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	Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 5:00 pm Conference Call 1.312-626-6799 Zoom Meeting ID: 842-8198-7725 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 July 8, 2020.	
4	Approve the minutes of June 3, 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	Discussion on requiring masks at County Board and Committee meetings	
7	Review and forward changes to the ADRC Board By-Laws to County Board	
8	ADRC: Department Update	
9	Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center: Department Update	
10	Health Department: Department Update	
11	Next meeting: Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM	
12	Adjournment.	
Posting verified by Thomas C. Slaney: Date: Initials:		

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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, June 3, 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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Item	
1	Meeting called to order by Chair Dan Nankee at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call was taken:</u> Members Present: Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien (via Zoom), Bruce Paull (via Zoom) Others Present: Larry Bierke, Steve Deal, Cecile McManus, Tom Slaney, Sue Storti (via Zoom), Jeff Lockhart (via Zoom), Barry Hottmann (via Zoom), Rochelle Krutchen (via Zoom), John Meyers (via Zoom), Bruce Haag (via Zoom), Nohe Caygill (via Zoom)
3	<u>Approve the agenda for this June 3, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer to approve the agenda for this June 3, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Davis. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by O'Brien to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Paull. Aye: 5; 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> Nankee wanted to let the committee know about the Bloomfield nursing night shift differential change proposal that is going to General Government tomorrow night. The proposal is to change the differential from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Paull stated that he spoke to Kimberly Hill from SWCAP and she said that they are close to opening a men's opportunity house. They have hired two additional people. With the COVID pandemic came an increase in mental health and substance abuse issues. Nankee shared some information from the June issue of News and Views. On the front page, there was an article regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15th). A display of 74 pinwheels are located in front of the ADRC. Each pinwheel stands for one reported case of adult or elder abuse. This number is up from 58 last year. An article regarding Anxiety Disorders by Nikki Brennum tells about what emotional and physical symptoms to look for. There is also an article on the back regarding the Resilient Wisconsin Initiative.
6	<u>SUN</u> Cecile McManus presented. The SUN program has had a slight increase in people because of the COVID pandemic. The need is higher because family members are discouraged from visiting. All meals are being delivered since March 23rd. There are strict sanitation policies, which have been ramped up at the sites and for home deliveries. We have some new drivers in Mineral Point, Benton and Shullsburg. Only 2 of our drivers stepped back because of COVID. We should receive funds from FFCRA and CARES. CARES comes through GWaar. The audit was performed virtually in May. We received some grants. Cecile attended a 2 ½ day virtual conference for dietitians. O'Brien asked if the SUN program has added a donation button to the Facebook page yet. McManus said there have been some technical difficulties with it but they have been looking into. If anyone knows of someone that is computer savvy and knows how to do this, send them to Cecile. If you go to the Iowa County website under the SUN department, it does say if you would like to donate contact the main office. We did receive a donation last week for \$500. Dianne Evans filled in for Jay and Cecile while they were unable to be in the office, she did a wonderful job.
7	<u>UW Extension</u> Barry Hottman presented. Weekly Zoom meetings with the Dean from Extension. Estimating that the Extension office will be back in the building at the end of the month. Our summer 4-H intern, Ashley Judd, started Monday. She is in her senior year at UW Platteville Ag Business. Summer activities related to Extension such as the Iowa County

