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	Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 5:00 pm Conference Call 1.312-626-6799 Zoom Meeting # 858 1159 6829 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85811596829 Iowa County HHS Building – 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	Election of Officers	
4	Approve the meeting agenda for June 5, 2024.	
5	Approve the minutes of May 8, 2024 meeting.	
6	Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.	
*7	Presentation of Opioid Funded National Conference attendance	
8	Presentation of ADRC/Social Services Annual report	
9	ADRC Department Update	
10	UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES Department Update	
11	SOCIAL SERVICES Department Update	
12	Next meeting: Wednesday July 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM	
13	Adjournment.	
Posting verified by Thomas C. Slaney: Date: Initials:		

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024, 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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Item	
1	County Administrator Bierke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	Roll Call: Members Present in Community Room: Chairman Dan Nankee, Bruce Paull, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Mel Masters, John Meyers, Andrew Hodgson, Tom Slaney, Debbie Siegenthaler, Lynn Perkins, Jeff Lindeman, Dan Brandt, Geana Shemak
3	Election of Officers: Election of HHS Committee Chairperson: Nomination by Rolfsmeyer to appoint Dan Nankee as the HHS Committee Chairperson. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot appointing Dan Nankee as the HHS Committee Chairperson. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Election of HHS Committee Vice-Chairperson: Nomination by O'Brien to appoint Dody Cockeram as the HHS Committee Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Paull to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot appointing Dody Cockeram as the HHS Committee Vice-Chairperson. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Election of HHS Committee Secretary: Nomination by Cockeram to appoint Bruce Paull as the HHS Committee Secretary. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot appointing Bruce Paull as the HHS Committee Secretary. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	Approval of the May 8, 2024, Agenda: Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	Approval of the March 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
6	Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Committee. No action will be taken. Bierke – There were no applicants for the June round of Opioid Settlement Fund Grants; therefore, the committee will not have applications to approve at the June meeting. Slaney – Wisconsin Counties Association is compiling how all counties are utilizing the funding. Bierke has seen this and found good ideas. Slaney will provide the committee members with the link.
7	Discussion on Application Opportunity for a Public Health Vending Machine: Siegenthaler and Shemak provided a report and presented it to the committee. They are seeking support to apply for a grant to purchase a public health vending machine to use as a tool to distribute Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and other harm reduction and prevention supplies. The grant would fully fund the cost of the machine. The vending machine will be located outside the Health and Human Services Building and available 24/7 to residents. The harm reduction and prevention supplies would be free of charge, come with an information guide, resource guide, and be easily accessible to residents. The grant application is due Friday, May 10, 2024, and five community partners have provided letters of support.
8	Presentation on 4-H Thrive Data Research: Brandt shared a presentation on the value 4-H brings to the community as well as Iowa County 4-H demographic data with the committee. The number of youths enrolled in 4-H is increasing in Iowa County. During covid-19, the state had a 30% drop in enrollment while Iowa County stayed steady. Iowa County has 187 certified volunteers for 4-H.
9	Discussion of county contributions and in-kind services to the SUN program:

