



Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, August 3, 2022 – 5:00 pm
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Iowa County HHS Center – Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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1	Call to order.
2	Roll Call.
3	Approve the meeting agenda for August 3, 2022.
4	Approve the minutes of July 6, 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	PRESENTATION ON OPIOID ADDICTION BY DR. HARTLINE
7	OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING SECURITIZATION
8	DISCUSSION ON 2023 GWAAR NUTRITION CONTRACT
9	SENIOR UNITED NUTRITION Department Update
10	U.W. EXTENSION Department Update
11	VETERANS DEPARTMENT Department Update
12	Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM
13	Adjournment.
Posting verified by Thomas C. Slaney: Date: 7/28/2022 Initials: TS	

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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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	Chairman Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien Members Unexcused: Brenda Hlavac Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Debbie Siegenthaler, Tom Slaney, Valerie Hiltbrand, Bruce Paull, Levi Zimmerman, Mel Masters, Steve Deal, Richard Jinkins Others Present Remotely: Jeff Lockhart
3	<u>Approval of the July 6, 2022 Amended Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the meeting minutes. O'Brien requested in Section 10 the word realist be changed to realistic. Aye: 4; 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>Deal</i> -He gave an update on the Bloomfield Commission regarding the status of the CD's and bus sale. The CD's that are coming up this month, along with the money from the bus sale, will be placed in a money market account and held for final decision by the full County Board. Davis inquired about the Memorial Tree at Bloomfield and whether family members could receive the memorial leaves back. Bierke shared that Bloomfield has been giving donated items back to the donors, but they were waiting on the memorial leaves until a decision has been made about the future of the facility. <i>Paull</i> -He liked how the Health Department Annual Report listed volunteers. He shared his institutional knowledge on needs assessments and suggested that the County look at community assets and needs versus just needs for the opioid funding. He offered to participate in the Opioid Taskforce as he is educated on this issue. Davis asked if they could discuss this at a later time. <i>Jinkins</i> -He shared information on potential health hazards of wind turbines. <i>Rolfsmeyer</i> -The Barneveld Community Café was on the "Today Show" for feeding Iowa County residents in need with their "pay what you can menu." SWCAP received two major grants to help low income residents start their own businesses and to train nurses for Iowa County. <i>Nankee</i> -He shared updates from the June and July editions of the <u>News & Views</u> .
6	<u>Consider Proposal for Opioid Needs Assessment from SWRP:</u> Nankee shared an article from the Dodgeville Chronicle regarding the Opioid Taskforce. O'Brien will attend a second webinar next week on the potential investment of the opioid funds and will have a report for the Taskforce and potentially HHS Committee at the next meeting. Davis shared that the Opioid Taskforce would like to hire Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRP) to perform a needs assessment, and she brought the proposal for the Committee to accept. Lockhart stated that the focus has been to define the factors of the opioid pandemic. SWRP wanted to work with neighboring counties, but Davis wants that to be a decision that our Committee makes. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the timeline for the opioid funding. Bierke shared that it is over 19 years. Davis stated that we do not want to think about how to spend money until we know what the needs are. Motion made by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to approve the proposal with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for opioid related needs assessment for up to \$15,000 of the Opioid funding for Iowa County only. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7	<u>Fourth Quarter 2021 and First Quarter 2022 Financial Statements:</u> Bierke shared that we are starting the audit process for 2021. Siegenthaler shared that the \$27,639 deficiency for the Health Department is not actually a deficit to the bottom line of the County, and there is no need for the County to give the Health Department any additional levy than what was budgeted. The negative \$27,639 was due to the overall revenue being less than the budgeted revenue. Nankee inquired whether the Social Services and ADRC excess would go back to the general fund. Slaney stated that we had an influx of Covid funding that allowed us to use less levy. Rolfsmeyer inquired if 2021 was subject to audit. Bierke stated yes.
8	<u>Presentation of Health Department Annual Report:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. She shared a lot of information in this report and invited committee members to read it through and let her know if they have any questions. The Health Department spent a lot of time during 2021 on Covid. It is very reflective of the large amount of work and activities that went on at the Health Department. Davis stated that Siegenthaler did a great job of highlighting the positives from Covid. O'Brien encouraged everyone to read the letter on page three highlighting the optimism and victories that helped Iowa County triumph during the pandemic. Davis liked the fiscal statement and the clarity of how much was grant funding.
9	<u>Presentation of ADRC/DSS Annual Report:</u> Slaney gave report. There was a lot of information, and he will answer any questions. Nankee liked the Mission Statement and the information on number of people served. O'Brien stated it highlights getting things done efficiently.
10	<u>ADRC Update:</u> Hiltbrand gave report. She shared staff movement of Marylee Oleson, Department Assistant, taking a position with the Health Department; Katie Batton, ADRC Specialist Lead, took a position outside of the County and Brittany Mainwaring, ADRC Specialist & Prevention Coordinator, took the open ADRC Specialist Lead position. The ADRC and Social Services staff has been helping SUN deliver meals a couple of days per week but will be dwindling down assistance due to staffing shortages. We will be looking for other ways to support the SUN program by assisting with volunteer recruitment. Our Dementia Care Specialist has been giving dementia presentations, and a second Dementia Care Specialist was hired by the region to primarily serve Grant and Lafayette Counties. He will be starting a podcast on dementia and caregiving. June was Elder Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. The State is working to gather more data on adult services and will share the information. She shared financial exploitation information for both the State and Iowa County. The ADRC Care A Van will be back in service the end of July. Anyone can ride, but preference will be given to residents aged 60 or older and disabled. Residents can call the ADRC to ride the bus. It will provide enrichment opportunities to residents by allowing them to get out of the house and help prevent social isolation. Davis shared advertising opportunities for the bus.
11	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. Iowa County's Covid case numbers are stabilizing, and we are low according to CDC metrics. We continue to test and vaccinate, and there will be more information to come regarding the fall Covid vaccine. Geana Shemak's position has been increased to full-time and will be paid for by utilizing additional Covid funding through December 31, 2024. The two Public Health Nurse Project positions have also been renewed for up to 40 hours per week per position. A coverage gap of no formal backup to the Health Director was identified during the pandemic, so a Lead Public Health Nurse position has been created. This position will have some leadership responsibilities and will serve as backup to the Health Director. We are required by statute to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment along with other partners in the community that is due to be completed in 2022. A Community Health Improvement Plan will be developed from this Needs Assessment. Marylee Oleson replaced Kathy Key as the Department Assistant. O'Brien inquired about the new variant. Siegenthaler shared that variants four and five are the primary variants at this time and, fortunately, people are not getting as sick. She has not heard anything from the Department of Health Services on the new variant. Nankee asked her opinion on vaccinating one to five year olds. Siegenthaler said a lot of time has been taken to vet and gather data to determine safety. The Health Department will not be focusing on the six month to five year old group or taking the lead as they have with other age groups, as community clinic settings are not the place to immunize infants and it