	Fair, Dodgefest and Pop-up town square are up in the air at this time. The Taste of Madison and State Fair have been cancelled. We are making a new broadband survey that will be sent out via mail to all households in Iowa County. Our goal is to get additional data to add to the data from the 2017 study.
8	<u>Unified Community Services</u> Jeff Lockhart presented. With the COVID pandemic, all services are held via Telehealth. There is a room set up off our lobby with a computer for people that do not have smart phone or computer so they can still receive services. AODA group treatment was suspended for approximately 2-3 weeks after COVID broke out. We had to wait for state guidance before we could do anything. Over half of those people relapsed. Once the meetings resumed things were better. A women's substance use disorder grant, which allows uninsured and underinsured women ages 18-44 years old to receive services, was submitted. A Workforce Development Grant was applied for. This grant is a long shot because only 8 are awarded across the nation. There is zero funding to help connect substance abuse recovery to employment. Demand for mental health services has actually declined because a significant amount of people do not like counseling via Telehealth. We have not seen a drop on the medication management side. The most serious thing regarding COVID is the two most robust predictors in suicide, economic downturn and social isolation. Resilient Wisconsin Initiative has a great website with hours' worth of information. Just begun to launch our new Comprehensive Community Services program (CCS). We did hire a leader for the program. We are hoping this will grow into a large and effective program. Paull talked with a drug court graduate and they said Zoom meetings are not the same as face-to-face. Lockhart said that Iowa and Grant County offices are connected and Grant County COVID numbers are a lot worse than Iowa County. We are under strict restrictions at the time. We will be doing face-to-face as soon as we can.
9	<u>Social Services</u> Tom Slaney presented. With COVID, we have closed our doors to the public but our services are still needed. While approximately 85% of our staff worked from home, we still had support staff in the building. The rules for telecommuting were suspended. The IT Department has been very good with getting things up and going for those working from home. On May 27th, staff returned to the office with new safety rules implemented. We have had several requests from staff to utilize the county telecommute policy and are processing those requests now. Many state and federal waivers were issued to assist staff and our consumers. There was an increase to SNAP benefits (Food Share) to address the loss of wages and increased demand for food at home. There was anticipation for a high volume demand on our ESS side but I do not know if that occurred. The demand diminished a little bit. Our driver escort and tax services continued but were limited to essential services. Our bus service was suspended on March 16th. We have had our bus driver helping different departments in the building. The energy assistance program has been extended to run through September 17th, this is a federal program. This program usually ends on May 15th and resumes September 30th. Weatherization is dependent on if a person qualifies for energy assistance. A rental assistance program just got started through SWCAP called WRAP. Eviction notices were suspended until June 1st. An on-line request system was created for volunteer and community needs. We had seventeen volunteers sign up and 5 people in the community that wanted to receive services. More volunteers than people requesting services. We have seen a reduction in child abuse reports since the schools have been closed. Davis wanted to commend a couple of social workers that have been working well with two families during this time.
10	Next meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
11	Motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. by Davis, seconded by Rolfsmeyer.

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title:ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County By-Laws

☒ Original

☐ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

Recommendation to the Iowa County Board to Approve the amended Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County By-Laws. The amendments started with an ADRC By-Law Sub Committee. The ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County Board has reviewed and discussed the by-laws at multiple board meetings over the last year. Please note the highlights from various review dates on the draft version that is being sent to you. On 6/23/20, the ADRC Board recommended that the amended by-laws be sent onto the HHS Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

To send the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County By-Laws onto the County Board for Approval

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list below:

Amended Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County By-Laws

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? 10 minutes

COMPLETED BY: Valerie Hiltbrand

DEPT: DSS/Aging and Disability Resource Center

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED:

☒ Yes

☐ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM #

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN, IOWA COUNTY BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin Iowa County, hereafter referred to in this document as the ADRC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The ADRC is committed to improving the quality of life for all Iowa County elderly as well as adults who are disabled. To these ends we will act as the voice, advocate and administrative arm of this county for these individuals with particular emphasis toward achieving a more visible and positive public image. We will strive to develop, review and stimulate programs based on the expressed needs and desires of our constituents. We will direct our efforts to assure that programs and services reach the vast majority, if not all, the county's adults with disabilities and elderly citizens. All planning will concern itself with the economic well-being and the maximum utilization of the potential of adults with disabilities and elderly citizens. It is the hope of this ADRC that these efforts will help all those it represents to lead a more peaceful, healthy, happy, and fulfilling life.

ARTICLE III. STRUCTURE

The ADRC shall consist of the ADRC Staff, ADRC Board, and sub-committees of that Board.

ARTICLE IV. ADRC BOARD

Section 1. Appointments

The ADRC will seek to assure representation for all geographic areas in the County as well as one consumer, family member, guardian or advocate representing adults with physical disabilities, one representing adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and one representing adults with either a mental health or a substance abuse issue. When a position on the ADRC Board becomes vacant, we will first try to fill that vacancy with somebody living in the same general geographical location. We will then seek to fill any need for a representative from one of our target groups. We will solicit public input through advertisements in local papers and contact with local elderly and disability groups and public bodies. If it is not possible to locate someone in the area, the ADRC Board will seek to appoint someone from another area where it feels representation is needed. The ADRC Board will screen prospective applicants and present its recommendations to the Iowa County Administrator. Appointments will be affirmed by the Iowa County Administrator subject to the approval by the full County Board.

Section 2. Memberships

The ADRC Board shall consist of at least 9 (but no more than 15 members). At least 51% of the members shall be 60 years of age or older. No more than three members shall be elected county officials. The ADRC Board shall include at least one consumer, family member, guardian or advocate who represents adults with physical disabilities, one representing adults with

intellectual/developmental disabilities and one representing adults with either a mental health or a substance abuse issue.

