

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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	Chairman 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 Members Unexcused: Brenda Hlavac Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Debbie Siegenthaler, Tom Slaney, Valerie Hiltbrand, Bruce Paull, Levi Zimmerman, Mel Masters, Steve Deal, Richard Jinkins Others Present Remotely: Jeff Lockhart
3	<u>Approval of the July 6, 2022 Amended Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the meeting minutes. O'Brien requested in Section 10 the word realist be changed to realistic. Aye: 4; 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>Deal</i>-He gave an update on the Bloomfield Commission regarding the status of the CD's and bus sale. The CD's that are coming up this month, along with the money from the bus sale, will be placed in a money market account and held for final decision by the full County Board. Davis inquired about the Memorial Tree at Bloomfield and whether family members could receive the memorial leaves back. Bierke shared that Bloomfield has been giving donated items back to the donors, but they were waiting on the memorial leaves until a decision has been made about the future of the facility. <i>Paull</i>-He liked how the Health Department Annual Report listed volunteers. He shared his institutional knowledge on needs assessments and suggested that the County look at community assets and needs versus just needs for the opioid funding. He offered to participate in the Opioid Taskforce as he is educated on this issue. Davis asked if they could discuss this at a later time. <i>Jinkins</i>-He shared information on potential health hazards of wind turbines. <i>Rolfsmeyer</i>-The Barneveld Community Café was on the "Today Show" for feeding Iowa County residents in need with their "pay what you can menu." SWCAP received two major grants to help low income residents start their own businesses and to train nurses for Iowa County. <i>Nankee</i>-He shared updates from the June and July editions of the <u>News & Views</u>.
6	<u>Consider Proposal for Opioid Needs Assessment from SWRP:</u> Nankee shared an article from the Dodgeville Chronicle regarding the Opioid Taskforce. O'Brien will attend a second webinar next week on the potential investment of the opioid funds and will have a report for the Taskforce and potentially HHS Committee at the next meeting. Davis shared that the Opioid Taskforce would like to hire Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRP) to perform a needs assessment, and she brought the proposal for the Committee to accept. Lockhart stated that the focus has been to define the factors of the opioid pandemic. SWRP wanted to work with neighboring counties, but Davis wants that to be a decision that our Committee makes. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the timeline for the opioid funding. Bierke shared that it is over 19 years. Davis stated that we do not want to think about how to spend money until we know what the needs are. Motion made by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to approve the proposal with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for opioid related needs assessment for up to \$15,000 of the Opioid funding for Iowa County only. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7	<u>Fourth Quarter 2021 and First Quarter 2022 Financial Statements:</u> Bierke shared that we are starting the audit process for 2021. Siegenthaler shared that the \$27,639 deficiency for the Health Department is not actually a deficit to the bottom line of the County, and there is no need for the County to give the Health Department any additional levy than what was budgeted. The negative \$27,639 was due to the overall revenue being less than the budgeted revenue. Nankee inquired whether the Social Services and ADRC excess would go back to the general fund. Slaney stated that we had an influx of Covid funding that allowed us to use less levy. Rolfsmeyer inquired if 2021 was subject to audit. Bierke stated yes.
8	<u>Presentation of Health Department Annual Report:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. She shared a lot of information in this report and invited committee members to read it through and let her know if they have any questions. The Health Department spent a lot of time during 2021 on Covid. It is very reflective of the large amount of work and activities that went on at the Health Department. Davis stated that Siegenthaler did a great job of highlighting the positives from Covid. O'Brien encouraged everyone to read the letter on page three highlighting the optimism and victories that helped Iowa County triumph during the pandemic. Davis liked the fiscal statement and the clarity of how much was grant funding.
9	<u>Presentation of ADRC/DSS Annual Report:</u> Slaney gave report. There was a lot of information, and he will answer any questions. Nankee liked the Mission Statement and the information on number of people served. O'Brien stated it highlights getting things done efficiently.
