

AGENDA

	Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 5:00 pm Conference Call 1.312-626-6799 Zoom Meeting ID # 820 4893 9154 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048939154 Iowa County HHS Center – Community Room 303 W Chapel Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.</i>		
1	Call to order.	
2	Roll Call.	
3	Approve the meeting agenda for February 2, 2022.	
4	Approve the minutes of January 5, 2022 meeting.	
5	Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.	
6	Request by Unified Community Services to form an Advisory Committee to make recommendations for utilization of the Opioid Settlement Funds	
7	HEALTH DEPARTMENT Department Update	
8	SENIOR UNITED NUTRITION Department Update	
9	UW EXTENSION Department Update	
10	VETERANS OFFICE Department Update	
11	Next meeting: Wednesday March 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM	
12	Adjournment.	
Posting verified by Thomas C. Slaney: Date: Initials:		

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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. <i>Health and Human Services Community Room</i> 303 W. Chapel Street.; Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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1	Chairperson Nankee called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien Members Present Remotely: Kimberly Alan, Mel Masters, John Meyers Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Bruce Paull, Donna Paull, Valerie Hiltbrand, Echo Bristol, Tom Slaney
3	<u>Approval of the January 5, 2022 Agenda:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the agenda with proposed changes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by O'Brien to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	<u>Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Committee. No action will be taken.</u> <i>Rolfsmeyer-</i> He sits on a committee with Paula Tran, the Wisconsin State Health Officer and Division of Public Health Administrator, and he sent a copy of a Resolution to commend and support the Iowa County Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He shared her response commending our County and Health Department. <i>Davis-</i> She shared that S.U.N. is still in need of a Dodgeville Meal Site Manager. Cecile has been filling the role in addition to her other responsibilities. The Financial Administrator retired at the end of December, causing an opening in the office. There is also a need for a Highland and Avoca Meal Site Prep Center. Other counties run their Meals-On-Wheels programs through their ADRC. Slaney stated that most counties handle their meal programs through their ADRC's and that Iowa County is one of the rare counties who contract those services out to a third party organization. <i>Paull-</i> He shared that Hidden Valley Church has nominated the S.U.N. Program to be their monthly serving focus for January, 2022. For the whole month, people can make donations to the church that will be given to the S.U.N. Program. <i>Nankee-</i> He spoke with Cecile today, and she shared that the Linden site is short one of their main volunteers. S.U.N. is accommodating the loss of the Highland and Avoca Meal Prep Site by getting more meals from UW-Platteville into Linden to be packaged and distributed. The Highland Lions are working on getting more S.U.N. volunteers in Highland and have donated to the S.U.N. Annual Appeal. He also shared that he attended an Ag and Extension Committee meeting in Darlington this past December, and we are short one Ag Agent and recently filled the open FoodWise position. Nankee also shared that this time of year is hard on Veterans. <i>Rolfsmeyer-</i> He stated that at the Ag and Extension Committee meeting, there was an introduction on what UW-Extension plans to do with new State Ag positions. The State received extra money and decided to fill eight new positions that will be regional in nature. These regional Ag Educators will support local Ag Educators with the goal that Extension becomes the vehicle for the University of Wisconsin to provide more outreach services. He felt this was a good thing and that it will benefit Iowa County. Meyers shared the change in the agriculturalist from 20 years ago to today, and he felt that Extension took that to heart. <i>Nankee-</i> He highlighted articles from both the Iowa County News & Views and the Grant County News & Views.
6	<u>Report on SWCAP from Supervisor Rolfsmeyer:</u> Rolfsmeyer gave report. He shared SWCAP's background history; including the fact that they are part of a network that covers the entire State of Wisconsin (WISCAP). The agency is growing quickly and it covers a

