COUNTY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JANUARY 18, 2017
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome

Gregg Moore
• Chair, WCA Board of Directors
• Eau Claire County Board Chair
Today’s Agenda

• Legislative Briefing
• Capitol Visit Pointers
• Meetings with Legislators (10:30 - Noon)
• Lunch (Noon)
  • Senator Roger Roth, President, Wisconsin State Senate
• Meetings with Legislators (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
• Debriefing Session / Return Legislative Visit Forms
• Adjourn (3:30 p.m.)

NOTE: A meeting room at the Concourse will be open all day for your use between meetings. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Following lunch, please go to Conference Room III upon your return.
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Issues for the Day

January 18, 2017
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
Child Welfare Services

- State statute requires counties (except Milwaukee County) to provide child welfare services and employ personnel who devote all or part of their time to child welfare services

- Services include:
  - Initial assessment of reports received
  - Investigation
  - Services to children and families
  - Removal of children from their homes to ensure their safety
Child Welfare Funding

- Children and Family Aids
  - Funding provided by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to counties for services related to child abuse and neglect and to unborn child abuse, including prevention, investigation, and treatment
  - Base funding is $68,787,492
Children in Out-of-Home Care 2011-2015

- 2011: 7,653
- 2012: 7,700
- 2013: 7,875
- 2014: 8,225
- 2015: 8,258
Child Welfare Trends

- Uptick in cases is alarming
  - 36.8% increase in child welfare referrals from 2007-2015
  - 9% increase in screened-in child protective services (CPS) reports from 2011-2015 [Note: excludes Milwaukee County]
  - An 8% increase in the number of children entering out-of-home care from 2011-2015 [Note: excludes Milwaukee County]
  - An increasing number of Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) petitions filed statewide – from 4,392 in 2012 to 4,942 in 2015
Child Welfare Trends

• Why such an alarming trend?
  • Heroin
  • Opiates
  • Methamphetamines
• This is a national trend
Child Welfare

- Requested Action
  - Provide a 10% increase in the Children and Family Aids allocation beginning in CY 18
  - This equates to an annual increase of $6,878,749 annually
Child Welfare Trends

• The Children and Family Aids allocation has not kept pace with increased caseloads
  • $67.9 million in 2009
  • $68.8 million in 2016
Child Welfare

Talking Points

- Excluding increases for the payment of increased foster care rates, counties have not received an increase in the Children and Family Aids allocation since 2009
- The number of child welfare referrals has increased by 36.8% from 2007-2015
- Counties have seen a 9% increase in screened-in CPS reports from 2011-2015
- There was an 8% increase in the number of children entering out-of-home care from 2011-2015
- Increasing number of CHIPS petitions statewide
- Stress is taking its toll on child welfare workers; counties are losing highly-trained staff
- Cases are more complex if drug addiction is a factor
Child Welfare

• Talking Points
  • Governor’s Task Force on Opioid Abuse recommends additional state resources for Children and Family Aids to help counties hire the social work staff they need to care for the additional victims of the opioid epidemic – children and family members
  • Parental substance abuse cases in the child welfare system are complex and require intensive case management
  • Counties need to have sufficient resources to keep children safe in our communities
COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION STAFFING AND COST-SHARING GRANTS
County Land Conservation Staff

Promote effective conservation practices

- Preserve topsoil
- Protect agricultural economy
- Keep lakes and rivers healthy
- Promote recreation and tourism
- Administer key programs that create jobs
Current Status

- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
  - Minimum level of funding to remain viable
    - $9.3 million per year (minimum level)
- $7.7 million annually
- Past two biennial budgets, one time increase using segregated fees from environmental fund
Requested Action

• Appropriate an additional $2.2 million in addition to current base funding ($16.4 million)
• Allocation would allow for $9.3 million annual funding
MODERNIZING 911 SERVICES
Explanation of Current 911

