

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 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	Chairperson Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien, John Meyers Members Present Remotely: Kimberly Alan Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Bruce Paull, Debbie Siegenthaler, Lynn Perkins, Jessa Engelken Others Present Remotely: Mel Masters, Jeff Lindeman, Jeff Lockhart, Echo Bristol, Andrea Hubanks
3	<u>Approval of the February 2, 2022 Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by O'Brien to accept the agenda with proposed changes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the meeting minutes. 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> <i>Nankee-</i> He shared that the County Board voted to close Bloomfield and asked Bierke to give an update. They have begun the closure process and have met with residents' family members. Some of the families have elected to move their resident on their own, and Bloomfield has been able to place some residents in Mineral Point and at Edenbrook in Platteville. Currently, Bloomfield provides meals to the SUN Program for the Dodgeville Meal Site and, per the agreement between Bloomfield and the SUN Program, 90-days of notice needs to be given; therefore, the last day Bloomfield will provide meals to the SUN Program is April 4, 2022. The SUN Program is working with the meal provider for the Law Enforcement Center, and is expecting to transition to receiving meals from them prior to April 4 th . Bristol stated that they are working to ensure that residents' needs are being met. Nankee shared an article from the Wisconsin State Journal regarding nursing homes and that Wisconsin has lost around 2,000 beds in the last year. Davis stated that seven nursing homes have closed and four of those are in rural communities, including Bloomfield. <i>Paull-</i> He referenced the Upland Hills Health Board of Director's guest editorial in this week's <i>Dodgeville Chronicle</i> . <i>Nankee-</i> He shared information from the <i>News & Views</i> . <i>O'Brien-</i> He stated that it is remarkable that the ADRC team is able to put out the <i>News & Views</i> each month among their other duties. Hats off to them. <i>Rolfsmeyer-</i> He shared an update from SWCAP that there are five Afghan families relocating to Platteville. <i>Davis-</i> She referenced the December, 2019 edition of the <i>Wisconsin Counties</i> magazine that covered the different services offered to help the aging population.
6	<u>Request by Unified Community Services to form an Advisory Committee to make recommendations for utilization of the Opioid Settlement Funds:</u> Bierke gave background information regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds. Lockhart explained his request. Davis inquired what Grant County planned to do. Lockhart stated that they are at the same place in the process as Iowa County, and that there is an appendix outlining stakeholders. Davis suggested that the committee consist of a couple board members, some Department Heads, and some community members. Bierke suggested putting together a resolution. Alan inquired about the stakeholders listed in the appendix. Lockhart shared that the stakeholders would be law enforcement, hospitals, schools, drug court, organizations like SWCAP, and health departments. O'Brien inquired about spending guidelines. Bierke stated that the money could sit in a fund until the committee made a decision on how to spend it.

	Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer that Bierke draft a resolution identifying appointment, terms, and responsibilities to form the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. She shared an update regarding Covid-19 cases. There is a shift, endorsed by DHS, from major response activities like contact tracing and disease investigation to refocusing on vaccination and treatment. There are modifications to the dashboard and weekly case count. Due to the fact that they are no longer doing contact tracing and disease investigation, they will no longer be able to provide in-depth statistics as they will not have the data gathered from those interviews. The vaccination clinics previously held at Lands' End will be moving back to the HHS Center, and drive thru testing will continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Lockhart, Unified Community Services, is holding a Well-Being Boot Camp for the Health Department, Emergency Management, and some Social Services staff about the fundamentals of self-care and prioritizing taking care of ourselves. Davis inquired about masking guidance. Siegenthaler shared the different types of masks and stated that the most important message is to find a mask that is well-fitting and to wear it. The Federal government is going to distribute N95 masks to pharmacies. Rolfsmeyer asked if we will begin to see underreporting with the increase in at-home testing. Siegenthaler stated that a lot is unknown with home testing, as it does not run through a lab like PCR testing does, so there is no reporting mechanism to collect and report the data. It is important to stay home if you are sick.
8	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Nankee gave report in McManus' absence stating that she will be happy to attend the next committee meeting. He stated that any concerns brought to him will be addressed at the SUN Board meeting on February 17th at the Viking Café in Blanchardville at 1:00 p.m. If you would like a meal beforehand at noon, please call ahead to order it. McManus will be meeting next week with an applicant for the Dodgeville Meal Site Manager position who could help for three days per week. They are working with digital hiring to help with the hiring for the open positions. Davis inquired about the ARPA funding to replace equipment. Bierke stated that McManus is working with Jamie Gould, Iowa County Finance Director, on the ARPA funding. Davis shared that the SUN Board meeting might be more accessible for people to attend if they met in one location and not in the middle of the day.
9	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins gave report. She introduced Engelken, the new Food Wellness/Nutrition Coordinator. UW Extension is working on a regional model to serve our four counties (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Green) with the three current Ag Educators. These three educators will provide specialized service (dairy, livestock, and crops/soils) to all four counties instead of having one Ag Educator per county. They are also working on broadband expansion, electronic vehicle charging stations, and renewable energy. There are currently three major projects for natural resources. The 4-H program has continued virtually to help youth develop skills and explore career areas. They are looking for a 4-H summer intern to help with the County Fair and other programs throughout the summer. Rolfsmeyer stated that Victoria Solomon, Green County, has done a lot with the Afghan refugee relocation.
10	<u>Veterans Office Update:</u> Lindeman gave report. Davis inquired on the four new veteran families that relocated to Iowa County. Lindeman stated that they relocated to be closer to aging parents. Rolfsmeyer thanked Lindeman for his role in assisting veterans with agent orange claims. Nankee liked the idea of the S.A.V.E. (Signs of suicide, Asking about suicide, Validating feelings, Encouraging help and Expediting treatment) Program. Davis appreciates Lindeman working closely with the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Iowa County. Alan asked if there was anything Iowa County could do to be more welcoming to the new veteran families. Lindeman shared that Vortex is a veteran friendly employer. Bierke stated that Lindeman has done a lot to bring about awareness to Iowa County with the quarterly newsletter and veteran parking spots. The Iowa County Veterans Service Office celebrated 75 years in 2021.
11	<u>Wednesday, March 2, 2022:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
12	Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.