Section 3. Tenure/Terms

Each member shall serve a three-year term with the exception of those appointed to replace a member who resigns or retires in mid-term. (In the latter case, the appointee will serve out the remainder of the term of the person s/he replaces). The ADRC Board will be divided into three groups of approximately the same size. Each year one of these groups, in rotations, will be eligible for reappointment or replacement, in accordance with State Statute. In accordance with s. 46.82 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, no member may serve more than two consecutive 3 year terms. County supervisors may not be appointed past their two-year elected terms. Therefore, to comply with state statutes, county supervisors may serve no more than three consecutive two-year terms.

Section 4. Absences

Any member of the ADRC Board absent without a valid excuse for three consecutive regular meetings shall be removed from their position.

Section 5. Removal

In accordance with s. 46.82 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, "a county or tribal commission on aging member appointed under par.(a)1. may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds vote of each county board of supervisors or tribal governing body participating in the appointment, on due notice in writing and hearing of the charges against the member."

Section 6. Ethics and Confidentiality

ADRC Board members must abide by the Iowa County Ethics Guide. ADRC Board members shall not release the names and/or other confidential information about the program participants without the consent of the participant. The responsibility to maintain confidentiality should be fulfilled in such a way as to not obstruct or preclude legitimate public access to records or information relative to the activities, programs, service and financing of the ADRC.

Section 7. Training

Members of the ADRC Board shall receive training and education to enable the members to have a strong and effective voice.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Officers will be elected from the ADRC Board and shall consist of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Section 1. Duties of Officers

A. Chairperson:

Shall preside at all meetings of the ADRC Board, make appointments to committees, make recommendations to County committees, make recommendations to County Board with assistance of Director and in general s/he shall perform all duties incidental to the office of Chairperson and such other duties as may be prescribed by the ADRC Board.

B. Vice-Chairperson:

Shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chairperson or in event of their inability or refusal to act. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson or by the ADRC Board.

C. Secretary: (review wording... 2.25.2020)

Review the unapproved minutes prior to the review by the ADRC Board. Assume the responsibilities of the Chair in the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair. ~~Shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the ADRC Board, per county policy and in general perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson or the ADRC Board.~~

Section 2. Election of Officers

Each year, at the Annual Meeting all three ~~one of the three~~ officers will come up for election. ~~The order will rotate Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, beginning in May of 1980.~~ The ADRC Membership Committee will present a slate of candidates for the open-office. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted. ADRC Board members present will have the opportunity to vote on the candidate of their choice at the time.

Section 3. Tenure

Each officer will be elected for a ~~one year~~ ~~three-year~~ term and no officer may serve more than ~~one~~ ~~three~~ consecutive terms in any one office. Special elections may be held to fill a vacancy caused by a mid-term resignation. In the latter case, the replacement will be elected for the balance of said term and would be eligible to be nominated for and serve ~~one~~ ~~three~~ additional consecutive, ~~one year~~ ~~three-year~~ terms.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Appointments

The ADRC Chairperson shall appoint members.

Section 2. Members

Each Committee shall consist of at least three (3), but not more than five (5) members who are members of the ADRC Board. The one exception to this, the Planning Committee, which may have as many members as necessary to fulfill the duties of that Committee.

Section 3. Structure

Each committee shall have a Chairperson who shall be responsible for reporting to the ADRC Board on resolutions recommended, action taken, and relevant issues.

Section 4. Standing Committees shall consist of:

A. Membership

~~Shall be responsible for filling vacancies in the ADRC Board and presenting the ADRC Board with a slate of candidates for offices at the annual meeting.~~ May be responsible for filling vacancies and presenting candidates to the ADRC Board and shall be responsible for presenting the ADRC Board with a slate of candidates for offices at the annual meeting.

Nominations from the floor may also be accepted.

B. Transportation Committee

Shall review ~~Bus and Driver Escort Policies~~ Transportation Program policies and procedures on a regular basis. Making recommendations to the ADRC Board on any changes.

C. Planning Committee

Shall work with the ADRC Staff in the development of the County Plan.

D. Executive Committee

Executive Committee will be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary of the ADRC Board. They ~~have the power to direct~~ may advise the staff on issues arising between regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings

Shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Health and Human Services Center or any other predetermined time and/or location. Notice of regular meeting by agenda shall be sent, posted and presented for publication at least five (5) days prior to meeting date.

Section 2. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the ADRC Board shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of May of each year for the purpose of receiving new board members, reviewing of the bylaws, transacting election of officers and for the presentations of the Annual Financial Report Annual Financial Report.