- Current 911 equipment is obsolete and cost prohibitive
- State-hosted Emergency Service IP Network (ESI\text{net})
  - Cost effective solution to Wisconsin’s 911 crisis
- Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP)
  - Some WI PSAPs have Next Generation 911 equipment that allows digital information (voice, photos, videos, text messages) to be received
  - No PSAPs in WI have access to an ESI\text{net} thus making this new equipment useless with today’s technology
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<th>Today’s 911</th>
<th>Next Generation 911</th>
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<td>Virtually all calls are voice callers via telephones over analog lines</td>
<td>Voice, text, or video information from many types of communication devices sent over IP networks</td>
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<td>Most information transferred via voice</td>
<td>Advanced data sharing is automatically performed</td>
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<td>Callers routed through legacy selective routers, limited forwarding/backup ability</td>
<td>Physical location of PSAPs becomes immaterial. Callers routed automatically based on geographic location, enhanced backup abilities</td>
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<td>Limited ability to handle overflow situations, callers can receive a busy signal</td>
<td>PSAPs able to control call congestion treatment, including dynamically rerouting callers</td>
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Transitional NG9-1-1 Progress by State

Unknown or No Activity
IP Network Available at Sub-State Level
IP Network Available at State Level
NG9-1-1 Planning Started
NG9-1-1 Preparation Activity at Sub-State Level
NG9-1-1 Preparation Activity at State Level
NG9-1-1 Implementation in Progress at Sub-State Level
NG9-1-1 Implementation in Progress at State Level
NG9-1-1 Implemented at Sub-state Level
NG9-1-1 Implemented at State Level

Grey
Fuchsia
Light Blue
Light Brown
Blue
Red
Dark Green
Yellow
Turquoise
Green

DISCLAIMER: THIS MAP IS A HIGH LEVEL GENERALIZED SNAP SHOT AND IS NOT INTENDED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR OBTAINING SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM AREAS ON THEIR DETAILED CURRENT STATUS.
Requested Action

• Get the state involved by issuing an RFP that utilizes existing infrastructure (BadgerNet) to provide all PSAPs with an ESInet
• Estimated $12.5 million per year would be needed annually to build and maintain ESInet system
• Assign a state agency to oversee NG911
• Eliminate surcharge on landline phones
  • Unnecessary if the network expenses are included in RFP
NG911 Conclusion

• 27 years for all Wisconsin PSAPs to implement E911- We cannot wait that long
• Wisconsin lags behind other states in upgrades
• Statewide ESInet is the best solution for PSAPs across Wisconsin
CVSO GRANT FUNDING
Current Status

- Wis. Stat. §45.80- County boards are required to elect or appoint a CVSO who lives in WI and served on active duty
- Federally recognized Indian tribes and bands may appoint a TVSO who must be a veteran and serve as a full-time employee
- Grant program transitioned from block grant to reimbursement program with no rules set forth by DVA
- New reimbursement program is both cumbersome and severely limiting
  - Detracts from the goal of supporting our veterans and advocating on their behalf
- Total Dollars Available for CVSOs: **$761,000**
- Total Reimbursements in 2016: **$667,100**
  - Grant amounts range from $8,500 to $13,000 based on population.
- The WDVA shall reimburse a TVSO twice yearly for documented expenses up to $15,000 per grant.
Requested Action

- Return CVSO system back to block grant
- Require oversight of the CVSO grant requests by county executive or administrator
  - Certify that the grant dollars are expended according to statute in the best interest of WI veterans
- Provide additional dollars to the block grant
QUESTIONS?
CAP Team Feedback

- Following meetings, please return to the Concourse to fill out / return your Capitol Feedback Form
- After lunch we will be relocated to Conference Room III.
Tips for Capitol Visits
Meeting with your Elected Officials

• Be on time!

• Your legislators may not be!

• Meeting with legislative staff can be just as effective as meeting with your state representative or senator
Meeting with Your Elected Officials

• Be Prepared!
  • Make introductions
  • Choose who is going to lead the group
  • Plan ahead of time who is going to speak to what issue
• This will help you stay on message and on time
Meeting with your Elected Officials

• Keep it simple
  • Provide key facts
    • It is OK if you do not know the answer to a question - just say so
  • Stay on message
  • Describe the problem
    • How does it impact your county?
• Make the ask
• Be sure to leave with your legislators and/or staff a copy of the issue papers
In the Future

• Your job is not over after today
  • Continue to meet with your legislators in the district
  • Make sure to follow up with legislators with additional information if requested
Capitol Entrances

- All entrances to the State Capitol are open
- To return to the Concourse, use exit marked Wisconsin Avenue