



Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Health and Human Services Community Room
303 W Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

**Iowa
County
Wisconsin**

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1	Call to order.
2	Roll Call.
3	Approve the agenda for this March 6, 2019 meeting
4	Approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting (included in last month's packet)
5	Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.
6	SENIOR UNITED NUTRITION: Department Update
7	VETERANS OFFICE: Department Update
8	UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES: Department Update
9	SOCIAL SERVICES: Department Update
10	Next meeting date April 3, 2019 @ 5:00 PM.
11	Adjournment.
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IOWA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO HHS COMMITTEE

6 Mar 2019

1. CVSO has been named as a facilitator of the Iowa County Veterans and First Responders Community Group. The group meets at 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Cobblestone Coffee House in Dodgeville. The group has been slow to start with only a couple members attending, it is hoped that the location and time change will bring more participants. The original location and time were 9:00 a.m. at Upland Hills Health center.
2. Spring edition of office newsletter has been distributed. Winter edition totaled 945 copies mailed to county veterans.
3. The United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals rendered a favorable court opinion for "blue water" Vietnam Navy veterans. *At issue was, in 1991, Congress passed the Agent Orange Act, granting a presumption of service connection for certain diseases to veterans who "served in the Republic of Vietnam". In 1993, the Department of Veterans Affairs issued regulations that stated "service in the Republic of Vietnam includes service in the waters off-shore and service in other locations if the conditions of service involved duty or visitation in the Republic of Vietnam". A 1997 General Counsel opinion about a different regulation resulted in the government limiting service "in the Republic of Vietnam" to only those service members that had duty or visited on the landmass or inland waterways of Vietnam. This rule is generally referred to as "boots on the ground".*
This court opinion (Procopio v. Wilkie) states that the definition of "in the Republic of Vietnam" should use the internationally accepted definition of countries, which includes the territorial waters, which is a strip of water 12 nautical miles out from the land edge of the country. This change, depending on the outcome of appeals if any would extend presumptive service connection for conditions such as type 2 diabetes, cardiac issues, lung cancer and others to Navy veterans that served off shore of Vietnam.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Lindeman
Veterans Service Officer



**Unified Community Services Director's Report
For
Iowa County HHS Meeting
March 6, 2019**

1	Substance Abuse: MAT-Jail grant and Opioid Extension Grant awards
2	Emergency Services update: Hospitalizations and diversions
3	Outpatient Behavioral Health update: Re-organization and new hires
4	Continuity of Care project
5	Comprehensive Community Services Exploration
6	Questions

March 2019 HHS Committee Meeting

Social Services Department Update

1. WCA and WCHSA are teaming to hold “Human Services Day at the Capitol” on Tuesday April 2nd. I have enclosed an agenda for the day’s activities. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact me as I need to register attendees by March 15th. I will be setting up appointments to meet with our legislators that day.
2. The Youth and Families Unit are starting training for the “Family Finding & Engagement initiative”. They will be attending trainings over the next four months. The premise of this initiative is to complete an exhaustive search for family members that can take a child before they would be placed in a foster home setting.
3. The WHEAP program review was completed December 6, 2018. I have attached a copy of the summary report provided to our agency.
4. Kate Chambers, our ESS Manager, and I will be going to the General Government Committee on March 7th to request a reinstatement of the Economic Support Specialist Lead position. The agenda cover letter and job description can be found in the General Government packet.

HUMAN SERVICES DAY AT THE CAPITOL/ COUNTY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Best Western Premier Park Hotel
22 S Carroll Street
Madison, Wisconsin

AGENDA

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration Opens |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome
<i>Lance Pliml, Chair, Wisconsin Counties Association Board of Directors (invited)</i>
<i>Ray Przybelski, President, Wisconsin County Human Services Association (invited)</i> |
| 9:15 a.m. | Legislative Briefing
<i>Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, Wisconsin Counties Association</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Capitol Visits |
| Noon | Lunch – Participants should return to the Best Western Premier Park Hotel for lunch and guest speakers.

Luncheon Speakers
<i>Emilie Amundson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (invited)</i>
<i>Andrea Palm, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (invited)</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Capitol Visits Continue |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjourn |



STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Scott Walker, Governor
Ellen Nowak, Secretary
Sara L. Buschman, Division Administrator

January 4, 2019

Tom Slaney, Director
Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)
Iowa County Department of Social Services
303 W Chapel St, Ste 2300
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Dear Mr. Slaney:

On December 5 – 6, 2018, Alannah Braker, of the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) conducted an onsite Administrative Review of the Iowa County WHEAP.

The areas of focus included: fiscal operations, program operations, and program integrity. A detailed representation of DEHCR observations are in the attached 'Administrative Review Observations'. The result of this Administrative Review is a collaboration of information that will measure and assess the need for follow-up reviews. A formal response, using the DEHCR provided 'Administrative Review Response Template', is required by **February 4, 2019** and will address each item listed below and detail how each has been, or will be, resolved.

Specific areas were noted in which improvements shall be made. While these are explained in detail in the enclosed Administrative Review Observations document, please find an outline of these areas below:

Fiscal Operations

No corrective action required; please refer to the 'Administrative Review Observations' for recommendations.

Program Operations

No corrective action required; please refer to the 'Administrative Review Observations' for recommendations.

Program Integrity

No corrective action required; please refer to the 'Administrative Review Observations' for recommendations.

Case File Review

DEHCR reviewed general WHEAP cases and furnace cases for compliance with Home Energy Plus Program policies. The case files were sent to the Coordinator in a separate email. All required corrections shall be made and returned by **February 4, 2019**.

Action Item(s) for Follow-up or Submittal to DEHCR

If a deadline extension is required, please obtain approval, from DEHCR, prior to the deadline.

DEHCR would like to thank all staff for their time and cooperation in this Administrative Review process; we appreciate your efforts. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Alannah Braker at alannah.braker@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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