

APPROVED MINUTES

Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Health and Human Services Community Room 303 W. Chapel Street.; Dodgeville, Wisconsin lowa County Wisconsin

| Item | |
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| 1 | Chairperson Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. |
| 2 | Roll Call: |
| | Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin |
| | O'Brien |
| | Members Present Remotely: Kimberly Alan |
| | Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Echo Bristol, Debbie |
| | Siegenthaler, Jeff Lindeman, Kenyon Bennett, Mel Masters, Bruce Paull |
| | Others Present Remotely: Richard Jinkins |
| 3 | Approval of the April 6, 2022 Agenda: |
| | Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. |
| 4 | Approval of the March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes: |
| | Motion by Davis and seconded by O'Brien to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. |
| 5 | Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the |
| | Committee. No action will be taken. |
| | Nankee- He shared an update regarding SUN's meals being made at the Law Enforcement Center. They still |
| | do not have a signed contract. UW-Platteville is providing meals in the interim. McManus went to look at |
| | the Bloomfield kitchen items with Bierke. Nankee participated in Stepping Up Your Nutrition, an ADRC |
| | prevention program, where he learned important nutrition information. |
| 6 | Resolution Directing The Redeployment of the Campbell Fund: |
| | Deal gave report. He discussed the Bloomfield Commissions process for narrowing seven recommendations |
| | to two. The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin and the Upland Hills Health Foundation |
| | presented information and answered questions for the Commissions. The Commission proposes that the |
| | funds be placed into two endowment funds with funding usage designations. The Upland Hills Health |
| | Foundation will receive \$100,000.00 and the remainder will go to the Community Foundation of Southern |
| | Wisconsin. The Commission chose to sell the bus and return the proceeds to the Campbell Fund. If the |
| | County Board decides to sell the Chapel at Bloomfield, Iowa County will return the depreciated value to the |
| | Campbell Fund. He asked the HHS Committee to make any changes and send the resolution on to the |
| | Executive Committee, and then on to the full County Board. Davis inquired about whether the Resolution should list the 44 beds at Upland Hills Health. Deal stated that the Commission wanted to be able to have |
| | the endowment re-evaluated if the number of beds were to change. They also wanted to make sure the |
| | endowment went to a skill nursing facility as that was the intention of the funds. Rolfsmeyer asked if both |
| | foundations provided the Commission with information to ensure their current endowments are |
| | successful. Bierke stated that both endowments provided that information to the Commission. Motion by |
| | Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to approve the resolution and pass it on to the Executive Committee. |
| | Discussion was had regarding the formation of a new committee or having the HHS Committee handle the |
| | funds. It was decided to keep it with the HHS Committee and make changes down the road, if needed. |
| | Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to modify the original motion by changing part 3 under |
| | "NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED" to state "That Iowa County create two "Robert G. Campbell |
| | Endowment Funds" and delegates to the Health and Human Services Committee to advise on the |
| | management of these funds. These two endowment funds shall support the wishes of Robert G. Campbell |
| | and be used as indicated below." Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. |
| 7 | Report on SWCAP from Supervisor Rolfsmeyer: |
| | Rolfsmeyer gave report. They are having trouble finding workers. They backed off on their Foster |
| | Grandparent Program when Covid-19 began and have had trouble starting it back up due to Covid-19 |
| | concerns. The migrant worker facility in Darlington is under construction with the expectation to open in |

August. The Department of Administration awarded SWCAP as the new administration for the Help for Homeowners Program for Southwest Wisconsin [https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Homeowner-Assistance.aspx?msclkid=c370855bb6a211ecb7e8e9ba53c5a91e (Website last visited: April 7, 2022)]. Davis inquired about the focus of the program. Rolfsmeyer stated that it is to help people who are in their homes and need assistance. SWCAP also runs food pantries and operates as a food bank. They are looking to see if their volunteers are covered by their insurance. SWCAP is the official resettlement agency designed by the Federal Government's Agent. Afghan refugees recently moved to Platteville as requested by their Chamber of Commerce. Green County has requested the same. If Iowa County would like to make this request, they should contact their representative. There may also be Ukranian refugees in the future. They discussed the possibility of using some of the Iowa County ARPA funds to support SWCAP's resettlement program. Davis shared possible community connections for those resettling.

8 **Veterans Service Department Update:**

Lindeman gave report. The Veterans newsletter went out to 932 residents. There are still new to the area Vets coming into the office. The Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) originally started about 15 years ago at the Veterans Service Office (VSO) and has expanded over the years. It moved to Bloomfield when the VSO moved to the HHS building and will be coming back to the VSO to manage around May 1, 2022. The equipment is currently being stored at Bloomfield. Davis asked if there was a plan to move the items closer. Lindeman stated that items will stay at Bloomfield for the time being, but discussion has been had on possibly building a storage facility on site or at another County property. O'Brien inquired about the number of pieces of equipment. Lindeman stated that there is around a standard two car garage that is relatively full. O'Brien asked if Lindeman was the official contact person at this point. Lindeman is working with IT to get a dedicated phone number that will ring to the VSO and ADRC reception extensions. Nankee asked about an inventory. There is an inventory at Bloomfield. Lindeman stated that he and Val, ADRC Manager, are involved with the UW-Madison School of Nursing to recruit residents to be part of a research board, Board of Older Adult Advisors. The plan is to start having board meetings in September 2022. Rolfsmeyer asked about the geographic region. Lindeman stated the focus was on Southwest Wisconsin and the rural counties in the area.

Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Update:

Bristol gave report. The facility is officially closed as of today. Their last resident was discharged this morning. The closure went well. The staff put in extra effort, did a great job, and were close to their target date. The only staff left are Bristol and the Business Manager. They are boxing up records, and the pharmacy is coming to take out the med carts and medications. Davis asked if any papers were saved for historical records. Bristol said yes and that she has been in contact with the historical society. Rolfsmeyer asked about the waste water treatment plant. Bierke shared details about the plant. The goal is for the Board to decide in June whether to demolish the facility or sell it. Bristol thanked the Committee for being wonderful to work with. The Committee thanked Bristol for her service and support of the Boards efforts.

10 Health Department Update:

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Siegenthaler gave report. She echoed the Committee in commending Bristol for her work at Bloomfield. She shared an update on Covid-19 cases and vaccinations. They are in the process of reviewing the Health Department organization with the anticipation of staff turnover and possible upcoming retirements. There is a need to focus on rebuilding communication and reputation within the community. The Health Department is working on a comprehensive after action review process of their response to the pandemic. This includes what went well and what areas need to be improved upon, including a debriefing with the staff to provide them the opportunity to reflect on the pandemic. She shared information on the Wisconsin Public Health Forward Initiative stating that the public health infrastructure, particularly in Wisconsin, is woefully underfunded. She is participating in a statewide workforce group representing Southwest Wisconsin. This week is National Public Health Week and each day has a theme. Today's theme is collaboration so she thanked the Committee for their collaboration. She shared a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Evers thanking the Health Department for being a critical partner in the response to Covid-19. The Health Department had their Chapter 140 Review in November. They passed and are recertified as a Level II Health Department. Rolfsmeyer shared that he has seen outreach by Wisconsin Counties Association, Towns Association, and League of Wisconsin Municipalities encouraging people to

| | treat elections workers better and wonders if there is a coalition of people to back healthcare workers publicly like that. |
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| 11 | Wednesday, May 4, 2022: 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 Alan to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. |