	is time people get back to the medical home. They are deferring to primary care providers for this age group.
12	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Lockhart gave report. The customization process for their new electronic health record system will take about a month. They have been distributing Narcan and opioid prescription lock bags to all law enforcement agencies in Iowa County. He has the first Regional Prevention Hub meeting. The Prevention Hub consists of all local counties (Richland, Grant, Iowa, Green, and Lafayette) who have funding for a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist. They will be meeting quarterly so the Prevention Specialists can discuss what is working with one another. They are currently recruiting for staff in their Emergency Services program. The National 988 Crisis Number goes into effect this month. They are waiting to see what the effect will be as individuals will call into the national line and only calls requiring intervention will be forwarded to the local crisis line. Their Birth to Three and Children's Long-Term Support programs are expanding rapidly and they have an additional position to fill. Due to growth in the CCS program, the Supervisor position went from part-time to full-time. They have earmarked money to give to Iowa County to assist with a Drug Endangered Children program. This program will identify when children are at risk due to parental drug use in the home. Davis asked if this is a new idea or if anyone else is already doing it. Slaney stated it has been active in other counties before and would be active here if the Children and Families unit was not short staffed. It is a collaboration between Social Services, Unified and the Iowa County Sheriff's Department. Davis asked how the program worked, and Slaney shared he does not know it well enough at this point, but Sauk County has been running it for a while. The program requires certain key agencies to be involved and information sharing and a lot of ground work will need to be done up front. Rolfsmeyer asked about the increase in Birth to Three referrals. Lockhart shared that Grant and Iowa Counties were behind the State averages in referrals and changes have been made in coordination with schools and medical clinics to make referrals. Part of this is catching up to where we should be on those averages. Davis shared that fewer people going to the doctor created fewer referrals.
13	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney gave report. He shared that "Covid Unwinding" will impact our Economic Support team as it will create a backlog of work that needs to be done. He is hoping we will receive additional funding to cover the cost of the increased workload. We have a crisis in the State with our ability to place complex needs children (i.e., children with aggression or combativeness). Many of these children have been placed out of state due to other states having facilities for these children. The Department of Children and Families and Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association have come together to advocate for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for these children. Legislative action will be needed to authorize this facility, but it is a positive action in the attempt to create facilities to fill gaps we currently have in Wisconsin. Rolfsmeyer asked if an Assembly or Senate bill has gone to Committee. Slaney will let the Committee know when we get to that stage, but it is not there yet.
14	<u>Wednesday, August 3, 2022:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
15	Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Extension Iowa County Updates – For July 21, 2022 Meeting