	Slaney provided a memo and presented his proposal to the committee. Committee members discussed the significance of charging the SUN program for the cost of the space versus providing the space in-kind. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to recommend to the Executive Committee that Iowa County charge SUN the space costs of their suite consistent with other rental contracts beginning 2025. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Motion carried.
10	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler provided a report and presented. O'Brien congratulated them on receiving the 2024 Immunization Organizational Champion Award. Nankee asked about the Upland Hills Health grant application for transportation. Siegenthaler has not heard whether it was received, but that the Health Department supports local partners.
11	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Hodgson provided a report and presented. Hodgsons last in person day is Thursday, May 16, 2024, but he will be working up to eight hours per week remotely for 90 days or until someone is hired. Melissa, the Department Assistant, has agreed to take on additional responsibilities until a new Director is hired.
12	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. The Livestock Educator is doing a research project at the Lancaster Research Farm. There has been an increase in international participants in the Badger Dairy Insight series. They recently lost a Foodwise Educator and will be refilling the position. The UW Extension Attorney is providing County Officials Workshops (COWS) training to our County Board. Rolfsmeyer asked if the Natural Resources Educator position is being refilled, and Perkins said it is not being refilled as it was.
13	<u>Veteran's Service Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. The County/Tribal Veteran's Service Organization has made a name change to recognize contributions from the 11 tribal members. He is teaming with the Lafayette County Veterans Service Officer, Sam Fuller, to do a series of trips, funded with an ARPA grant to provide veterans free bus trips with stops at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, lunch, and the Mt. Horeb Veterans Memorial. The first trip is scheduled for July 19, 2024, and they have rented a tour bus from Lamers. More information on these trips is coming. Tricia Morzenti, Highland Spring Counseling, has received grant funding to provide free counseling for veterans through May 2025. There will be more information on this in the newsletter.
14	<u>Wednesday, June 5, 2024:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
15	Motion by Paull and seconded by Cockeram to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

May 2024

ADRC Manager Report

We are happy to have all our ADRC positions filled.

We continue to work on our 2025-2027 Aging Unit Plan. Goals will be written in the areas of Transportation, Family Caregiving, Senior Nutrition, and Health Promotion. Paper and online surveys are available for Iowa County residents to fill out.

4/11-5/23: We are wrapping up Stepping On (a falls prevention workshop) which was held at Stonefield Apartments in Dodgeville on Thursdays at 1:30. According Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, "Stepping On has been researched and proven to decrease falls by 31%. Fewer falls mean fewer injuries, fewer visits to the emergency room, fewer hospitalizations, and fewer deaths due to a fall." <https://wihealthyaging.org/programs/falls-prevention-programs/stepping-on/>

4/12/24: We participated in Career Prep and Life Skills Day, which is a program for students with disabilities.

4/12/24: Our Regional Dementia Care Specialists are hosting a hybrid workshop for caregivers, called Caregiver Stress Busting.

4/16/24: Our Benefit Specialists hosted a Medicare 101 at the Dodgeville Public Library.

4/23/24: April was Volunteer Appreciation Month. We hosted a luncheon celebration at the Dodgerbowl for our ADRC and SUN volunteers. We rely on and appreciate our volunteers for their contributions.

During the month of May, we celebrated ADRC and Older Americans Month.

5/16/24: Our staff participated in Recreational Educational and Exploration Day, which is another event for students with disabilities.

5/29/24: We were seeking participants for a virtual evidence-based program called **Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder (MOM)**. Mind Over Matter "is a researched and proven program designed to give women the tools they need to take control of bladder and bowel leakage. Join a MOM workshop and learn strategies for preventing or lessening symptoms including information sharing, group activities, simple exercises, and dietary changes. With

practice, these new skills are proven to help you avoid or reduce leakage so you can keep doing the things that matter most to you.”

<https://wihealthyaging.org/programs/live-well-programs/mom/>

6/1/24: Starting June 1, our office will have Senior Farmers Market Vouchers available for eligible Iowa County participants. Distributions sites will be arranged throughout the county.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

6/12/24: In collaboration with the Elder Abuse Prevention Interdisciplinary Team, our office will host a Scam Prevention workshop at the Health and Human Services Building.

6/19/24: The Regional Dementia Care Specialists will host Free Memory Screens and Dementia Live simulation experience at the Health and Human Service Building.

6/26/24: In collaboration with Upland Hills Hospital, we will host an Advance Directive workshop at the Health and Human Service Building.

6/27/24: Our Benefit Specialists will host a Medicare 101 at the Mineral Point Library.

“Mug Club for Caregivers” meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 10:30-11:30, hosted by our Caregiver Coordinator and the regional Dementia Care Specialist. They are currently offering a hybrid meeting so attendees can choose Zoom or in-person.