Section 3. Special meetings

The ADRC Board Chairperson or a majority of the ADRC Board Members may call special meetings. Any place within Iowa County may be fixed as a place for holding any special meetings of the ADRC Board. Notice must be given 24 hours prior to meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of active, voting ADRC Board Members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of regular meetings. If no quorum is present at a regular meeting and if in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee there is important business to be acted upon, the Executive Committee ~~shall direct~~ may advise the staff to act appropriately with such action to be reviewed at the following regular meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. Rules of Order

The ADRC Board shall conduct its business according to the latest Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII. BOOKS AND RECORDS

The ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin, Iowa County office shall keep records of all accounts, financial transactions, and meeting minutes available to Board Members at any time. All financial transactions shall take place through County Government offices.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES AND POWERS

The following list includes some, but not all, of the powers and duties of the ADRC **Staff** which shall be exercised and performed in conformity with the laws and ordinances of the County of Iowa and the State of Wisconsin, shall be as follows:

- A. The ADRC shall act as the clearinghouse for all county (public and private) programs on aging.
- B. The ADRC shall have on file current information on ages, income, population, and demographic characteristics of the elderly and adults with disabilities in the county.
- C. The ADRC shall delineate areas that need services and utilize existing community programs through community cooperation and coordination that will provide an efficient method for delivery of services.
- D. The ADRC shall indicate the need for particular legislation with back-up data.
- E. The ADRC shall make available to County Supervisors the information and research relating to the effects of proposed legislation.
- F. The ADRC shall act as the mechanism through which the voices of the elderly and adults with disabilities can be heard on any and all issues relating to their well-being.
- G. The ADRC shall be authorized to establish sub-committees to encourage community involvement, but in keeping with the purposes and objectives of the ADRC.
- H. The ADRC shall, in cooperation with the **Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Area Agency on Aging**, encourage the development of new and expanded programs for older adults consistent with delineated areas of need.
- I. The ADRC shall cooperate with the **Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR), Area Agency on Aging**, and the Department of Health Services, related public and private agencies, and elderly and adults with disabilities, in planning efforts.
- J. **The ADRC shall make an annual report of its activities to the County Board of Supervisors and shall make such other reports, as the County Board from time to time requires.**
- K. The ADRC shall prepare annually a budget for necessary and reasonable expenditures to be incurred by the ADRC in accomplishing its goals and mandates, subject to review and approval of the County **Administrator and County** Board.
- L. The ADRC shall also perform the following: MDS Q referrals, elderly and disability benefits counseling, **provide** access to publicly funded long-term care programs and services, assist consumers in gaining access to mental health and substance abuse services, assist consumers in gaining access to other public programs and benefits, provide short term service coordination, assist consumers in gaining access to emergency services, work with the adult protective services to make sure that people are free from abuse and neglect, help young adults with disabilities experience seamless transition and entry into the adult long-term care system, and provide prevention and early intervention services.

ARTICLE X. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No ADRC Board member shall participate in voting on any matter, which result in personal or financial gain for him/herself.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These by-laws shall be reviewed annually or as needed and may be amended by a majority vote of the ADRC Board at any regularly scheduled meeting provided that Board Members have received a copy of the proposed amendments at least one month in advance of the vote to amend. These By Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by laws adopted by a majority of the ADRC Board members present at any regular or at any special meeting.

8/17/2019 updates

1/28/2020 updates

2/25/2020 updates

DSS Director's suggestions

05/26/20 updates

6.23.20 updates



ADRC Manager's Report: July 2020

Recent Events:

May was Older Americans Act Month and ADRC Month.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

Elder Abuse and Neglect Awareness: We again have a display of pinwheels in front of the Health and Human Services Building, ADRC entrance. Each of the 74 pinwheels represent a report of Elder Abuse or neglect that we received in 2019. According to the Administration for Community Living, "every year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10 older Americans experience elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation." Staff wore purple on June 15th to bring awareness.

Upcoming events and other news:

Prevention Programs: We are working on finalizing some plans for prevention for late summer/fall.

Aging Mastery Program (self-directed/phone consultation): The Aging Mastery Starter Kit empowers individuals to get the most out of life. Each element of the kit has been designed to encourage people to take small steps to improve quality of life. This is being offered to SUN Home Delivered Meal participants first.

Stand Up & Move More (in person): small group, in Dodgeville, end of August

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (online): August 19-September 23

Boost Your Brain & Memory (online): early fall

Stepping-On (in-person): small group, held outside, in Mineral Point

We are also looking into offering online or conference call type classes in the fall.

Caregiver Support Program: Our Dementia Care Specialist and the Alzheimer's Association teamed up to host a "Monday Coffee Connect," which is a virtual caregiver support group from 10am-11am on Mondays. Starting May 28th, the Dementia Care Specialists of Southwest and Eagle Country will be hosting another online support group: "Evening Conversations with Pam and Gina" on Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm. The Mug Club for Caregivers had their first virtual Caregiver Support Group on 6/16/20.

