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	Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 5:00 pm Conference Call 1.312-626-6799 Zoom Meeting ID: 859-3035-0709 Health & Human Services 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 June 3, 2020.	
4	Approve the minutes of May 6, 2020 meeting.	
5	Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.	
6	SUN: Department Update	
7	UW Extension: Department Update	
8	Unified Community Services: Department Update	
9	Social Services: Department Update	
10	Next meeting: Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM	
11	Adjournment.	
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	UNAPPROVED REVISED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, May 6, 2020 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	Meeting called to order by Larry Bierke at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call was taken:</u> Members Present: Richard Rolfsmeyer, Dan Nankee, Justin O'Brien, Joan Davis (via Zoom) and Bruce Paull (via Zoom) Others Present: Mel Masters, Steve Deal, Larry Bierke, Debbie Siegenthaler (via Zoom), Nohe Caygill (via Zoom), Valerie Hiltbrand (via Zoom), Susan Storti (via Zoom), Rochelle Kruchten (via Zoom), Jeff Lindeman (via Zoom) and Bruce Haag (via Zoom)
3	<u>Election of HHS Committee Chairperson:</u> Rolfsmeyer nominates Dan Nankee. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Davis. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
4	<u>Election of HHS Committee Vice-Chairperson:</u> O'Brien nominates Richard Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Paull. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Davis, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
5	<u>Election of HHS Committee Secretary:</u> Rolfsmeyer nominates Bruce Paull, seconded by Davis. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
6	<u>Consent Agenda: One motion to adopt all of the consent agenda items:</u> A. Approve the meeting agenda for May 6, 2020. B. Approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 meeting C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to approve B, C by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Davis Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion carried. Amend 6a to include public comments. Motion by Nankee, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion carried.
6A	<u>Public Comments:</u> In the April 9th edition of the Dodgeville Chronicle, it featured Keith Hurlbert in an article regarding keeping Iowa County safe during COVID 19. A lot of positivity in the article along with how great communication is between everyone involved in keeping Iowa County safe. Paull mentioned mental health and how it is being handled. People have bills that keep coming and they are unable to work, home schooling a struggle for both parents and children. Paull states meal delivery for the SUN program is still consistent. Congregate people either get their meals delivered or picked up. The kitchen may not have exactly what is on the menu but usually have something close to it. Dodgeville site only has 3 people working. We rely on ADRC as back up, we have had a couple drivers not want to drive so we have had to make adjustments. O'Brien mentioned orientating new board members on history and efforts made on behalf on the SUN program. Davis stated the Dodgeville School District had the school counselor staff supporting students, family and staff members right away. It was mostly phone calls checking on them, offering 2 meals a day to everyone. School counselors are coordinating a wrap-around service, which volunteers help families who need extra support. For example: a volunteer would go and play with kids outside of the home so parents could get a break or volunteer could interact with both parents and children. Davis also wanted to say that she had a positive experience with the nurses at Health Department and their immediate follow-up was excellent. Nankee mentioned the SWCAP pop-up pantry was in Lone Rock from 12:30pm-2pm today.
7	<u>Review First quarter 2020 Financial reports:</u> Good parameters across the board. Bierke stated Iowa County does things a little differently than other counties. Money that the county collects in 2020 are spent in 2021 so it gives us time to plan ahead.

	The financial statement is set up well. Bloomfield is doing good, \$85,434 excess of revenues over expenditures. \$1,036,67 total revenue, total expenditures \$956,633. Bierke said Bloomfield turned out really well at the end of 2019.
8	ADRC Valerie Hiltbrand presented. Due to COVID-19, the ADRC Board did not meet in March or April. We plan to hold the May meeting via Zoom. Update on the ADRC office, some staff are still working remotely. Even though staff are working remotely, we can still enroll people in programs in a timely manner. We are receiving calls from people over the age 60 or with disabilities to have meals delivered or helped in some way (groceries). We are helping them figure out a long-term plan. Coordinating with volunteers to help with grocery and/or medication delivery. Staff are checking in with clients that are currently on our programs, also people that are on waiting lists. Our transportation programs have changed with the pandemic. We are not operating the caravan service, which takes people outside of county shopping or some other trips. The driver escort programs are still operating. This program helps get people to medical appointments. Our rural and Dodgeville taxi is still running, has been helping with some grocery pickups. Our Prevention programs are being re-evaluated and planning for future dates. Special precautions for people we serve in the future. Paull noted that Aging Advocacy Day was cancelled due to COVID; he asked if there are certain advocacy topics that still need to be addressed. Hiltbrand responded that the Elder Benefit Specialist has not received a funding increase in 20 years; we are hoping to see some advocacy around that. The State has a workgroup going for reinvesting in the ADRC's, many are under-funded. The question was asked does this population find it hard to keep in touch. We have a friendly caller line to promote some social interaction; volunteers that are screened can call people that want that type of service. O'Brien asked if the ADRC are getting typical calls like in the past. Hiltbrand said call volume is down a little bit. People that want to meet in person and if is not urgent are waiting to meet with someone later. The complexity of calls are down as well. We are dealing with more immediate needs like food and transportation.
9	Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Rochelle Kruchten presented. Since March, we have had no visitors to the facility. Staff are screened when coming into the facility and required to wear masks and appropriate PPE. None of the residents or staff present any COVID symptoms. As of Monday, Governor Evers wants all nursing home residents to be tested for COVID 19. We are still waiting on the guidelines for this. Census is at 38, will be 39 tomorrow (new admission). All new admissions are quarantined for 14 days to the 2nd floor East Wing. We are using this wing as an isolation wing. There is one staff from each shift solely to take care of those residents. Technology is being used to help residents keep in touch with friends and/or family. We have an empty room on 1st floor so residents can have window visits with their families. Cell phones or computers are also used to help keep residents connected. Doctors are doing rounds via Telehealth. We have cancelled Balloon Fest but may be able to combine it with the fireworks in the fall. We have hired a new Director of Nursing, Felicia Gundlach. This week is Nurses week, we had a taco bar for staff and the nurse managers got little gifts for the nurses. Next week is nursing home week and we will have themed days and gifts for the staff.
10	Health Department Debbie Siegenthaler presented. Siegenthaler's first day with the county was March 13th. Public health is about prevention, communicable diseases and environmental health. During this COVID-19 era, we are in response mode. The EOC was set up and includes the Health Department, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department and a liaison from Upland Hills Health. The EOC on a daily basis is extremely challenging, actively working through strategies, helping businesses with PPE, daily conversations with Upland Hills Health, conferring with state partners (DPI, DHS, WI Emergency Management), weekly meetings with the schools and conversations with funeral home directors and coroners. The EOC has set up an isolation shelter, which is for people that are COVID positive and do not have the ability to isolate properly such as a homeless person or healthcare worker that does not want to expose their family. We are working with the vulnerable population (elderly, Amish, Hispanic), issues around election time, getting villages and municipalities PPE, enforcement w/Sheriff's Department, other issues around public safety. We also are trying to be consistent with the daily press release for the public. At this time, there are 10 confirmed positive cases in Iowa County, last 3 cases are