Human Development and Relationships – Ruth Schriefer, HDR Educator

MONEY \$MART

in Head Start 



**Head Start
Newsletter Report
for SWCAP—
Grant, Iowa, Lafayette,
& Richland Counties
2021-2022**

What is Money \$mart in Head Start?

Research shows that programs designed to build financial capability—the ability to manage one’s resources based on knowledge, skills and access—can help families improve their long-term financial security. To support the financial capability of Wisconsin families, community-based Head Start programs and UW-Madison Division of Extension have been working together to provide financial education through *Money \$mart in Head Start (M\$HS)*. The project includes three financial capability-building strategies: financial coaching, educational workshops, and newsletters. This report will specifically address the impact of the monthly newsletters.

Why newsletters?

Newsletters are a low-cost way to provide relevant, timely, and unbiased information. M\$HS newsletters were written by Extension educators with content review by UW-Madison/Extension specialists. The 2-page, single-concept newsletters are available in English and Spanish at <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/programs/money-mart-in-head-start/>

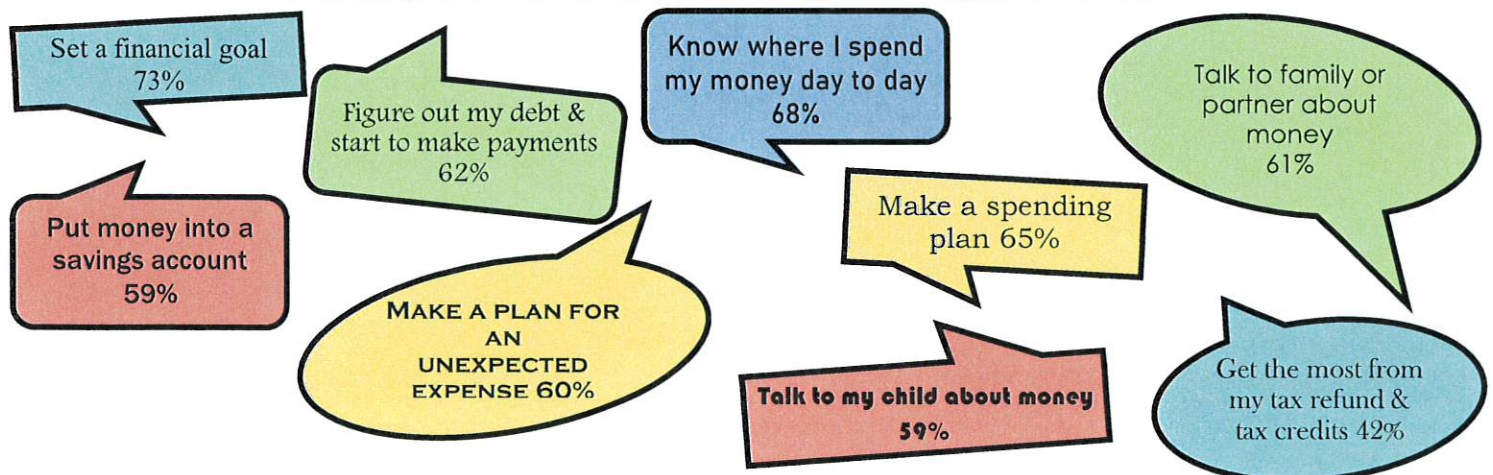
Who did we reach?