	five county region in Southwest Wisconsin. They are currently working on refugee resettlement of the Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy, the Darlington Migrant Housing program to provide 32 units of affordable housing to migrant workers, WI Emergency Rental Assistance program to provide rent and utility assistance to those facing financial hardships due to COVID-19, expansion of Dodgeville Dental Services to serve more low income residents, and food programs to provide food to low income residents.
7	<u>Discussion on Badger Care Cliff Elimination Resolution:</u> Slaney presented on the resolution. Badger Care currently has an eligibility threshold that will cause clients to lose their health care benefits if they earn an income greater than the threshold; called a Benefit Cliff. Thus, causing a built in disincentive for clients to work more hours or earn a higher income for fear of losing their health care benefits. This resolution asks our legislature and the governor to eliminate the Benefit Cliff and to develop a sliding fee schedule. It would be better for clients to transition their benefits rather than abruptly end them. He noted that he did not research whether Badger Care receives federal funding and if the State would need a waiver to make the changes or not. Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to move the Badger Care Cliff Elimination Resolution to the full County Board. Aye: 5, Nay: 0: Motion carried.
8	<u>Aging and Disability Resource Center Update:</u> Hiltbrand gave report. The new Disability Benefit Specialist started on Monday. Lafayette County is currently short-staffed, so we will continue to assist them when needed. We have a need for volunteer drivers for the Driver Escort Program to help transport clients to non-emergency medical appointments. The Rural Taxi now operates on Tuesday and Thursday instead of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The City Taxi now operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of Wednesday and Friday. We are still monitoring COVID-19 trends with regard to running the bus again. We continue to work with the Veterans' Service Office to provide transportation for Veterans through our Driver Escort Program. In November and December, we received feedback from clients thanking our staff for the services they provided. It helps to know that we are making a difference in people's lives. Our Elder Benefit Specialist assisted over 230 clients with Medicare Part D coverage. They have had an increase in clients needing assistance with retirement benefits both in Iowa County and in the Region as a whole. The ADRC assists with youth in transition and helped with a virtual Disability Mentoring Day in conjunction with Lafayette County, local businesses and colleges. There will be more Community Conversation forums similar to the one held on holiday stress to provide an outlet for residents to discuss and support each other. The Dementia Stabilization Unit had their first client, and it was a successful trial run. We are awaiting further clarification and are ironing out the details on how we can get an Iowa County resident into the facility. Davis inquired on how one can find out more on the Community Conversation forums. Hiltbrand stated that we will advertise them on Facebook and in the <i>News & Views</i>. Davis asked whether we get a stipend when helping other counties. Slaney stated that we do not because we are part of a region, so we coordinate and help each other out. Davis said that the City Taxi service is a great service for residents. Slaney shared that the City of Dodgeville subsidizes the City Taxi and had enough budgeted for a third day. There was also an increased need for the City of Dodgeville to have an additional day. He shared that it is hard to balance the effects of social isolationism and safety when determining whether to begin operating the bus again. Mumm stated that the Rural Taxi will now take residents to locations within 5 miles of the Iowa County line.
9	<u>Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Update:</u> Bristol gave report. She shared the current census and that they applied for help through the State staffing agency. They implemented a temporary shift differential increase to help with staffing. She is looking into adding a couple of hospitality positions that will help lighten the CNA's loads by assisting with the set up and clean up so that they can focus on direct patient care. There is a need to incentivize staff who are full time and pick up hours but do not receive the shift differential. She is working with Employee Relations on how we can hire the Ft. McCoy refugees to be CNA's at Bloomfield. SWTC has offered to provide CNA training. Bloomfield had their booster clinic in November. She is working on accounts receivable, as well as employee morale and retention. The transition to the new billing system was seamless and the Medicare rate is increasing. The nursing home recently received ARPA and Provider Relief Funds in December. There is currently an open Scheduler position that Bristol and a nurse have taken on in the interim. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the grievances shown on the 4th Quarter Trends. Bristol stated that the grievance was due to short staffing. Nankee asked about the Activated POA referenced on the 4th Quarter Trends. Bristol stated

	that Activated POA and Guardianship is when someone else has the decision-making authority. Davis asked about when we switched to the Waystar platform. Bristol said that when we switched the PCC (Point-Click-Care), we found out that we needed a clearinghouse for billing and decided that it would save money to bring the billing in-house than to continue to outsource it. She shared that since the information is in one place, it can help with ensuring the proper authorizations are in place. Nankee brought up the UW System COVID-19 Student Health Care Worker Initiative article from the <i>Dodgeville Chronicle</i> .
10	<u>Wednesday, February 2, 2022:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
11	Motion by Alan and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to Adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



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UPDATE from the Iowa County Health Department

HHS Committee meeting

February 2022

Iowa County continues with a significant volume of COVID-19 cases.

Weekly Case Totals -Iowa County -- week to week snapshot.

Note: The numbers are positive PCR tests reported via the WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). Numbers do not include home antigen tests and is an undercount of actual cases in Iowa County.

Week of 10/11/21	56 positive cases
Week of 10/18/21	41
Week of 10/25/21	62
Week of 11/1/21	61
Week of 11/8/21	49
Week of 11/15/21	56
Week of 11/22/21	81
Week of 11/29/21	88
Week of 12/6/21	105
Week of 12/13/21	92
Week of 12/20/21	119
Week of 12/27/21	99
Week of 1/3/2022	181
Week of 1/10/2022	231
Week of 1/17/2022	324

DASHBOARD UPDATE:

- See weekly Iowa County Dashboard at [Official Website of Iowa County, WICOVID-19](#)
 - **Note: The percent positive jumped significantly again to 20.8% (up from 17.3% last week) and the ave new cases day is 37 (up from 28). Our local hospital continues with two critical metrics in red and the regional bed use remains very high. It continues to be the case that the HD was only able to contact 66% of positive cases within 48 hrs.**
- [Iowa County case count](#) details the increase in cases during the last two weeks....
The Health Department announced 324 additional cases were added the week (1/15-1/21), bringing the current COVID-19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 4,157 (1.21.22). The recent cases are in persons in the following age ranges: 0-17 (91), 18-25 (25), 26-35 (54), 36-45 (53), 46-55 (38), 56-65 (43), 66-75 (15), 76-85 (5).
- You can find a summary table highlighting key dashboard metrics since July 2020 on our website at <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19/IowaCountySpecificData>

Iowa County continues with a significant volume of COVID-19 cases.

