissions to the Wisconsin State Prison System. Of those admissions, a total of 3,903, or roughly 43%, were identified as suffering from alcohol and/or drug abuse.
- The average cost per day for a person incarcerated in jail in Green Lake County is \$51.46. That equals \$18,782.90 for one year of incarceration per person.
- The average cost to incarcerate one person in the Wisconsin State Prison System is approximately \$36,000 per year.
- According to the Green Lake County Public Health Profile for 2017, a total of 267.7 people per 100,000 who died in Green Lake County had alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs listed as underlying or contributing factors on their death certificates. Also included were many listing a combination of illegal drugs and/or alcohol. The state of Wisconsin, as a whole, had a rate of only 179.3 people per 100,000.

Let's Compare.....

This is data from another county in Wisconsin that is similar in size, population, and resources. This Treatment Court has been operational for over 10 years.

Year	Referrals	Admissions	Graduations	Terminations
2020	10	5	6	2
2019	7	5	5	0
2018	6	4	1	3


Green Lake County

Year	Referrals	Admissions	Graduations	Terminations
2020	9	3	2	3
2019	7	4	1	2
2018	7	5	0	0

As you can see, Green Lake County's Treatment Court data appears to be in line with well established Treatment Courts.

Referrals, Admissions, Graduations, & Terminations

- In 2017, two referrals were received. Of those 2 referrals, one graduated and the other was eligible but ended up moving to another county and was unable to be in Green Lake County's Treatment Court program due to the residency requirements.
- In 2018, 7 referrals were received. Of those 7 referrals, one participant passed away, one participant declined participation, one graduated, one was eligible but again, he moved out of Green Lake County prior to admission, and two were terminated (one terminated for abandoning the program).
- In 2019, 7 referrals were received. Of those 7 referrals, 2 are currently in the program, one graduated, 3 were ineligible due to being assessed by a validated risk assessment tool as being low risk, and one ended up discharging from probation a couple of months prior to graduating and opted out of continuing on in the program.
- In 2020, nine referrals were received. Of those 9 referrals, one is currently in the program, 2 were terminated, one declined to participate due to residency requirements, 2 were ineligible due to being assessed by a validated risk assessment tool as being low risk, one was ineligible due to being in prison, one was ineligible due to having more than one violent felony offense in his criminal history, and one is pending admission in 2021.
- In 2021, three referrals have been received. It is anticipated one person will be admitted in February/March of 2021, and two are under review.



Green Lake County's Treatment Court Program is doing AMAZING things! If you would like any additional information, have any questions, or want to learn more, please contact the Treatment Court Coordinator, Holley Dornfeld.