About 275 families in southwest Wisconsin received M\$HS newsletters in 2021-2022. Extension provided SWCAP Head Start with printed newsletters each month from October through May. The Head Start and Early Head Start staff shared the newsletters with their families during home visits or in the children’s backpacks. An end-of-school-year newsletter survey was conducted in spring 2022 with 201 respondents (73% response rate) from SWCAP Head Start:

What did we learn from the respondents?

- 95% received the newsletter in English & 5% in Spanish
- 46% reported they read “most” or “all” of the monthly newsletters, while another 42% “skimmed” it
- 42% said they keep & file the newsletters and 7% report sharing it with someone else
- Almost all (96%) indicated that the newsletters were “about the same” or “much more useful” than other financial education information they have received
- 82% rated the newsletters as “somewhat” or “very” useful compared with other sources for financial information which is similar to useful information from parents/friends (80%) and more useful than websites (57%)

How did parents use the information from the M\$HS newsletters?



4-H Youth Development – Sarah Weier, 4-H Educator

Iowa County 4-H Committee Report

July 2022

Sarah Weier, 4-H Educator

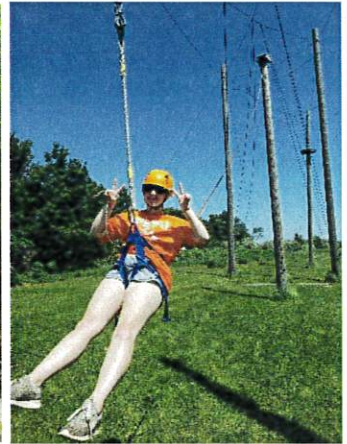
Dana Hanson, Extension 4-H Summer Intern

Two single day camps with the theme of “Wild, Wild West” for youth in Iowa and Lafayette counties reached 53 4-H members. Nine older youth, under the guidance of county 4-H educators, planned camp starting in December of 2021, March and May of 2022. The older youth learned about ages and stages of youth development, how to say ‘no’ to undesirable behaviors, and inclusion. Older youth gained leadership and planning skills from selecting a theme, designing a logo, working on a schedule, and planning skits. They engaged budgeting by gathering cost of t-shirts, snacks, supplies and meals to determine cost of camp. The purpose of camp is to engage older youth in leadership roles while mentoring younger members. Younger campers learn independence, social skills and learn about nature.



All youth and adults in attendance were introduced to RISE. RISE stands for respect, inclusion, support and empathy. Everyone was asked to keep this acronym in mind during the day, whether doing team building, challenge activities or standing in line waiting for lunch. This allowed for a fun filled, safe and respectful days.

One parent wrote, “The kids had so much to talk about in the car ride home! They had a great time. Thank you for two days of a fun and organized camp!” Another parent reported, “I dropped off a quiet nine-year-old and picked-up a child who was so excited about the new friends he made. He asked to go back the next day!”



