



Intergovernmental Cooperation Workshop League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference Oct. 15, 2014

9:00 – 9:20 Introduction - Gary Becker

Review work of LGI – findings from Baker Tilly study, resource directory, collaboration councils
Review key issues to address for collaboration
Overview of rest of workshop & introduce presenters

9:20 – 9:50 Leadership - Henry Veleker, City Administrator, City of Waupaca

How does a leader, who sees an opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation around the delivery of services get a dialog started and maintain it over time, particularly if the entities have had a competitive or antagonistic relationship in the past?

9:50 – 10:20 Analysis - David Varana, Corvus Insights, LLC

What are some of the analytic techniques employed to understand whether an intergovernmental agreement makes sense? How is the analysis process managed with multiple "owners" or stakeholders? What kind of costs can be expected? Who should do the analysis? What are some of the pitfalls to look out for in this stage of reaching agreement?

10:20 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:00 Negotiating an Agreement - Matt Dregne, Stafford Rosenbaum

Reaching an agreement is the goal of every service sharing initiative. However, many start down this path without achieving that goal. What are some of the issues that affect a successful outcome? What are the components of a good intergovernmental agreement?

11:00 – 11:50 Implementation – Panelists & Audience

This will be an interactive part of the workshop. We can learn a lot from the experience of our peers. We will explore issues and lessons learned from workshop participant's experiences with intergovernmental cooperation.

11:50 – 12:00 Wrap-up

Handouts/Resources:

Form to identify IC examples from participants
Local Government Collaboration in Wisconsin: Case Studies 2012

HENRY VELEKER

Henry is currently the City Administrator/Clerk for the city of Waupaca, Wisconsin. Henry is the community's first appointed professional taking the position in 1998.

Henry is celebrating his twenty-fifth (25th) year in the public management profession having previously served communities in South Carolina as a circuit rider, city and county administrator. Henry holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1987) and his Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of South Carolina/College of Charleston joint MPA Program (1989). He is a graduate of the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program (2004) now known as Leadership Wisconsin.

Henry is involved in his community serving as a founding member on the Board of Directors of the Waupaca Area Triathlon, Waupaca Area Community Foundation ex-officio board member, past president of the Waupaca Breakfast Rotary Club and a board member of the recently formed Waupaca YMCA Operations Committee.

Henry is a native Pennsylvanian with his paternal grandfather a Wisconsin native hailing from the town of Alto near Waupun. He is a U.S. Navy veteran serving from 1981 – 1985. Henry is married to Lorinda Veleker, a registered nurse. They have been married for thirty-three (33) years. They have three adult children; Dwight (25), Clyde (24) and Sylvia (21) and yes a couple of pets; Beemer, Deider and Bonavia. Henry is an avid motorcyclist as well with his most memorable motorcycle trip being a tour of New Zealand.

DAVID VARANA

Dave's prior professional background features more than twenty years of working with public sector organizations to address their most pressing challenges. The thread that binds together all of his professional work is his passionate belief in the value of public service. He has broad knowledge of local and state government, public education, and utility functions.

In his role as principal of Corvus Insights, Dave provides data-driven analysis and research for clients involved in matters of public interest.

MATTHEW P. DREGNE

Matthew P. Dregne is a partner at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP which has a substantial municipal law practice. Matt is general counsel for a number of local governments, and regularly assists cities, villages, towns and counties with a wide range of legal matters. His experience includes assisting municipalities with complex development and redevelopment projects involving property acquisition, tax incremental financing, zoning, and construction phases; intergovernmental agreements; representing Dane County municipalities in matters involving the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission; routinely advising local governments on land use and development matters and on the organization, powers and duties of local governments; and representing municipal governments in trial and appellate litigation.

Matt was honored to be named Best Lawyers 2013 Madison Municipal Law "Lawyer of the Year" and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America since 2007. He earned his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin in 1992, and a B.A. from UW-Madison in 1987. Matt has served on the board of directors for Wingra School, and as a board member and President of the board of directors for the Festival Choir of Madison. Matt is an avid whitewater canoeist and enjoys sharing his passion for the sport with his family. He paddles solo and tandem open boats, and has experienced some of the finest rivers available in Wisconsin and Ontario.