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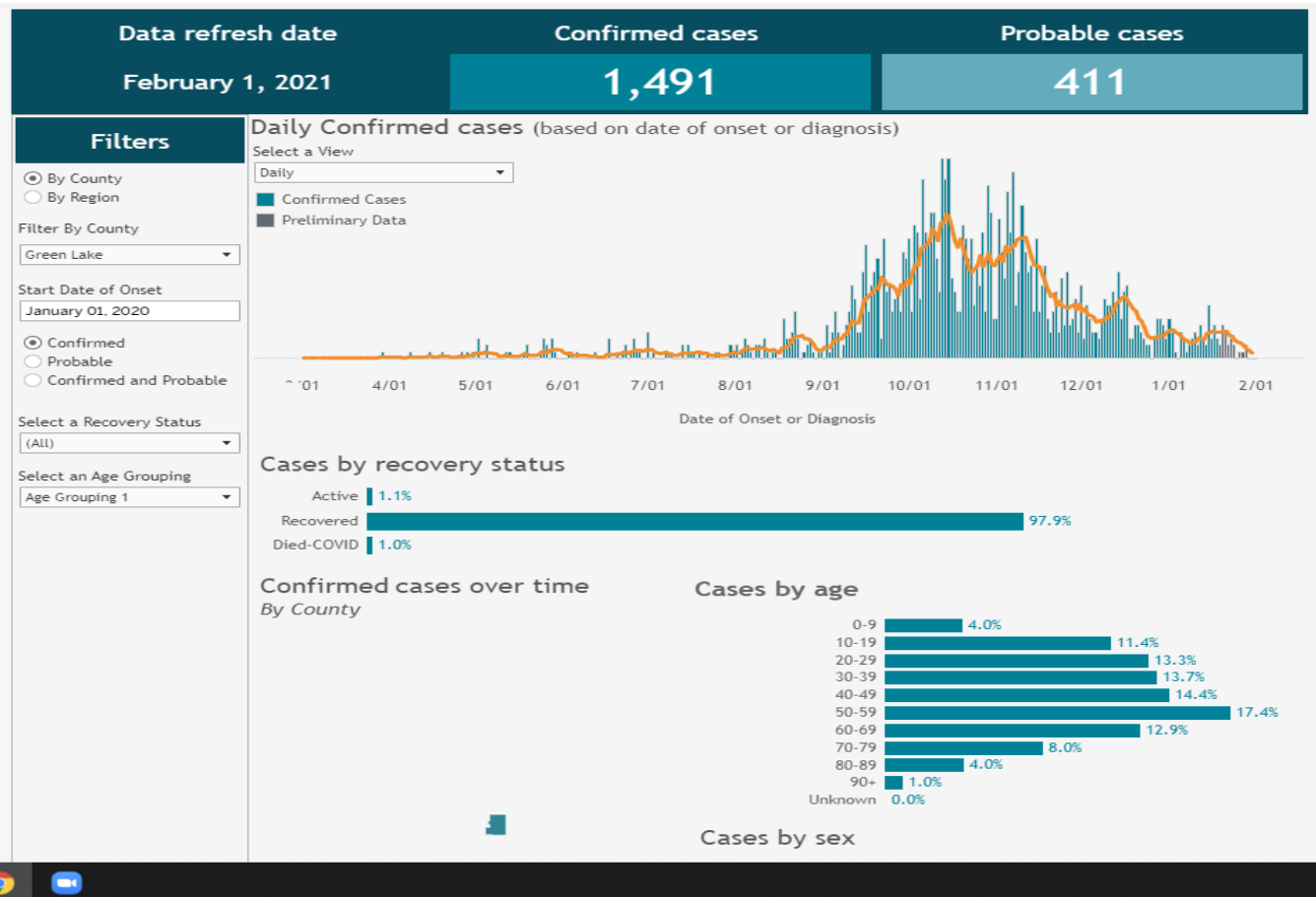
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January 2021 Monthly, Report to the Health & Human Services Board



The above report is dated February 1st, but is data that ended on January 31st. In the month of January, we had 92 confirmed new cases of COVID -19, 64 Probable cases and 545 negative tests and 2 additional deaths in a long term care facility. We did start vaccinating our Phase 1 healthcare workers and police and firemen and then moved on to those over age 65. We were able to vaccinate 416 individuals in January and could have done many more, but we did not receive the vaccine we requested. We are set up to do mass clinics at the Berlin Armory as soon as we get an adequate supply of vaccine.

Our month really revolved around contact tracing and investigation of COVID 19 cases and setting up and preparing for vaccinating. We are allowed to order each week the number of doses that we feel we will use. The first week we ordered 150 doses and we received 150. The second week we order 250 and received 100 doses, the third week we ordered 500 doses and received only 30 doses. This has been very frustrating and I have requested assistance from our legislators to find out why urban areas are getting thousands of doses and many of the rural areas are getting very limited or no vaccines at all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn S. Munsey, RN, Health Unit Manager

Environmental Health
Green Lake County
January 2021

Animal Bites/Exposures: Investigations – 4 (3 human/dog, 1 kitten/human)
Reported Animal Bites/Scratches – 3
Animal Quarantines for Animal v. Human Exposures – 3
Animal Quarantines for Animal v. Animal Exposures – 0
Quarantine Violations and Enforcement Actions Taken – 0
Animals Exhibiting Positive Signs of Rabies During Quarantine – 0
Animals Exhibiting Negative Signs of Rabies During Quarantine – 0
Enforcement Taken for Violations of Vaccination Requirements - 0
Animals Sacrificed for Exhibiting Symptoms of Rabies or Being Rabies Suspects- 1 (dog, negative).