Community Development – Barry Hottmann, Community and Economic Development Educator

Quality of Life and Place

Dodgeville Town Square:

The Dodgeville Town Square kicked off on Saturday, July 10, 2022 next to Bob's Bitchin' BBQ and the Red Room Bar in Downtown Dodgeville. It took a great group of volunteers to make it all happen for the setup, as well as supportive city government and local organizations. The event runs for two weeks and is a great opportunity for community gathering and fellowship.



The Dodgeville Chamber is Excited to Announce this Special Line Up of Events During our Two Week Long Town Square Event!! Please Feel Free to Enjoy the Town Square Throughout the Two Weeks it is Open.

- 10 Live Music with No End In Sight at 2:00 pm
- 11 Minions Playing at the Dodge Theatre at 7:00 pm with FREE Popcorn
- 13 Night Market at 4:00 pm
Dodgeville Chamber 5:01 Connect at 5:01 pm
- 14 Non-Profit Organizations Day at 1:00 pm
- 15 Live Music with Above the Waste at 7:00pm
- 16 Brewers vs. Giants Live Stream at 3:15 pm
Live Music by Shekinah King at 8:00 pm
- 18 Meeting Monday! Feel Free to Use The Town Square for Your Meeting, or Simply to Enjoy the Beautiful Space!
- 19 In the Beginning Childcare and Learning Center at 11:00 am
- 20 Family Dance Party with Big J DJ at 6:00 pm
- 21 Live Music with Darin Shireman Band at 6:00 pm
- 22 Live Music with The Michael Mikrut Band at 7:00 pm
- 23 Live Music with Pickin' Pear at 5:00 pm
Live Music with TKO at 7:30 pm



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Built Environment, Community Planning and Sustainability:

Broadband work:

MHTC was awarded one of three broadband expansion grants in late June. This \$8M project was given \$6M by the PSC and will utilize a Fiber to the Premise service to reach 25 business and 427 residential locations in the Towns of Arena and Brigham in Iowa County. These projects will also provide enhanced fixed wireless capabilities in multiple locations as a result of fiber lines from towers.

There was a second grant submission by MHTC (which was not awarded), is still scheduled to move forward this fall and is a great example of private/public collaboration and motivated customers looking to have reliable and affordable broadband access for where they live. Green Leaf Glen, just north of Dodgeville, is home to 22 residents. MHTC is still going to fund more than what they would have funded had they received the grant. In addition, the residents are raising \$75K, the Town of Dodgeville is giving their pledged money, and the county is on schedule to give their pledged money. It's a great collaboration and a model for other areas moving forward who want this access and are willing to do what it takes to get it.

Through the county's initiatives and developing of partnerships, new solutions and collaborations have developed to address the rural broadband challenges. Alliant Energy and Mt. Horeb Telephone Company (MHTC) announced a new partnership to expand high-speed internet service to nearly 150 households and businesses in Hollandale, Wisconsin. Once expanded, customers will have access to up to 2,000 Mbps/2,000 Mbps (2-gigabit internet service).

 MHTC
June 22 at 8:41 AM · 🌐

The fiber to the home construction is underway in Hollandale! We've received such great feedback from the community and are proud to help the Hollandale residents and businesses thrive for generations to come!



"We are excited about this new partnership and the value it brings to our customers," says David de Leon, president of Alliant Energy's Wisconsin energy company. "This is an important step toward reducing the digital divide that is especially pronounced in rural areas and among financially disadvantaged customers and communities. It's the first pilot project where we're partnering with a local broadband provider and leveraging our combined assets to benefit the community."

Lastly, Bug Tussel is proposing an \$8.5M - \$10M project that would provide a ring of fiber in Iowa County to connect all their fixed wireless towers with a fiber backbone and provide options for others to use dark fiber for providing last mile FTTH connections for rural customers.

Iowa County continues to lead the way in finding creative solutions to our rural broadband challenges, and Extension is proud to be a part of that work.