Senior Farmer Market Vouchers: Senior Farmer Market Voucher *curb-side pick-up* started on June 1st. Most Farmers Markets are still open, with special precautions. We are encouraging high risk individuals to use a proxy this year in order to obtain the vouchers and to obtain the food from the markets.

Healthy Aging in Rural Towns (HeART Coalition): The HeART Coalition continues to meet virtually. Future strategies will include an ADRC Falls Referral online application, Pedestrian Safety/Red Flags Program, Resource HUB Training and Prescription Drug Take-back, amongst other things.

As of the end of June, the Health and Human Services Building is still locked but staff are available to assist consumers over the phone or online, during normal business hours. Please refer residents of Iowa County to call the office at 608-930-9835 to discuss their needs. Our contacts have varied throughout the pandemic so we are looking at doing some additional outreach in the community to make sure Iowa County residents know that even though services may look a little different right now, we are open and available to assist them.

The ADRC Board Chair cancelled meetings for March and April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The May and June ADRC Board meetings were held via Zoom, with the ability to also attend in person.

Respectfully submitted,

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BLOOMFIELD HEALTHCARE & REHABILITATION CENTER

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June 30, 2020

Discussion items for Bloomfield

- Star Rating
- Staffing
- Covid Update
- Internet Upgrade

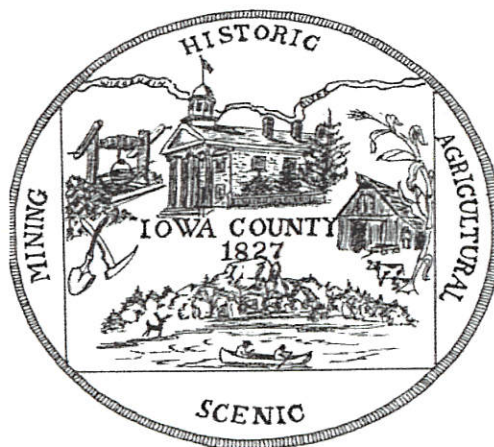
Rochelle Kruchten
Bloomfield Administrator



Public Health
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2019 Annual Report

Message from the Director

To the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, Board of Health, Health & Human Services Committee, and Residents:

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2019 Annual Report of the Iowa County Health Department.

In 2019, the Iowa County Health Department continued to provide programs and services needed to maintain its designation as a Level II Health Department in the State of Wisconsin.

As we take time to look back on the services summarized in this report it allows us an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the people who work hard to promote, protect and preserve our health in Iowa County.

Prevention activities continue on a daily basis for those of us in public health. Whether it be vaccinating our children or identifying those at risk for a communicable disease, we are busy behind the scenes working to ensure the well-being of all Iowa County residents.

Of significance in 2019, was the passage of Iowa County Resolution 7-2019 requesting the Wisconsin legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations. History has shown the impact of vaccination on public health. We must continue to place importance on keeping our immunization rates high in all parts of the county.

As the threat of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 becomes real to our country and Iowa County. I am confident the public health measures we take now will help to slow the spread of this disease.

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have served in this role since September 2015. In March 2020 I will be retiring and wish Debbie Siegenthaler all the best as she steps into this position. She brings with her many years of public health experience and great leadership qualities. She is ready to tackle COVID-19 and anything else that may arise.

Sincerely,

Sue Matye

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Educator**

Troy Moris, RS
Environmental Health Coordinator

Board of Health

Linda Pittz, Chair/Community Member
Bruce Paull, Vice-Chair/Elected Official
Judy Lindholm, Elected Official
Tom Forbes, Elected Official
Joan Davis, Elected Official
Tom Howard, Community Member
Sue Steudel, Community Member

Dr. Peter Mullin, Medical Advisor

Wis. Stat. § 251.03(1)

A local board of health shall consist of not more than 9 members. At least 3 of these members shall be persons who are not elected officials or employees of the governing body that establishes the local health department and who have a demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. In appointing the members who are not elected officials or employees, a good faith effort shall be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician. Members of the local board of health shall reflect the diversity of the community.

Wis. Stat. § 251.04(6)(a)

A local board of health shall assess public health needs.



Public Health
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The Iowa County Health Department is the official agency of the County responsible for the promotion of wellness, prevention of disease and provision of a healthful environment. This is achieved through activities involving assessment of the community, policy development and evaluation of programs.



Public Health
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THE TOP 10 ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community.
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards.
3. Give people information they need to make healthy choices.
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop public health policies and plans.
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations.
7. Help people receive health services.
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce.
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions.
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health.