Well Water: 4 test kits distributed.

Lead: A lead clearance took place on 01.14.2021 for a rental home in Markesan. The house did not pass clearance. A report and cover letter were sent to the landlord with the result of the clearance. Ongoing.

Participated in DHS EBL investigation training on 01.21.2021.

Sewage: None.

Solid Waste: None.

Radon: 33 kits distributed

January is Radon Action Month. An email was sent to county employees reminding them to pick up a reduced-cost radon test kit. Advertisements for reduced cost kits were also in local newspapers and on local radio stations.

Housing: A placard was removed from a Berlin house on 1.18.2021. The house passed the required building inspection.

Vector: A complaint regarding cockroaches at a Green Lake lodging facility was received on 1.12.2021. The owner of the facility was aware of the problem and had already contacted Orkin to perform services. Extermination services are being completed.

Asbestos: None.

Food/Water Illness: None.

Abandoned Bldgs: None.

Other: None.

Agent: 4 inspections completed.

Participated in a tabletop COVID-19 vaccination exercise for Waushara County on 01.06.2020.

Spoke to the Green Lake Rotary on 01.13.2021 regarding radon and the importance of radon testing.

Participated in a DATCP webinar on 1.26.2021 dedicated to updating agents on requirements for school kitchen record inspections.

Participated in NEHA "radon in private wells" webinar on 01.28.2021.

Participated in DATCP HealthSpace software update training on 01.29.2021.

Cease and Desist letters and citations were issued for facilities that failed to renew licensing fees.

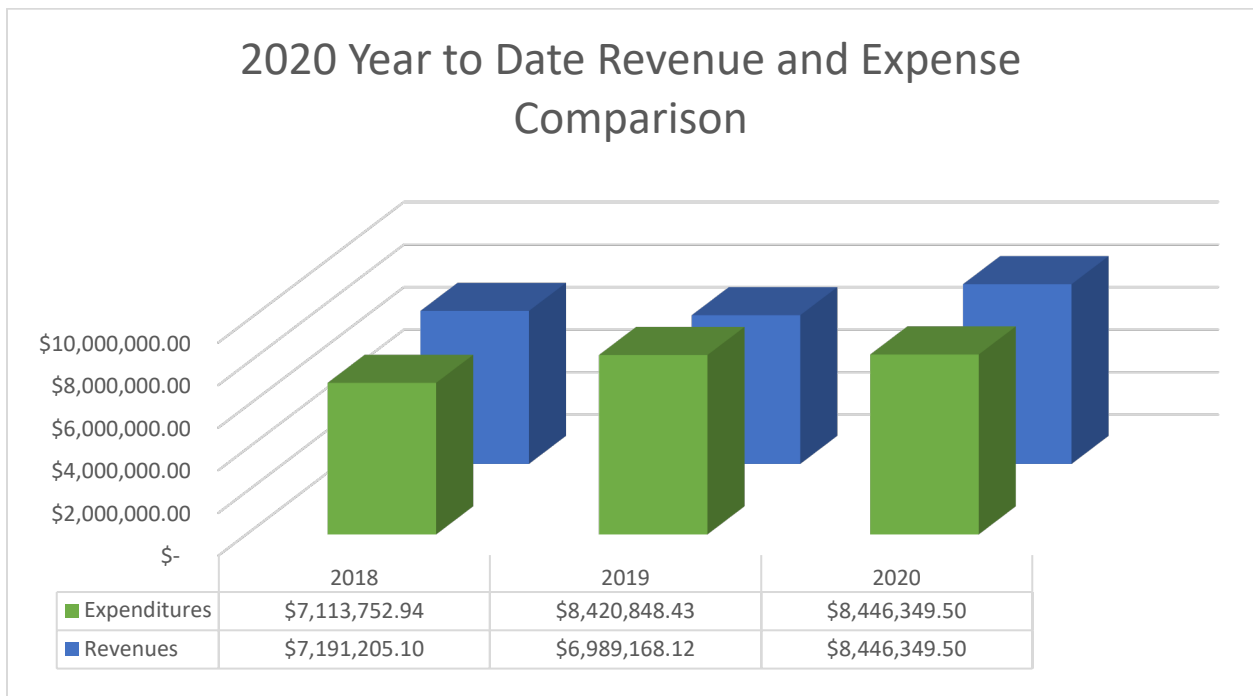
Most of this month was dedicated to COVID-19 cases for Green Lake and Waushara Counties.

