



# Newsletter

June 2024

## Strategic Planning Session



Now that our mission, vision, and value statements have been revised and approved by our Board, it was time to start the strategic plan process. This is never an activity that is a favorite as it takes many hours of conversation about where we came from, where we are now, and where we think we will be in the future. But it is so very important. Following are some reasons why this is so important for the future of our organization.

**Clarity of Mission and Vision:** Strategic planning helps define and refine the mission and vision, ensuring that all activities align with our core purpose.

**Long-term Sustainability:** By setting goals and the strategies to achieve them, we can better position ourselves for long-term sustainability.

**Effective Decision Making:** Strategic planning provides a framework for making decisions that align with our mission and vision.

**Adaptation to Change:** The social, economic, and political landscapes in which we work are constantly evolving. Strategic planning allows us to anticipate and respond to changes, ensuring we remain effective in addressing the needs of those we serve.

This strategic planning gives us a roadmap for success, helping us stay true to our mission, utilize resources efficiently, and make a positive impact on our communities.

Thea O'Connor, Executive Director



## Our Mission:

Church Health Services is a Christian based healthcare organization that provides dental, mental health, and medical services for the low-income uninsured and underinsured.

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# CHS in the Community

We recently hosted the **Beaver Dam Kiwanis Club** meeting. Thea gave members an update about our programs, services, and activities. She shared that between our medical, dental and mental health services and programs we are providing care to 6,000 children and adults.



**Mark Born**, WI State Representative, Assembly District 39 took time to meet with Thea and Karen

recently. We shared information about our dental and mental health programs and services, including our AODA programs. The needs of our clients and patients as well as Medicaid reimbursement issues were also part of the discussion. These opportunities are very valuable for both us and Representative Born.

## John Moser Children's Radiothon Brat Fry at Jahnke's Piggly Wiggly



Thank you to all who stopped buy our Brat Fry at Jahnke's Piggly Wiggly!

We had a successful day due to our great day of volunteers, cookie bakers and of course the Piggly Wiggly staff! We partnered with The Gathering Source and the proceeds will go to the John Moser Children's Radiothon. We are grateful to be two of the agencies benefitting from monies raised through Radiothon fundraising events!



### Hannah and Paige

Paige, our summer intern, helped Hannah staff our table at the spring Multilingual Family Night held for Rock River Intermediate School families and students this past May.

### Angela Presentation

Angela, one of our counselors, gave a presentation to a youth group in May. Coordinated through Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, she gave the group some great information about the importance of taking time with activities and practices to maintain or improve your mental health.



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# Community Support

## Community Day Middle School volunteers

**Beaver Dam Middle School students** were out and about in May volunteering to help many organizations get some jobs done. We are grateful to have been one of the recipients of their time! Our group helped us spring clean the Little Free Pantry and lay out stone for a sidewalk. They also helped with the planting of some colorful annuals along the side of our building. It looks great! Thank you all!



**summit**  
CREDIT UNION

**FOOD & PERSONAL CARE ITEM DRIVE FOR CHURCH HEALTH SERVICES  
JUNE 1 - JUNE 30**

Drop items off at  
Summit Credit Union, 104 Frances Lane  
Mon.-Fri 8:30 - 5:00 or Sat. 9:00 - 12:00  
Church Health Services, 115 N. Center Street.  
Mon - Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30 pm

 Canned fish Canned meats Peanut butter / other nut butters	 Pasta sauce Canned tomatoes Shell-stable milk Canned pastas	 Shampoo Conditioner Body Wash Body Lotion
 Toothbrush Toothpaste Dental Floss Deodorant	 CHURCH HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	

## Knights of Columbus Waupun



The KC's donated \$3,000 from the proceeds of one of their Lenten Fish Frys. Rick Vant Hoff, CHS Board Member, was on hand to accept the check!



## Olivia Gerritson, ADRC Dodge County

and Dan Doyle brought us a great donation of several medication lock boxes. These are great to use to keep

your medications safe and secure. Anyone with young children around, even if just visiting, should consider how they are keeping their medication safe and out of reach. Thank you!

## Student Mock Interviews

Karen took some time to interview BDHS student in mock interviews. She had a job application for each student, as well as questions to ask each of the students. This helps them to have a "practice run" at interviewing for jobs ahead of a "real" interview. After she was treated to lunch prepared by the Advanced Culinary Arts students.



# Staff

## 2024 Concordia Parish Nurse Conference



Bob not only attended the May Parish Nurse conference, he was one of the presenters! His presentation was titled Advance Care Planning: It's About the Conversation. Carol, CHS Parish Nurse, also attended the conference.



## Healthy Teens Hang out



Hannah has been busy preparing for her summer teen hang out sessions. There will be one located in Beaver Dam at our 115 N.

Center St. clinic in the Mental Health space on Mondays from 4-6pm and another will be held in the Waupun Rock River Wellness Center located in the back of Rock River Intermediate School, 451 E Spring St, Waupun on Wednesdays from 5-8pm.

If you are between the ages of 12-17 you are invited to come and hang out every week to complete activities, play games, and talk about things that matter to you. Some of the topics that she will cover are how to deal with peer pressure, develop healthy coping skills, social skill building, deal with stress in high school and beyond, develop self care skills and more! Contact Hannah at [hannahl@churchclinic.org](mailto:hannahl@churchclinic.org) if you have questions or are interested in participating.

We celebrated another staff's milestone birthday with a very tasty potluck and birthday cake this month. Have the best year Carol and nope we are not telling!



## Landscaping



Rick Vant Hoff has been busy helping us landscape the back of building with plants native to WI. Thank you to Chuck and Liz Orsay as well as Rick for the donation of the plants and planting them!

Community Mental Health Challenge



A number of us participated in this challenge hosted by the Fond du Lac Area Women's Fund. We pledged to spend 20 minutes every day during the month of May focused on activities that enhanced our mental health. There are so many different ways to strengthen your mental health. These photos are examples of our success.