Our Mission

Maximizing quality of life across the lifespan

Our Vision

*Lifelong health and well-being for every person,
family and community in Iowa County.*

Our Values

Prevention and Promotion – Strategies that prevent disease and promote healthy living in healthy environments.

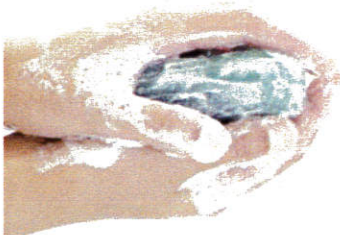
Collaboration and Partnership – People working together provide the best solutions.

Evidence-Based - Our practice is science based and uses best practices that improve population health status

Social Justice - We are advocates for vulnerable populations and work to empower families to assure quality of life

Health Equity – Everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier

Compassion - We strive to provide dignified care to others



2019 Programs and Services

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community

Wis. Stat. § 251.05(3)(a)

A local health department shall... Regularly and systematically collect, assemble, analyze and make available information on the health of the community, including statistics on health status, community health needs, epidemiologic studies of health problems, other studies of health problems.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

In 2019, the Iowa County Health Department collaborated with Upland Hills Health to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to address the needs identified in the Community Needs Assessment and healthy Aging in Rural Towns (HeART) Coalition Needs Assessment. A copy of the Iowa County Improvement Plan can be found on the Iowa County Health Department website under documents.

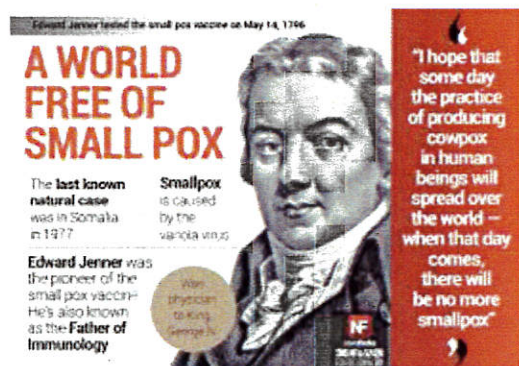
The County Health Rankings evaluates all 72 counties in Wisconsin for health outcomes and health factors. In 2019, Iowa County was ranked 25th for health outcomes and 20th for health factors. <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards

Wis. Stat. § 252.06(3)

If a local health officer suspects or is informed of the existence of any communicable disease, the officer shall at once investigate and make or cause such examinations to be made as are necessary.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases/Immunization Program



Appropriate administration of safe and effective vaccines is one of the most successful and cost effective public health tools for preventing disease. In 2019, 1,186 total immunizations (including flu) were administered to 1,116 individuals.

The Health Department is a provider of the Vaccines for Children Program, which can be administered to children through age 18 years with Medicaid, Badger Care or no insurance.



With flu vaccine provided by the Wisconsin Immunization Program, nurses from the Iowa County Health Department immunized 893 school-aged children during mass vaccination clinics held at every school in Iowa County. The school-based clinics were held within a 30-day period during the months of October and November.

The Iowa County Health Department is an active member of the Southern Wisconsin Immunization Consortium (SWIC). The consortium's mission is promoting the use of vaccines with evidence based education and advocacy.

Communicable Disease Surveillance and Follow-up

Wisconsin State Law mandates that local health departments are the responsible agency for the surveillance and follow-up of over 70 reportable communicable diseases. Communicable diseases are tracked through a secure, confidential database between public health, private physicians, hospitals, labs and the state. This communication channel allows for prompt investigation of possible outbreaks and unusual situations. It allows for control measures to minimize further transmission of disease to others.

<i>Diseases in Iowa County</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	0	0	0	3
Arboviral Illness, West Nile Virus	1	1	1	3
Campylobacteriosis	14	22	14	20
Chlamydia Trachomatis	41	42	36	44
Cryptosporidiosis	12	9	7	6
E-Coli	11	6	5	7
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, A.	3	2	0	1
Giardiasis	1	0	2	1
Gonorrhea	4	3	8	6
Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive Disease	0	0	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	3
Hepatitis C, chronic	6	6	3	20
Histoplasmosis	1	2	0	1
Influenza (Hospitalizations)	3	22	39	28
Legionellosis	1	0	1	1
Leptospirosis	2	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	11	8	4	9
Lyme Lab Report				38
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (tested)	0	0	0	1
Meningitis, Bacterial other	1	0	0	1
Pertussis (tested)	64	97	64	59
Q Fever, Unspecified	0	0	0	2
Rubella	1	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	4	8	10	3
Shigellosis	4	2	1	0
Spotted Fever Group				1
Streptococcal Infection, Other Invasive	2	1	0	2
Syphilis	2	4	0	3
Toxoplasmosis	1	0	0	3
Tuberculosis				1
Tuberculosis, latent	1	1	3	3
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	4	8	1	9

Data Source: Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System



Wis. Stat. § 251.06(3)(f)

A local health officer shall: Investigate and supervise the sanitary conditions of all premises within the jurisdictional area of the local health department.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Program is a valuable asset to our residents. Environmental Health provides programs that focus on issues like house hygiene, lead, radon, water quality and mold. The Environmental Health Coordinator continues to provide consultation and hands-on assessments for referrals in Iowa, Lafayette, Grant, Richland and Vernon counties. Below are the number of home visits and contacts made by the Environmental Health Coordinator.