10	<u>ADRC Update:</u> Hiltbrand gave report. She shared staff movement of Marylee Oleson, Department Assistant, taking a position with the Health Department; Katie Batton, ADRC Specialist Lead, took a position outside of the County and Brittany Mainwaring, ADRC Specialist & Prevention Coordinator, took the open ADRC Specialist Lead position. The ADRC and Social Services staff has been helping SUN deliver meals a couple of days per week but will be dwindling down assistance due to staffing shortages. We will be looking for other ways to support the SUN program by assisting with volunteer recruitment. Our Dementia Care Specialist has been giving dementia presentations, and a second Dementia Care Specialist was hired by the region to primarily serve Grant and Lafayette Counties. He will be starting a podcast on dementia and caregiving. June was Elder Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. The State is working to gather more data on adult services and will share the information. She shared financial exploitation information for both the State and Iowa County. The ADRC Care A Van will be back in service the end of July. Anyone can ride, but preference will be given to residents aged 60 or older and disabled. Residents can call the ADRC to ride the bus. It will provide enrichment opportunities to residents by allowing them to get out of the house and help prevent social isolation. Davis shared advertising opportunities for the bus.
11	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. Iowa County's Covid case numbers are stabilizing, and we are low according to CDC metrics. We continue to test and vaccinate, and there will be more information to come regarding the fall Covid vaccine. Geana Shemak's position has been increased to full-time and will be paid for by utilizing additional Covid funding through December 31, 2024. The two Public Health Nurse Project positions have also been renewed for up to 40 hours per week per position. A coverage gap of no formal backup to the Health Director was identified during the pandemic, so a Lead Public Health Nurse position has been created. This position will have some leadership responsibilities and will serve as backup to the Health Director. We are required by statute to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment along with other partners in the community that is due to be completed in 2022. A Community Health Improvement Plan will be developed from this Needs Assessment. Marylee Oleson replaced Kathy Key as the Department Assistant. O'Brien inquired about the new variant. Siegenthaler shared that variants four and five are the primary variants at this time and, fortunately, people are not getting as sick. She has not heard anything from the Department of Health Services on the new variant. Nankee asked her opinion on vaccinating one to five year olds. Siegenthaler said a lot of time has been taken to vet and gather data to determine safety. The Health Department will not be focusing on the six month to five year old group or taking the lead as they have with other age groups, as community clinic settings are not the place to immunize infants and it

	is time people get back to the medical home. They are deferring to primary care providers for this age group.
12	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Lockhart gave report. The customization process for their new electronic health record system will take about a month. They have been distributing Narcan and opioid prescription lock bags to all law enforcement agencies in Iowa County. He has the first Regional Prevention Hub meeting. The Prevention Hub consists of all local counties (Richland, Grant, Iowa, Green, and Lafayette) who have funding for a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist. They will be meeting quarterly so the Prevention Specialists can discuss what is working with one another. They are currently recruiting for staff in their Emergency Services program. The National 988 Crisis Number goes into effect this month. They are waiting to see what the effect will be as individuals will call into the national line and only calls requiring intervention will be forwarded to the local crisis line. Their Birth to Three and Children's Long-Term Support programs are expanding rapidly and they have an additional position to fill. Due to growth in the CCS program, the Supervisor position went from part-time to full-time. They have earmarked money to give to Iowa County to assist with a Drug Endangered Children program. This program will identify when children are at risk due to parental drug use in the home. Davis asked if this is a new idea or if anyone else is already doing it. Slaney stated it has been active in other counties before and would be active here if the Children and Families unit was not short staffed. It is a collaboration between Social Services, Unified and the Iowa County Sheriff's Department. Davis asked how the program worked, and Slaney shared he does not know it well enough at this point, but Sauk County has been running it for a while. The program requires certain key agencies to be involved and information sharing and a lot of ground work will need to be done up front. Rolfsmeyer asked about the increase in Birth to Three referrals. Lockhart shared that Grant and Iowa Counties were behind the State averages in referrals and changes have been made in coordination with schools and medical clinics to make referrals. Part of this is catching up to where we should be on those averages. Davis shared that fewer people going to the doctor created fewer referrals.
13	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney gave report. He shared that "Covid Unwinding" will impact our Economic Support team as it will create a backlog of work that needs to be done. He is hoping we will receive additional funding to cover the cost of the increased workload. We have a crisis in the State with our ability to place complex needs children (i.e., children with aggression or combativeness). Many of these children have been placed out of state due to other states having facilities for these children. The Department of Children and Families and Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association have come together to advocate for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for these children. Legislative action will be needed to authorize this facility, but it is a positive action in the attempt to create facilities to fill gaps we currently have in Wisconsin. Rolfsmeyer asked if an Assembly or Senate bill has gone to Committee. Slaney will let the Committee know when we get to that stage, but it is not there yet.
14	<u>Wednesday, August 3, 2022:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
15	Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.