We continue to need our community's help:

- If you are sick, please STAY HOME (unless you need to seek medical care).
- If you have tested positive, isolate for at least 5 days since your symptoms began, or, if you did not have any symptoms, 5 days from your test date. See detailed guidance below

as well as at our website:

<https://www.iowacounty.org/LatestGuidanceforIsolationandQuarantine>

- Notify your own close contacts.
- Notify your employer and/or school, childcare center.
- Be patient with test results, it can take up to 96 hours for a result to come back.
- Get vaccinated and boosted, it helps in preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death.
- And, please wear a mask out and about in public.

Iowa County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

FEBRUARY COVID VACCINE CLINICS

MODERNA, J&J and PFIZER for age 12 and up including BOOSTERS for anyone 12 or older who is 5 months out from initial series will be offered:

2/3/2022, 2/10/2022, 2/17/2022, and 2/24/2022

1-4pm at the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian OR have a note from parent AND be accompanied by a person over 18 years of age.

Please sign up through a sign up genius link below:

[02.03.2022: 02.03.2022 Pfizer \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

[02.03.2022: 02.03.22 Johnson & Johnson \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

[02.03.2022: 02.03.2022 Moderna \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

PEDIATRIC Pfizer Vaccine Clinics (for ages 5-11):

2/10/2022, 3/3/2022, 3/24/2022

Call 608.930.9870 to schedule a pediatric Pfizer appointment.

Location: Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville.

Childhood Immunization Clinics (regular childhood vaccinations):

Every Wednesday by appointment only; between 2-4:30pm

Location: HHS Building, Dodgeville.

Call the Health Department for an appointment 608.930.9870.

Progress on Vaccination in Iowa County

Iowa County continues to make steady progress with vaccination (January 21, 2022).

Percent of residents with at least one dose: 69.6

Percent of residents who have completed the vaccine series: 66.3

Community Testing

The Iowa County Health Department continues to offer drive through COVID PCR testing **Tuesdays & Thursdays** at the Iowa County HHS Building; 303 W. Chapel St, Dodgeville, from 9:00-11:00 AM. No appointment is necessary but **registration is required** at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/> Testing is free to anyone above the age of 1 year who is symptomatic or asymptomatic. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian with consent. Masks are required.

If you need help registering, you can call the health department a day or 2 before you'd like to test.

Iowa County Drive-Thru Testing Clinic Cancelled on Tuesday, January 25th

Due to forecasted extreme cold temperatures, the Iowa County testing site scheduled for Tuesday morning, January 25th has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding of our priority to keep our staff safe.

See <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19CommunityTesting> for list of alternate testing options locally.

IN THE NEWS....

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVT :::

COVID-19 rapid at-home tests are now available at no cost from the federal government. Four tests per household.

Information about [ordering the test kits](#) is available. Additional details can be found in these documents:

- [White House Fact Sheet](#)
- [Statement from the White House](#)

New Study Released re fertility and covid vaccines..

[Covid-19 vaccinations do not impair fertility in men or women, new study finds - CNN](#)

[Additional great websites to check out!](#)

[9 Reliable Resources for Information About Coronavirus \(globalcitizen.org\)](#)

[COVID-19: Where to Find Information Sources You Can Trust - GoodRx](#)

[Reliable Sources for Coronavirus Info | Cedars-Sinai](#)

[COVID-19 Websites \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[2020 Pandemic Facebook Post Archive | Covid 19 Posts | Dear Pandemic](#)

HHS Committee Meeting – 02/02/2022

Report for University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Extension

UW update:

A Regional Agriculture Educator staffing model is being explored for Area 17 (Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, and Green counties). There is currently only enough state funding to co-fund 55 positions for 71 counties. This model allows for the three current Agriculture Educators from the four Area 17 counties provide service to all four counties, each in a specialized area (dairy, livestock, and crops/soils). There will also be state-wide resources available in farm business management, horticulture, emerging crops, beef production, swine production, and agriculture water quality. The plan will be to develop metrics and set goals to measure results. There is discussion of performing a needs assessment to ensure the producer's needs will be addressed by the regional model and the current staffing. An annual check/review will be planned to be proactive in catching any potential issues right away and correct them as quickly as possible.