Services	Iowa County			5 Counties – SW Wisconsin		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Contacts	275	283	287	1,018	1,416	1,505
Home Visits	38	29	27	261	419	229

- **161 Iowa County children were tested for blood lead levels. 59 of the blood lead tests** were performed at WIC clinics in Iowa County. There is no safe level of lead in the human body. Even very low levels of lead can cause permanent brain damage and negatively affect health, especially those between 6 months and 6 years of age. Six children had blood lead levels falling in the range of 5–10 mcg/dl and were provided follow up.
- **67 animal bite investigations** were completed by the Iowa County Health Department in 2019. Animal bites occurred from 12 wild animals and 55 domestic animals. Of the 55 domestic animals, 25 had not been vaccinated for rabies.
- **51 radon kits** were distributed and **35 (69%)** were completed by residents of Iowa County. There were **24** tests completed with results between 4 – 10 pCi/l and **8** with results above 10 pCi/l. Follow-up letters were sent to all clients with levels above 4 pCi/l. Most scientists agree the risk of death for radon at 4 pCi/l is approximately 1 in 100. At the 4 pCi/l EPA action guideline level, radon carries approximately 1000 times the risk of death as any other EPA carcinogen.

3. Give people information they need to make healthy choices.

Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 140.04(1)(c)

Development and delivery of services to reduce the incidence or prevalence of the chronic diseases or injuries that are the leading causes of disability and premature death in the jurisdiction of the local health department

Chronic Disease Prevention

Chronic disease accounts for the greatest number of poor health conditions and increasing health care costs. 80% of older adults have at least one chronic condition and 50% have at least 2 or more. Public health nurses co-facilitate several community based workshops and classes to help people living with a chronic disease. **“Healthy Living with Diabetes”** and **“Living Well with Chronic Disease”** help adults learn lifestyle skills to manage their disease. **“Stepping On”** is a 7 week workshop that is proven to reduce falls and empower older adults. **Tai Chi** has also shown to be effective in falls prevention for the elderly.



4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems

Wis. Stat. § 251.05(3)(c)

A local health department shall...involve key policymakers and the general public in determining and developing a community health improvement plan that includes actions to implement the services and functions specified under s. 250.03(1)(L).

Healthy Aging in Rural Towns “HeART”



The Iowa County HeART Coalition completed a community assessment in the summer of 2018. This survey identified needs and strategies for closing some of the gaps in support networks for older adults and family caregivers in Iowa County. Results of the assessment were used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan in 2019. A Community Coordinator/Educator was hired by the Iowa County Health Department in July 2019 to lead the HeART Coalition through the implementation phase of the HeART project.



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<https://care.nursing.wisc.edu/heart/>

Iowa County Wellness Expo

The Iowa County Health Department participated in the Annual Wellness Expo with a focus on the Healthy Aging in Rural Towns (HeART) Coalition. We provided information about HeART objectives and supportive services essential to older adults aging in place, while fostering community engagement and outreach.



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5. Develop Public Health Policies and Plans

Wis. Stat. § 251.05(3)(b)

Develop public health policies and procedures for the community.

Committees and Advisory Boards

The Iowa County Health Department had representation at many committee meetings, board meetings and conferences throughout 2019. These included the following:

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB)

Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA)

Southwest Community Action Program (SWCAP)

Community Connections Free Clinic

HeART Coalition

Iowa County Homeless Coalition

Substance Abuse Coalition

Infection Prevention Council at Upland Hills Health

Salvation Army

Traffic Safety Commission

Southwest Wisconsin Environmental Health Consortium

Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Consortium

South Central Health Care Coalition

Southern Wisconsin Immunization Coalition

Coordinated Service Team (CST)

Aging Network (I Team)

Caregivers Support Group

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Iowa County Caregiver Coalition

Dementia Friendly Community Coalition

Family Resource Center of Iowa County

6. Enforce Public Health Laws and Regulations

Wis. Stat. § 251.06(3)

A local health officer shall:

(a) Administer the local health department in accordance with state statutes and rules.