Admin – January 2021

As the Covid-19 Pandemic continues and vaccination clinics ramp up our contracts for Health and Human Services have rose. The Admin Unit has continued to modifying the work flow to accommodate all the changes happening with COVID-19 Pandemic. In the last weeks of January HHS Admin staff have asked for additional help from other units to take field calls for people being put on the COVID vaccination wait list. Admin is currently working with a shortage of staff due to COVID.

A few highlights on the financials for 2020:

- Our 2020 Expenditures are closed as of 1/31/2021
- Our Revenues for 2020 remain open till 2/28/2021
- We are on track to complete 2020 on budget.
- We still have several revenues we are anticipating in the coming month for 2020.



***2020 Revenue number is projected

A few highlights on the for 2021 Year:

- We have received additional COVID funding for January 1, 2021 running through October 31, 2022.
- Green lake will continue to be the Fiscal lead for ADRC
- We are continuing our structure and workflow of the Admin Unit.
- We our fully staffed in Admin as of 1/4/2021.



**Green Lake Health & Human Services
Committee Report
Economic & Child Support Units
January 2021**

March to present 2020 - Staffing

- Week of March 16th – Increasing awareness and response of social distancing
- Week of March 23rd – Reduced office “footprint” and actions taken for remote work
- March 25th – Safer at Home
- Week of March 30th – 25% daily staff presence in office with 75% working remotely (staggered/exclusive)
- Reduced In Person services

March 2020 - Programs/Services

Child Support:

- Face to face Circuit Court hearings postponed
- Suspension of enforcement activities (incarceration, liens, license suspensions, etc.)
- Suspension of DNA paternity testing

Economic Support:

- Suspended annual renewals and report form requirements for all programs
- Suspended work requirements for FoodShare
- Suspended work requirements for MAPP (Medicaid program)
- 48% increase in FoodShare applications (primarily in last 2 weeks)
- Suspended photo ID requirement for Energy Assistance
- The Public Service Commission instructed water, electric, and natural gas utilities to not disconnect for non-payment until the State Public Health emergency has been lifted
- Energy Assistance applications processed with one month income guidelines and verifications versus three months as previously done

April 2020 - Programs/Services

Child Support:

- Face to Face Circuit Court hearings postponed (contempt)
- Federal Stimulus payment impacts (intercepted payments applied to past support owed or “held”)

Economic Support:

- Suspended annual renewals and report form requirements for all programs
- Suspended work requirements for FoodShare
- Suspended work requirements for MAPP (Medicaid program)
- Suspension of Healthcare premiums
- Suspension of drug testing and treatment needs questioning
- Emergency supplemental FoodShare benefits issued
- Relaxed verification requirements and allowing for best available information
- Eliminated interview requirements for FoodShare
- Healthcare coverage maintained for recipients (can't take away Medicaid for loss of eligibility)

- Maintaining Child Care authorizations and automatic payment to providers regardless of employment or attendance
- 70% increase in FoodShare and 29% increase in Healthcare applications
- Energy Assistance heating season is extended to September 30, 2020.

May 2020 - Programs/Services

Child Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600.00 weekly) impacts via intercepts
- Providing case management services due to economic impacts

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT) for nutrition assistance for free/reduced school lunch recipients
- Impacts of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation on FoodShare (not Healthcare)
- Wisconsin pilots “on-line” food purchasing with EBT benefits
- Long Term Care Cost Share responsibilities “frozen”
- Stabilized FoodShare and Healthcare applications

June 2020 - Programs/Services

Child Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- Resumed DNA paternity testing by division staff
- Encouraging Employment & Training services

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- Interview requirements reactivated for FoodShare applications
- Stopped emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits
- Child Care annual renewals reinstated
- Stabilization in FoodShare and Healthcare applications continues

July 2020 - Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms resume
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- Child Care authorizations and payments based upon work and attendance
- 25% increase in FoodShare and 17% increase in Healthcare applications.

** Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation ended 7/25/2020

August 2020 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- Face to Face Circuit Court hearings resumed

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- 150.08% increase in FoodShare and 45.87% increase in Healthcare applications

September 2020 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- Stabilization in FoodShare and Healthcare applications

October 2020 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- 2021 Energy Assistance heating started Processed 304 applications for Energy Assistance. 224 received a one-time payment
- Processed 304 applications for Energy Assistance. 224 received a one-time payment
- One furnace repaired and one replacement through Energy Assistance

- 150% increase in no heat/furnace issue calls to Energy Assistance

November 2020 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- 2021 Energy Assistance heating started Processed 304 applications for Energy Assistance. 224 received a one-time payment
- 10% increase in Energy Assistance applications compared to last year at this time.
- Increase in furnace and no heat calls. Two furnace replacements and six repairs.
- Space Heater Program implementation. Program to assist with providing space heaters for health and safety until heating source can be resolved. No eligibility requirements. One space heater preferably per household.
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December 2020 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- 2021 Energy Assistance – applications and benefits given up 50% more than last month. As of December 24th, we have processed 516 applications for Energy Assistance. 431 received a one-time benefits.
- 10% increase in Energy Assistance applications compared to last year at this time.
- 70% Increase in furnace and no heat calls compared to last year. We have repaired 5 furnaces and replaced 8.

January 2021 – Programs/Services

Child Support:

- No changes to date

Economic Support:

- Continued actions/suspensions listed above
- FoodShare annual renewals and report forms suspended
- Interview requirements deactivated for FoodShare applications
- Emergency FoodShare supplemental benefits resumed
- Households that receive Food Share will now receive a 15% added benefit. This temporary increase will last until June 2021. It was part of the federal COVID-19 stimulus package signed into law in December 2020.
- Food Share and Medical Assistance applications are rising significantly.
- We received a grant to purchase space heaters and assist in short term hotel stays for those in Green Lake County that are experiencing no heat and/or furnace issues.

- 2021 Energy Assistance – applications and benefits given up 50% more than last month. As of December 24th, we have processed 516 applications for Energy Assistance. 431 received a one-time benefits.
- 6% increase in Energy Assistance applications compared to last year at this time.
- 40% Increase in furnace and no heat calls compared to last year.

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2021

Resolution

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 16th day of February 2021, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to
- 2 get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a
- 3 disability; and
- 4 Fiscal note is not applicable.
- 5 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Ordinance No. -2021

Submitted by Health and Human Services Board:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this D16th day of February, 2021.

Joe Gonyo, Chair

Harley Reabe, Vice-chair

County Board Chairman

Brian Floeter

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Joanne Guden

Corporation Counsel

Nancy Hoffman

Joy Waterbury

Christine Schapfel

Charlie Wielgosh

Richard Trochinski

6 **WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, benefits
7 counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and
8 enrollment processing and counseling; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-
10 county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that
11 work with an ADRC; and

12 **WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a
15 decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of
17 reasons, including:

- 18 • The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- 19 • The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their
20 mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the
22 Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017
23 to discuss ADRC funding; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the
25 current funding formula, such as:

- 26 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older
27 ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established
28 at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- 29 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with
30 health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- 31 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and
32 disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow
33 significantly over the next 20 years;
- 34 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living
35 adjustments; and

36 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the
37 recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

38 **WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC
39 funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of
40 Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

41 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the
42 Governor's Task Force on Caregiving.

43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Board of
44 Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial
45 budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging
46 and disability populations:

- 47 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is
48 important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology
49 cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- 50 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - 51 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - 52 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - 53 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - 54 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - 55 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - 56 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - 57 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000;
 - 58 and

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Clerk shall send a copy of
60 this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS
61 Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area
62 legislators.