The Food Wellness/Nutrition position search was completed recently, and an offer has been accepted. Jessa Engelken has been hired to fill this position, and she will begin on January 31st. She will work out of Donna Peterson's office here in Dodgeville and serve all four counties. She is earning a Master's in public health and currently lives in Dubuque, although she intends to move to Dodgeville. Once she has had a chance to get comfortable/familiar with her position, they will look to fill the FoodWise Educator position (Maria's position). They would like Jessa to be involved in hiring for this position.

Iowa County Educator Highlights:

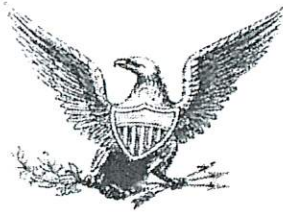
Human Development and Relationships – including Powerful Tools for Caregivers, an upcoming Aging Mastery Program (in collaboration with Dane County), and upcoming Wise Wisconsin zoom sessions.

Community Development – Iowa County is working with service providers (including MHTC and Light Speed) on applying for grants in the hope of obtaining additional funding from the state. Several organizations, including Prosperity Southwest and WEDC, are working with GEO Partners to determine current broadband speed information in the state. The goal is to centralize the information for the entire state in one place so it can be accessed more easily. Finding additional partners to aid in funding and support for broadband infrastructure (such as hospitals – they may have the technology needed to provide online service, but if their patients cannot access it due to poor Internet service, it isn't very helpful).

President Biden's recent infrastructure bill that was recently passed should provide opportunities to develop EV charging station networks, but details as to how the funds will be allocated for sure have not been identified. With the help of stakeholders in the county, it will be important to create a renewable energy plan for the county (wind, solar, etc) with energy-efficient options that would facilitate a way to move forward.

Natural Resources – Joe gave an update on the WDNR Surface Water Grant application, which would provide funding to test soil and study stream bank erosion in the hopes of determining where Phosphorus in area water is coming from. Project partners would work to locate high-risk areas, which would allow them to work with the area landowners in implementing conservation practices focused on stream bank erosion and farm run-off. The Grasslands 2.0 project is a multi-state project based out of Madison that works with area stakeholders through learning hubs to achieve environmental and economic sustainability and improve quality of life. Grassland 2.0 seeks to expand perennial grasses on the landscape and to promote grass-fed dairy and beef. SWIG study update – it is not over, but the final report should be released soon. Previous reports from the study have indicated that much of the bacteria found in private water wells may be the result of failing/old septic systems rather than livestock runoff. If this is the case, people will need to have their septic systems examined. Joe will be working with the Land Conservation departments in the study area to figure out the best way to reach out to the public and communicate this data.

4H – Sarah highlighted several projects coming up, including animal science kits that are linked to virtual animal science programs from UW-Madison and that highlight ag production and careers. There are also several art opportunities coming in the next few months, including the Grandview Winter Academy and Day in the Arts. She emphasized moving away from giving youth project kits and telling them how to do things and what happens in favor of encouraging scientific problem solving – getting the youth to experiment and find ways to complete tasks on their own. She demonstrated an airplane made from paper and straws...children could experiment and figure out how to make it fly farther (adding straws, changing the shape/design of the paper, etc).



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DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO HHS COMMITTEE

2 Feb 2022

1. Iowa County has had a few successful claims for presumptive agent orange exposure conditions added last year, specifically bladder cancer. One in particular resulted in the claimant veteran receiving a 100% service connected rating in addition to a \$74,000 payment for retroactive compensation.
2. Iowa County provided 12,393 miles of transportation for veteran medical appointments in 2021.
3. The spring edition of the newsletter is being compiled, I will forward said edition to the printing company in mid- February.
4. The winter edition of the newsletter was sent to 934 recipients.
5. In the past quarter, four new veteran families have moved into the county. I have also fielded a couple telephone calls from veterans considering moving into Iowa County as well.
6. CVSO attended VA S.A.V.E. training on 19 Jan 2022 at Dodger Bowl, this training was arranged by the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Iowa County and presented by Adam Howarth.

S.A.V.E. is a one- to two-hour gatekeeper training program provided by VA suicide prevention coordinators to veterans and those who serve veterans. Optional role-playing exercises are included. S.A.V.E consists of the following five components:

1. Brief overview of suicide in the veteran population
2. Suicide myths and misinformation
3. Risk factors for suicide
4. Components of the S.A.V.E. model (**S**igns of suicide, **A**sking about suicide, **V**alidating feelings, **E**ncouraging help and **E**xpediting treatment)

S.A.V.E. was developed by the Education Corps of the VA Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention and consists of a PowerPoint presentation, training script, instructors guide and toolkit, pre- and post-evaluation instructions, evaluation forms, tracking sheets and S.A.V.E. brochures.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Lindeman
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