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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Seaquist, Sara
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 11:36 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: SB 262
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From: Richard Schlimm [mailto:rschlimm@charterinternet.net]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 11:26 AM
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: SB 262

Dear Senator Roessler and Jennifer Helbur:

Please oppose SB 262!

I believe that it will seriously affect a county's ability to provide effective services!

The bill would prohibit a county from contracting with a nonprofit for services unless the nonprofit raised "matching funds" (which cannot be from federal, state, or local governmental sources).

Wisconsin's 16 community action agencies do a tremendous job of mobilizing resources from a variety of sources including the private sector. BUT some services would clearly be in jeopardy. Winnebago County contracts with ADVOCAP for a very effective employment program for disabled adults at upwards of several hundred thousand dollars per year (Im not sure of the current contract level). It would be impossible for ADVOCAP to obtain \$200,000 or \$300,000 of private sector match for that program. Other agencies would be in the same position in providing services to seniors, disabled adults, and others.

Thank you for listening! Please keep me posted on this bill.

Dick

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Seaquist, Sara
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 1:44
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Opposition to SB 262
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-----Original Message-----

From: Walter Orzechowski [mailto:Wallyo@swcap.org]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 1:43 PM
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: FW: Opposition to SB 262

9/29/03

Dear Senators Roessler and Schultz:

I recently became aware of a bill introduced to your Committee on Health, Children, Families & Long-Term Care. The bill, (Senate Bill 262) would prohibit counties from providing grants to non-profit organizations unless the non-profit provides "matching funds". The matching funds could not come from federal, state, or local governmental sources.

I strongly urge you to not support this Bill. While it may be well intended it would have an unnecessary negative impact on the provision of services by many smaller, non-profit providers of programs to persons in need. There are many small non-profit organizations that are capable of providing high quality services in certain specific (e.g. homeless shelters, domestic violence counseling, etc.). However, because of their size they do not have the resources to meet any matching funds requirement. Under Bill 262 they would be prohibited from getting grant funds to provide their services regardless of their capabilities or the need for their services in a community unless they had the matching funds from other non-governmental sources. Many of the smaller agencies will never be able to meet the matching funds requirements and therefore will be excluded from receiving grants for many worthwhile purposes.

In addition, I question the basic need for SB 262. In the event a matching funds requirement would make sense for a specific grant funded project or service, the grant funding organization (E.g. federal, state, county government, etc.) could simply designate the requirement in the proposal to non-profit organizations and achieve the same result without the need for a statewide, blanket prohibition. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Karl Pnazek [kspnazek@capmail.org]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 3:17 PM
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Dick Schlimm; 'Mary Patoka'
Subject: Senate Bill 262

Senator Roessler:

I wanted to take a moment to let you know of my concern with Senate Bill 262. CAP Services operates a number of contracts for service (not grants) with four counties in its area funded in part by community aids dollars. These contracts include providing after-hours AODA and mental health phone coverage, providing housing for the developmentally disabled and chronically mentally ill, providing interpreter services, providing emergency foster care, providing emergency housing for victims of domestic violence, and providing family intervention services to families at risk of child abuse or neglect.

CAP Services' Board of Directors considers these all contracts for services, not "grants," i.e. funds received with no commensurate responsibilities. Yet Senate Bill 262 would require us to raise matching funds (either cash or in-kind) to contribute toward these contracts. CAP Services offers these services because the counties have determined we are the best provider of these services and because the counties save money by using CAP or because CAP has a capacity that it would be too costly to develop themselves. I am unclear why the sponsors of the legislation think it should be a non-profit's responsibility to raise funds to deliver county designated programs?

I am also not sure of the motivation for this bill. There was a suggestion in the paper that there was a concern about non-profit financial and program accountability. I suggest if improving financial and program accountability are the goals, then financial and program monitoring and better audit requirements be the focus of any changes, not fundraising. As example, I refer you to the recent situation at Goodwill in Appleton, where they do a great job of fundraising but their financial accountability left something to be desired.

As always, if there are any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call me at 715.343.7509.

Karl S Pnazek
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Seaquist, Sara

From: Grace Sierer [graces@couleecap.org]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2003 3:54 PM
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Please stop this legislation

Hello, I am writing to encourage Senator Roessler to defeat SB 262 which would prohibit counties from providing a grant to a nonprofit corporation unless the non-profit provides "matching funds". The matching funds cannot be from federal, state, or local governmental sources. At Couleecap, in western Wisconsin, we receive more than six sub contracts from counties to operate programs for low income people. The county sub contracts with us because we are a cost effective and responsive option. We would not be able to raise matching funds for the funds that the counties give us, especially not in the rural counties that we serve.

I am encouraging the Senator to insure that this legislation does not pass. Thank you for listening.

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October 17, 2003

State Senator Carol Roessler
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Re: SB 262

Dear Senator Roessler:

SB 262 is currently before the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Aging, and Long Term Care. We wish to express our concerns regarding the proposed legislation.

Many non-profits currently do not devote a significant percentage of their resources to fundraising activities, focusing instead on providing service. Under the bill, they could find themselves having to shift program resources or hiring new staff to meet the mandated match of grant funds.

The result could mean many non-profit organizations would be forced to devote themselves more to fund development and less to their original mission. That could very well mean the loss of service to clientele of the non-profit organizations.

As you may know, non-profit organizations are providing vital services to the citizens of Wisconsin, often in the place of programs operated and directly funded by governmental agencies. The non-profits, by using their current practice of utilizing a wide range of resources, are able to reduce the number of state-operated social programs.



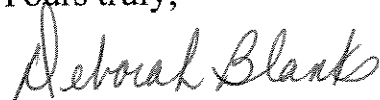
The Social Development Commission, for example, recently received a \$40,000 grant from Milwaukee County that was, in turn, used to qualify for a \$627,000 Federal grant to train Milwaukee County seniors so they could return to the work force. Unfortunately, SB 262 would not recognize that kind of leveraging.

Perhaps even more important than an agency's ability to raise funds is its ability to demonstrate solid outcomes. The Social Development Commission, for example, uses the federally mandated ROMA or Results Oriented Management and Accountability system to measure its outcomes. Demonstrating its outcomes rather than its fund-raising prowess would seem to be a much more accurate way to gauge the efficiency of an agency.

I would urge you to consider these facts when deliberating SB 262. I feel that the negative impact of the bill on the many fine non-profit organizations across Wisconsin would far outweigh the potential benefits.

If you have any follow-up questions regarding this matter or require further information, I would encourage you to contact me by calling 414-906-2700.

Yours truly,



Deborah Blanks
CEO

cc: Senate Committee on Health, Children, Aging and
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Senator Carol Roessler
PO Box 7882, Room 403
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Dear Senator Roessler,

Carol

On behalf of the RFW Board of Directors and membership, I ask you to oppose SB 262. The bill would prohibit counties from providing grants to nonprofit corporations from community aids dollars unless the nonprofit corporation provides 100% matching funds.

This bill if passed would essentially prohibit most nonprofit organizations from applying for a grant if they have to match the grant by 100% and counties would be reluctant to provide the grants because the bill would reduce the community aids they receive by the amount of the grant in the next fiscal year.

For the past couple of years it has been a struggle for many of my organizations to provide the needed services for people with disabilities due to economic conditions and budget reductions at all levels of government, SB 262 would only make the situation worse for providers and those individuals who use the services they provide.

Once again, I urge you to oppose the bill because it is not only a bad piece of legislation but it is also bad public policy.

Sincerely,

Michael Kirby, CAE
Executive Director