

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

PLANNING COUNCIL MISSION: To advance and improve the quality of the health and well-being of the general population, as well as, to promote the equitable and efficient delivery of health and human services by serving as an independent information, education, research and consultative resource to the community, including community leaders and decision makers, funding bodies, and other interested persons and organizations.

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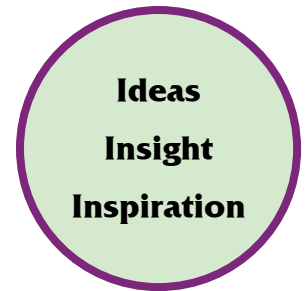
Helping communities build and sustain strong and caring health and human service systems in Southeastern Wisconsin is what the Planning Council for Health and Human Services has been committed to for over forty years. Through planning, research, and evaluation, the Planning Council has:

- Provided leadership in identifying health and human services planning issues and convening a broad array of stakeholders to address those issues;
- Provided independent third-party evaluations helping programs demonstrate effectiveness, quality, and the achievement of desired outcomes;
- Published and explained data that can be used in addressing community-wide issues;
- Facilitated partnerships and helped organizations and people work together to improve conditions for people who receive health and human services.

In 2005, the Planning Council had the opportunity to serve Southeastern Wisconsin communities in many ways. We are proud to have been able to include the ideas, insights, and inspiration of the members of the communities we serve in our work. Please see the list of 2005 Major Accomplishments in this report for specific examples of how we are keeping our commitment to building and sustaining strong and caring health and human services systems.

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**Assuring
fairness for
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2005 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Planning

- **CHILD CARE:** Created a child care planning process for Milwaukee County.
- **DISABILITIES SERVICES:** Assisted Milwaukee County in development of a proposal for a Disabilities Services Resource Center that would educate and counsel disabled persons about services available to them.
- **HOMELESS HEALTH CARE:** Managed the proposal review process for clinical care provided to clients of Health Care for the Homeless Milwaukee.
- **MENTAL HEALTH:** Assisted community mental health stakeholders in developing a model for a Crisis Resource Center.
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** Provided Milwaukee County with information on best practices in the area of substance abuse, including co-occurring disorders and screening/brief intervention, for use in its redesigned substance abuse system.
- **WEIGHT BIAS:** Partnered with Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity at Yale University to survey U.S. medical schools on how the issue of weight bias is handled in their curricula.

Research/Evaluation

- **CHILD CARE QUALITY EVALUATION:** Conducted an evaluation of initiatives designed to improve the quality of child care centers and family child care homes in Milwaukee County, including documenting the effectiveness of the project and highlighting areas in need of continued improvement.
- **HOUSING AUTHORITY EVALUATION:** Conducted an evaluation of the City of Milwaukee Housing Authority's Highland Park – Hope VI project.
- **MENTAL HEALTH REDESIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Completed a final report for the State of Wisconsin regarding the reliability and use of the Recovery Oriented Systems Assessment (ROSA), an assessment of the extent to which mental health and AODA systems are recovery-oriented.
- **META HOUSE EVALUATIONS:** Served as external program evaluators for Meta House's three federally funded substance abuse treatment programs for women, including working in partnership with the agency's internal evaluation department.

Child Welfare Ombudsman

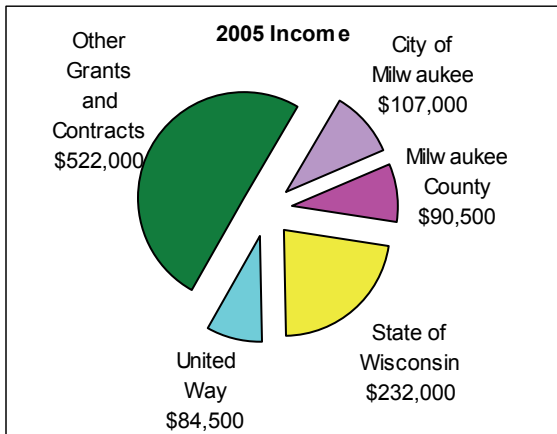
In 2005, the Planning Council established the Office of the Milwaukee Ombudsman for Child Welfare, a free public service that reviews case-specific concerns regarding the safety, permanence, and well-being of children and families involved with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

Technology Infrastructure

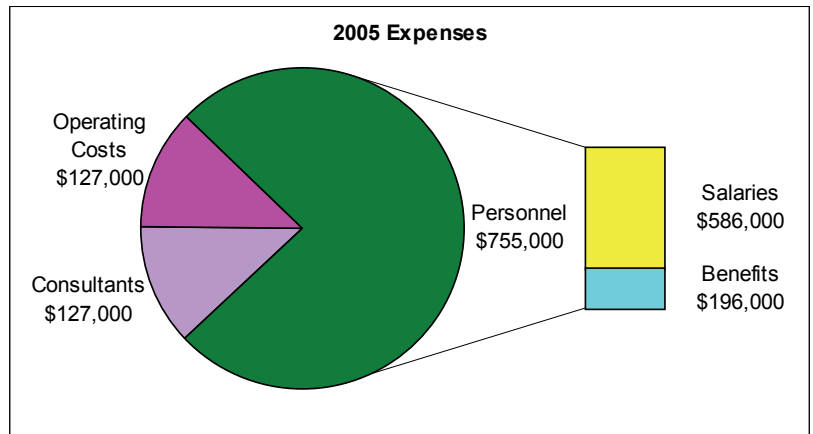
Two new servers have greatly improved the Planning Council's technology infrastructure. A Virtual Private Network has improved secure remote access for staff.

2005 Sources of Revenue

- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- City of Milwaukee Housing Authority
- Fighting Back, Inc.
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Health Care for the Homeless
- Making Connections Milwaukee
- Meta House
- Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division
- Milwaukee County Children's Court Center
- Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services
- Milwaukee County Disabilities Services Division
- Milwaukee County Economic Assistance Division
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity - Yale University
- State of Wisconsin Bureau of Mental Health Services
- The Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse of Washington County
- United Way in Waukesha County
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee
- Wellness Council of Wisconsin



Total Income = \$1,036,000



Total Expenses = \$1,036,000

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