Below is an email from John from June 30, 2022

Hi Barry,

Thank you for the email and all your support. You have been an advocate for improving broadband service and reliability in unserved/underserved areas within our communities and I appreciate that. Have a great 4th of July and we will talk to you soon.

PS....I spoke to Sara at Town of Dodgeville and they are putting this on their agenda for Tuesday evening July 5th to see if the Town will still pledge to contribute. I am committed to a board meeting in Hollandale and can't be in attendance but Debra will be going. I provided Sara all the detail she needs to get this moving.

Any questions, let me know...

John Van Ooyen
CEO/General Manager
Mount Horeb Telephone Company
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FoodWise Nutrition Program – Kathy Lange, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

I have been with Extension as a FoodWise Nutrition Educator in Crawford County for 2.5 years.

Working with farmers markets to provide support and community outreach -promoting farmer's market nutrition program and SNAP/EBT at markets so everyone has access to local foods. Vendors, Market managers, Extension educators and other interested parties meet twice a month via zoom. Also planning in person visits to market and will get market tours scheduled

Scheduled education event before the end of July at Homesite Village apartments, Dodgeville apartments, Ridgeview apartments and Village Green apartments. Residents will participate in following a simple taco recipe and build their own tacos while learning about several ways to stretch their food dollars and still be able to enjoy healthy foods.

Will be offering a 4 part series at Pheasant Run Apartments. Topics are: Food, Mood and Energy, Outsmarting the Grocery Store, Making Recipes Work for You, and Nutrition Labels (what do they mean?).

Gearing up for back-to-school in August by participating in the Back to School Bonanza event on August 8 in Dodgeville. Promoting free reduced lunch applications now that school meals are no longer free. I will also be discussing this topic on the radio in August.

Regional Agriculture Educators

Crops and Soils – Josh Kamps

During the month of June, subsoil moisture levels were slowly being depleted throughout SW WI. According to the weekly NASS crop progress report we began the month at 75% adequate soil moisture and ended the month at 68% adequate soil moisture. Hay conditions across the region began the month rated at 79% good-excellent and ended the month rated at 82%, while pasture began the month rated at 74% good-excellent and ended the month rated at 77%. Established crops with deep root systems utilized the available soil moisture and with low disease and insect pressure progressed well.



Local field plot highlight for June is the no-till planted green soybean plot near Wiotia. This plot is designed to study the effect of roller crimped winter cereal rye on the control of white mold and pigweed pest pressure in soybean production. An announcement of a late summer field day highlighting the plot will be available soon!

Finally, use the QR code to the right to link to the Badger Crop Connect Series website. We are working through the summer portion of the series and will transition to the fall portion in September. Thanks for your support!



Dairy Production – Jackie McCarville

Four State Dairy Nutrition Conference:

I attended the Four State Dairy Nutrition Conference (two days) in Dubuque, IA. This conference provides some of the latest dairy nutrition information for industry representatives. Speakers were both in person and via Zoom. Nutrient speakers were brought in to help reevaluate nutrition guidelines. Extension and University Professors Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin planned and hosted the conference. Over 250 dairy agriculture people attended.

Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR):

Amanda Cauffman and I hosted the Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR) training in Mineral Point for the 4-county area. PELTR is a combination of an online class and in-person hands on learning for those involved in emergency management, where attendees learned about handling livestock during a transportation accident, to all creating a livestock incident response plan.

The Summit :

I was a table moderator for The Summit, held at Compeer Financial in Prairie du Sac. The Summit was an in-person workshop on farmer stress and mental health for agriculture industry representatives, where participants learned, shared, and collaborated ways to help others in the agriculture industry in times of need. Approximately 30 people attended.

Livestock Production – Amanda Cauffman

PELTR (Planning Emergency Livestock Transportation Response:

An online and in-person program for first responders to discuss emergency response involving livestock to encourage emergency management departments to develop an action plan. There were five participants that participated in a debriefing of the on-line course, walked through the different types of trailers, and evaluated different potential scenarios involving livestock. The participants are expected to take the knowledge gained back to their organizations to finalize an action plan.