(b) Enforce state public health statutes and rules.

(c) Enforce any regulations that the local board of health adopts and any ordinances that the relevant governing body enacts, if those regulations and ordinances are consistent with state public health statutes and rules.

In 2019, five orders of abatement were issued for unhealthy home environments with animal feces and urine, pest infestation, mold, drugs and asbestos. Many of the hazards were abated without the need for legal action.



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7. Help people receive health services

Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 140.04(1)(c)3

Services to prevent other diseases....Arranging screening, referral and follow-up for population groups for which these activities are recognized by the department as effective in preventing chronic diseases and injuries.

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

The Iowa County Health Department offers health assessments for families who have a newborn to supplement visits with their health care provider. These assessments include height/weight checks, information about growth and development, resources and support to help ensure babies are healthy and developing normally. In 2019, 75 visits were made with infants and families.

WIC

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a nutrition, informational and supplemental food program available to eligible families with children under age five, women who are pregnant, or nursing women. A public health nurse is available during WIC Clinics to screen families for public health programs and services.

Oral Health

Tooth decay is one of the most common, preventable diseases in children. The Health Department works with local schools, WIC and Head Start to promote use of fluoride varnish. A public health nurse applies fluoride varnish to the teeth of children ages 6 months to 12 years of age. In 2019, 117 fluoride varnishes were applied.

Tobacco Coalition

The Health Department is an active partner of the Southwest Alliance for Tobacco Prevention Coalition. The coalition works to create tobacco free communities in Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Rock and Green counties. E-cigarettes and "Vaping" became a large focus for the Tobacco Coalition in 2019.

8. Maintain a competent public health workforce

Wis. Stat. § 251.06(3)(e)

A local health officer shall...Appoint all necessary subordinate personnel, assure that they meet appropriate qualifications and have supervisory power over all subordinate personnel. Any public health nurses and sanitarians hired for the local health department shall meet any qualification requirements established in rules promulgated by the department.

Limited Term Employees (LTE)

In 2019, an additional Public Health Nurse joined the staff at the Iowa County Health Department as a Limited-term Employee. All three LTE nurses were able to help with mass influenza immunization clinics held at all Iowa County Schools in the Fall of 2019. With funding from an Opioid Grant, one of the nurses took a lead role in the Substance Misuse Prevention Committee. She continues to be involved with the Substance Misuse Prevention Committee. Another LTE nurse is now working to increase immunization rates in Iowa County.



Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Iowa County Health Department meets bi-monthly with neighboring counties to work on bioterrorism and emergency preparedness plans. The consortium includes Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon and Crawford counties. Health Officers share ideas and plan together to fulfill the requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

South Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (SCWIHERC)

<http://www.scwiherc.org/>

Iowa County is one of 14 counties in the South Central Wisconsin HERC Region 5. The coalition is comprised of hospitals, public health, emergency management, emergency medical services and trauma. Through effective policy development and training practices, the Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition integrates individual planning capabilities from regional responders to facilitate a coordinated and collaborative response to emergencies in the region. In 2018, Iowa County Health Department became the fiscal agent for SCWIHERC. The Iowa County Health Officer continues to serve on the Advisory Board for the Coalition.

9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions

Wis. Stat. § 251.06(3)(h)

A local health officer shall: Have charge of the local health department and perform the duties prescribed by the local board of health. The local health officer shall submit an annual report of the administration of the local health department to the local board of health.

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10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Wis. Stat. § 250.03(1)(L)

Provide research to develop insights into and innovative solutions for health problems.



The Iowa County Health Department continues to be a provider of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, "Prevent T2" for people who are diagnosed with prediabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. The Iowa County Health Department was the first health department in Wisconsin to offer the program. This yearlong, evidenced-based program to prevent or postpone Type 2 Diabetes focuses on healthy eating, increasing physical activity, weight loss, stress reduction and coping skills, and making lifestyle changes. In 2019, classes for the program were held at Lands' End in Dodgeville.



Expenses	2016	2017	2018	2019
Personnel & Fringe	307,927	314,550	325,600	348,542
All others	35,515	30,048	49,965	59,172
*SCWIHERC	-	-	-	355,592
Total:	\$343,442	\$344,598	\$375,565	\$763,307
Revenue				
Grants	77,587	80,663	107,549	135,934
Other	20,654	21,239	12,368	10,558
*SCWIHERC	-	-	-	360,912
Total:	\$98,241	\$101,902	\$119,917	\$507,404
Tax Levy	\$245,201	\$242,696	\$255,648	\$255,903

*Iowa County Health Department is the fiscal agent for South Central Wisconsin Health Emergency Readiness Coalition (SCWIHERC).