

UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTORS REPORT- SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

2025 Unified Community Services Budget- Administrative and leadership team has done extensive work to present a balanced 2025 budget. Special shout out to Jessica Munson for her work on this project and to Grant County for their support as we navigated using Tyler Munis.

CJCC Story Boarding- Unified Community Services is supporting Grant County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee in a 3 session story boarding process facilitated by UW Extension to help identify mission and purpose statements.

State Opioid Response Grant- SOR4- Unified Community Services has wrapped up SOR 3 and will begin work to present proposal and budget for SOR 4- Due November 22nd 2024.

WIMCR/2023 Audit- Unified Community Services staff and Finance Director Jessica Munson has done extensive work to complete WIMCR reporting and support Grant County in completing our 2023 audit. Both projects are being wrapped up in the coming days.

GRANT COUNTY/INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION- Grant County's request for charging \$300,000 to Unified Community Services for an In-direct Cost Allocation for Financial, Personnel and Information Technology services discussed with team of Grant County Administration, Unified Community Services staff, Grant County and UCS Board Members and Larry Bierke, Iowa County Administrator 10/03/2024. At this time, it is our understanding that Unified Community Services is to put the charge in our operating expenses for our 2025 budget and to request \$200,000 from Grant County and \$100,000 from Iowa County in tax levy to balance which we have done. Clarity on what Unified Community Services is to do if tax levy requests are denied by either county was not provide as group sentiment was that the tax levy asks shouldn't have an issue being approved this year. As this time there is not talk of another meeting to discuss any further.

WORKFORCE STABILITY- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION:

-Carlson Dettmann- We continue to work with Carlson Dettmann on this project and make progress weekly. We are looking forward to providing formal updates as we have them.

-We have been working on recruiting staff and filling vacancies (CCS, CLTS, Medical Director, SOR, Compliance)

-Agency Training Day was held October 1st- We had a Carlson Dettmann JDQ presentation, CLF Asset Management, UW Extension Bev Doll - come and talk to our staff. They day was much needed and well received.

OFFICE SPACE

-Grant County- Work group met to discuss plan for space needs OCTOBER 3rd 2024. Unified Community Services will use Grant County Admin Annex/BMO starting November 1st for staff overflow needs. A building use agreement will be drafted be Grant County to define the details.

-Iowa County- Unified Community Services is back to considering rental space options and working with Iowa County and their long term planning committee on options.

-Unified Community Services did complete and submit the DHS Capital Projects Grant on September 6th 2024 to support the renovation/expansion of the Grant County Annex Building/BMO or the build of a new stand-alone facility (location TBD). We look forward hearing the results of awards and will update as soon as we have information.