Dairy x Beef Cross Projects:

A feedlot project involving collecting scientific, unbiased performance data on dairy x beef cross cattle to gain a better understanding of how the crossbred calves perform in the feedlot and their carcass characteristics to allow producers to make better management decisions and increase profitability.

Grassland 2.0 Meeting:

A meeting with the Grassland 2.0 group in Dodgeville to discuss meat processing issues, meat processing coops, and mobile processing plants to better understand limited meat processing capacity and its impact on livestock producers.

Monthly Report: June-July, 2022

Joe Bonnell, Regional Natural Resource Educator for Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties and Interim Director of the North Central Region Water Network

UW-Madison Extension

One of my priority goals for this year is to work with local partners, like the land conservation departments to build capacity of farmer-led watershed groups and promote land management practices that improve the water quality of Wisconsin's water resources. Some of the activities I've been involved in recently to advance this goal include...

- I continue to work with the Grant Co. Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Dep't. and staff from the SW Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on the development of a watershed plan for the Sinsinawa River watershed. I wrote the education and outreach portion of the plan, which identifies key target audiences, strategies for working with those audiences, and possible programs aimed at promoting adoption of conservation practices. Completion of the plan is on hold until Grant County names a new head of the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department.
- I coordinated the development of an application for a WDNR Surface Water Planning grant that would provide funding for soil sampling and stream bank erosion assessment in the Knight Hollow/Meudt Creek watershed in NE Iowa County. The grant has been approved and work will begin this spring. The soils and erosion data will allow the project team to identify specific areas in the watershed where Phosphorus is likely to be transported to surface waters. Identifying these high risk areas would allow us to work with individual landowners to reduce the risk through conservation practices. The Department of Land Conservation in Iowa County would administer the grant funds if awarded.
- I am working with Extension colleagues in the Agriculture and Water Quality and Nutrient and Pest Management programs to coordinate a field day in August and a meeting in November for the SW Region Farmer-Led Watershed Group Network. The purpose of these meetings is both educational and relational. Farmers participating in the farmer-led groups in the region will learn about various conservation practices and they will have a chance to learn from each other about how to effectively promote soil health and conservation practices to their peers.

Update on Clean Sweep

We have the following dates and locations:

Friday, September 23, 2-6pm Grant County Fairgrounds

Saturday, September 24, 8am-12pm Grant County Fairgrounds

Friday, September 30, 2-6pm Iowa County Highway Department facilities in Dodgeville

Saturday, October 1, 8am-12pm Lafayette County Highway Department facilities in Darlington

We will start putting out ads in newspapers, radio spots, and flyers promoting the collections. We'll have people register for a date/time to drop off their waste to be sure we don't collect more than we can pay for with the grant and matching county funds.



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DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO HHS COMMITTEE

3 Aug 2022

1. The summer edition of the newsletter was sent to 928 recipients and included an information insert for the Board of Older Adult Advisors through UW – Madison School of Nursing.
2. Iowa County Healthcare Equipment Loan Program administration has moved to the Veteran's Office. A storage shed has been placed on Health and Human Services building property to house some of the equipment. Bulkier equipment, such as hospital beds, are still housed at the Bloomfield property. There have been 35 completed requests for equipment since April. I have heard great appreciation for this program from numerous people during equipment pick-up.
3. Iowa County Veteran's Office and ADRC worked with UW-Madison School of Nursing to recruit local citizens 65 or over to be part of a research board titled "Board of Older Adult Advisors". The project is looking at ways to improve healthcare services for rural, older individuals. Val and I received an e-mail from the board's coordinator on Monday, 25 June stating that a board has been selected (10 members with 6 on a waitlist to fill openings should they occur). They are planning to have an orientation meeting in September.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Lindeman
Veterans Service Officer