Advocacy:

The ADRC Taxi offered Free Rides to the polls for people over the age of 60 in April.

We had staff and community members participate in the following advocacy days at the Wisconsin State Capital this spring: Alzheimer’s Advocacy Day, Disability Advocacy Day, and Aging Advocacy Day.

The Regional ADRC Board will be holding their June board meeting in Dodgeville at the Health and Human Services Building on Friday, June 28th. Invites are going out to legislators that serve southwest Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTORS REPORT- MAY 2024

WORKFORCE STABILITY: RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

We continue to meet with a variety of prospective interns/job shadows. We are so excited to develop the opportunities and are looking forward to being a preferred placement for individuals interested in the field. We are so grateful to our leadership team and staff who step up to provide supervision, guidance and support for these individuals.

Carlson Dettmann- Unified Community Services Board gave permission to move forward with the project 03/20/2024. Grant County requested that for transparency of operations given that this is out of budget spending for Unified Community Service's budget and appropriately following Grant County procedure- we present the project to Grant County Executive Committee and Grant County Board. The group on 03/20/2024 advised that we move forward with business in the meantime- as everyone felt that the project would have no issue getting approved. As a result we signed our contract 03/27/2024 and began work. The project was presented at Grant County Executive Committee 04/15/2024 and passed without issue and was presented at Grant County Board 04/16/2024 - the motion failed due to a tie roll call vote and the event is in the media. In order to not cause issue, I have delayed the project as much as I can- until we have a clear path forward and have notified Carlson Dettmann. When and how this is addressed, communicated or cleared up with Grant County Board/Public is unknown to me at this time and remains delicate to navigate. I hope to have more clarity soon.

OFFICE SPACE

Grant County and Unified Community Services leadership team decided 05/01/2024 to reconsider long term options for space as we have dived deeper in to a remodel at the BMO location. Until we are more clear on the best path forward, cost and time frames- we are coordinating extending lease at current Lancaster building. We thank all involved for their support and vision for the space needs for our essential community programs at our Grant County location.

PREVENTION HIGHLIGHT FROM SUSAN MAHANEY

The Cassville High School English teacher, Mrs. Polk, invited me to participate in her class research project on the opioid epidemic and substance use. Cassville School District is open to collaboration with me, more remote, and is a small school with limited resources, so the extra support is an appropriate focus for prevention/protective efforts.

I attended and collaborated with three classes of junior and senior students on April 17th. The students had the option of doing a poem, narrative, or facts-based presentations. I was there to answer questions related to their topic and discuss contributing issues. They invited me back for presentation day on May 3rd and I attended to appreciate their work and clarify information, if needed. They did a thorough and wonderful job. This was a great project and the students learned a lot about the issues and situations, far more than expected.

UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTORS REPORT- APRIL 17 2024

WORKFORCE STABILITY: RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

All staff agency training day was held April 9th at Iowa County Social Services Community Room and was very well received. A special thanks to presenters from UW Extension Bev Doll and Dodgeville High School- Max Frommelt and to Iowa County Social Services for providing the space. We are so fortunate to have such great resources in our own community!

We continue to meet with a variety of prospective interns/job shadows. We are so excited to develop the opportunities and are looking forward to being a preferred placement for individuals interested in the field. We are so grateful to our leadership team and staff who step up to provide supervision, guidance and support for these individuals.

TELUS HEALTH- EAP program will be available to staff starting May 1st- <https://www.telushealth.com/en-us>

Grant County is honoring county staff with their second annual appreciation picnic- Unified's will be held in conjunction with Grant County Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department April 23rd at Unified Community Services. Please attend if you are able.

TECHNOLOGY

NETSMART- We will need to maintain our NETSMART EHR into 2024 as we have additional data transfer work to be completed. We are working collaboratively with NETSMART and ECHO to move the project forward.

Tyler Munis roll out in collaboration with Grant County Administration is ongoing. We are grateful for continued progress. A special thank you to Jessica Munson and Ben Biddick for facilitating this transition on behalf of Unified Community Services.

