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TO: HHN Committee, other interested parties

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RE: August Update

Here are some notes for activity in July and August.

The Non-Profit Assistance program enacted at the July 22nd meeting is live. Applications are being accepted as of July 28th. We hope to make awards later on in August.

Hotels to Housing is also making good progress, placing more than 40 people into permanent housing as of the date of this update. Further updates are included in the quarterly ARP report.

The Triage and Restoration consultant—RI—has been engaging stakeholders in a variety of forums to gather community input for the center. The formal report is due to DCDHS at the end of September.

All workplace normalization plans have been disseminated to staff after engaging in efforts to seek input and react to changing circumstances and public health guidance. It remains a fluid situation.

There have been no new reports of virus at Badger Prairie in months. However, in keeping with CDC guidance and best practice, DOA is circulating a voluntary confidential survey of employees to provide guidance and insight into vaccine mandates. We want to learn more about the circumstances keeping a small number of staff (about 15%) from getting a vaccine to better inform policy and approach as we head into colder weather months and higher virus transmission rates.

We opened the Job Center doors on July 12th and the traffic has been steady. There were almost 100 visitors on the first day. The opening has been complicated by construction in the lobby to create better flow and safety for staff and guests alike.

The ADRC was also mandated to resume in-person walk in service in early August.

The first quarterly ARP progress report is attached. Let me know if you have feedback on the format. Since so many of the activities were so recently enacted, substantive data will be forthcoming on several items.

Finally, I was also asked to provide an update on the implementation status of initiatives passed as part of the 2021 budget. A summary table is below.

Budget Implementation Summary

LTE report to Personnel & Finance	By April 1, 2021, each department shall submit a report to the Personnel & Finance Committee of limited term employee activity for calendar year 2020. The report should include each LTE position showing the division in the department where the LTE served, the classification of the position, as well as total hours worked and wages paid by pay period.	Completed
Increase Affordable Housing Development funds	Increase expenditures and borrowing proceeds by \$3 million in the Affordable Housing Development. P&F reduced to \$1 million.	Completed
NewBridge Multicultural training & education	AAA Multicultural Training & Education - NEWBRIDGE	Completed
Madison Region Economic Partnership (MADREP) COVID Recovery funds	Madison Region Economic Partnership (MADREP) COVID Recovery funds	Completed
Mental health crisis worker	Increase funding for mental health crisis worker contract	Completed
Triage Center Planning	TRIAGE CENTER PLANNING	In Process
Westgate Affordable Housing Project	WESTGATE AFFORDABLE HOUSNG PRJ Increase expenditure and borrowing proceeds revenue by \$2 million to provide funding to support the affordable housing development project at the Westgate Shopping Center redevelopment site. Add the following language to 2020 RES-221:"The capital budget includes \$2 million to support JT Klein's affordable Housing project at the former Westgate Shopping Center site. This funding will be available pursuant to agreements subsequently approved by the County Board as either a loan through the Dane County	In Process

	Housing Authority, or through the county's acquisition and leaseback of a component of the project. The developer must secure all additional financing for the project by June 30, 2022."	
1402 South Park Affordable Housing project	FOURTEEN02 PARK AFFORDABLE HOU Increase expenditure and borrowing proceeds revenue by \$1.35 million to provide funding to support the affordable housing development project at the 1402 South Park Street redevelopment site. Add the following language to 2020 RES-221: "The capital budget includes \$1.35 million to support Movin' Out/Rule Enterprises affordable housing project at 1402 South Park Street. This funding will be available pursuant to agreements subsequently approved by the County Board as either a loan through the Dane County Housing Authority, or through the county's acquisition and leaseback of a component of the project. The developer must secure all additional financing for the project by June 30, 2022."	In Process
Families Back to the Table	FAMILIES BACK TO THE TABLE Increase expenditures and borrowing proceeds by \$1.3 million for the county to purchase and renovate a commercial office space and multi-family residential property to lease back to Families Back to the Table, Inc. P&F reduced to \$750,000	In Process—DOA led