	related, 330 tested negative. Testing was slow at first, but in a good place now with testing. Testing continues to expand; we have not been overrun at this time. More community wide testing will continue, which will lead to contact tracing/investigation.
11	Veterans Office Jeff Lindeman presented. Are veterans using Telehealth? Lindeman stated he does not believe many are, as they prefer person to person. The VA has suspended non-emergent appointments. A public speaker was scheduled to come to the Dodgeville Public Library on May 13 th , have not heard anything about it being rescheduled. Memorial Day ceremonies are not being held in Dodgeville or Linden. At funerals, gravesite honors are still occurring. There was an article in the Wisconsin State Journal regarding administrative concerns at different Veterans homes. Lindeman has not heard that to be true in Wisconsin. The federal VA does not oversee state homes.
12	Motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. by O'Brien, seconded by Rolfsmeyer.

SUN Update for HHS Meeting June 3, 2020

1. Total meals served in Iowa county:
February: 2118
March : 2274
April: 2217
2. All home delivered since March 23; some takeout. Most congregates now home delivery. Normal strict sanitation policies ramped up at sites, and especially for home delivery: gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and masks. Only 2 drivers have stepped back out of about 60. All site staff healthy and stepping up with all changes. Using more disposables at most sites.
3. Some new drivers in Mineral Point, Benton, Shullsburg; some are off work.
4. Will receive funds from FFCRA & CARES; only estimates now.
5. Audit performed, all virtual, in early May; waiting for report.
6. Grants received: United Fund, DUWI (Darlington), Blanchardville/Hollandale; all receptions canceled.
7. Spring conference and Nutrition directors training canceled; did a 3 day virtual symposium (national conference) for dietitians.



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
IOWA COUNTY

Meeting representative: Barry Hottmann, Community Development Educator

1. Update on University of Wisconsin-Madison COVID-19 policies and re-opening procedures
2. Status of Extension related summer activities (fair, community events, etc.)
3. Update on some programming/work done during the COVID-19 "safer-at-home" time
4. Update on staff, interns, office locations, etc.



**Unified Community Services Director's Report
For
Iowa County HHS Meeting
6/3/2020**

1	Administrative: General response to COVID. Changes in Medicaid, Telehealth, etc.
2	Outpatient Behavioral Health: a. AODA: Relapses after IOP suspended b. Submitted SUD grant; interviewing now c. Workforce Development grant d. MH: lull; shadow epidemic coming. e. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT: lower no-shows
3	Community Support Program: No updates
4	Emergency Services Program: National projections: Suicide rates 1% unemployment = 1.6 % suicide increase. 77,000 "Deaths of despair." "The two most replicated, robust factors linked to suicide are economic change — downturn — and social disconnection," says Dr. Roger McIntyre, professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto. Those two factors are major hallmarks, he notes, of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5	Birth to 3/Children's Long-Term Support/Adult Protective Services: No updates
6	Financial/Administrative: COVID effect on revenue & etc.
7	CCS: Approved by state: Launching June 1
8	Other: COVID "forecast":

June 2020 HHS Committee Meeting

Social Services Department Update

1. On May 27th staff returned to work at the HHS building. We have implemented new safety rules for returning to the office.
2. During our work from home period, the staff continued to provide services to our community by phone, on line and through our call center. Approximately 85% of our staff were able to work from home. We reduced our face-to-face contacts to only those required by law. Many state and federal waivers were issued to assist staff and our consumers. We are planning for how procedures must change in each of our units to address the new normal.
3. Our driver escort and taxi services have continued through this pandemic. They were limited to essential services. The bus service was suspended on March 16th. We are monitoring the social situation to determine when these services can resume.
4. The WHEAP (energy assistance program) has been extended to run through September 30th this year. The program usually ends on May 15th. Additional crisis funding was allocated to address the additional demand for this program.
5. Federal waivers increased SNAP benefits (Food share) to address the loss of wages and increased demand for food at home.
6. We created a volunteer and community needs on-line request system. This was originally intended to resupply volunteers needed as the pandemic depleted our supply. It was modified to address community needs as well. Seventeen volunteers signed up and five community members received services. Some of these services will probably continue (friendly caller program) and some will be shifted to existing programs.
7. We have had several requests from staff to utilize the county's telecommute policy and are processing those requests now.