OFFICE SPACE

Grant County has purchased space for Unified Community Services to occupy. Collaborative planning is underway. More updates and details to come.

Iowa Counties Long Range Planning Committee met March 27th 2024 and invited Holly Knapp and Jessica Munson- to begin a conversation about space needs for Unified Community Services- Dodgeville location- into the future. We are grateful to them for their consideration and guidance.

OTHER

Unified Community Services has been asked to be a supportive partner with [MetaStar](#), SWCAP, Iowa County Sheriffs Department and other professionals and community partners in a regional Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Impact HRSA Grant- that is targeted to improve access to treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD). The program will serve people and families in rural areas affected by SUD. For more information see link: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/opioid-response/impact>.

UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTORS REPORT- MARCH 20, 2024

WORKFORCE STABILITY: RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Culture and morale of staff continues to be heavily evaluated and monitored. Leadership team continues to talk regularly about agency culture, retention, and creating healthy communication and logical workflows.

Due to our growth, addition of programs, the complexities of our clinical positions and the counties we serve- we have had conversations with and received proposals from Carlson Dettmann to explore our wage scale with broad goals to update job descriptions, enhance performance evaluation process, ensure we have longevity in our wage scale, propose a scale that is comparable to the counties we serve, ensure wages are in market, and propose or recommend other additional procedure, policy or hand book or compensation changes we should consider as we work to recruit/retain quality clinical and non-clinical staff.

We are shifting around staff/roles which will create vacancies in Emergency Services and SOR. We will be recruiting positions in Emergency Services and SOR in the coming weeks as a result.

Staff are preparing for and coordinating our upcoming Agency Training Day for April 9th. We will be spending the day at Iowa County Social Services in the Community Room. We are appreciative to have such supportive counties that share great spaces!

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TECHNOLOGY

Agency continues to do ongoing work to make our Electronic Health Record work the best for Unified Community Services- We will need to maintain our NETSMART EHR into 2024 as we have additional data transfer work to be completed. We are working collaboratively with NETSMART and ECHO on the project and have received a proposal for this work to be completed. Focus currently is on ensuring that staff have equipment (hardware and software) that they need to do their jobs well and efficiently. Continued gratitude to Grant County Information Technology team for all of their guidance, support and hours of dedication to our department.

Tyler Munis roll out in collaboration with Grant County Administration is going well and we make progress everyday! A special thank you to Jessica Munson and Ben Biddick for facilitating this transition on behalf of Unified Community Services staff! We would like to send our staff to the Tyler Munis Connect Conference in May. Please see link provided for additional information.

https://www.tylertech.com/connect/conferenceinfo?_gl=1*1ul4nq6*_gcl_au*MTEyMDAxMzcwNC4xNzEwNDM3NjI4

OFFICE SPACE

We are creatively shifting and moving around current office space to make the best use of the space in both of our office locations. Grant and Iowa county are both actively looking into options for alternate space. Additional space will improve staff cohesion and job satisfaction, increase efficiency, reduce overhead, enhance our ability to provide mandatory services, expand services, and be a pipeline for new providers/clinicians/staff in the region. We are very grateful for our counties support and advocacy.

June 2024 HHS Committee Meeting

Social Services Department Update

1. The state conducted a Childcare Subsidy program review this month of Iowa County cases. A written report will be sent to our agency. Preliminary results indicate our program was in compliance.
2. State Department of Administration staff completed a desk review of the WHEAP program. Thirty-five cases were reviewed. The agency provided a response to nine questions on those cases.
3. The agency held a foster/respite parent appreciation cookout on 5/29/24. This event helps retain foster homes by creating relationships between staff and foster parents. It is essential to have an established relationship when staff are requesting placements, often in the middle of the night.
4. Iowa County continues to have low out-of-home placement rates. We currently have one child in foster care, one child in subsidized guardianship and six children in kinship care (5 are voluntary placements).