

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 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, Dody Cockeram, John Meyers Members Present Remotely: Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Debbie Siegenthaler, Barry Hottmann, Jeff Lindeman, Bruce Paull, Mel Masters, Christie Johnston
3	<u>Approval of the February 1, 2023 Agenda:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Cockeram to accept the meeting minutes. O'Brien indicated a typo in Section 7 changing "he" to "the" and in Section 8 changing "has" to "have." Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the minutes with the changes. 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>Johnston</i> – She introduced herself as the new Program Coordinator for SWCAP. She shared information regarding the Southwestern Wisconsin Network of Care website. When completed, it will be a one-stop shop for resources; including, but not limited to, mental and behavioral health in the five counties served by SWCAP. There will be more information to come regarding the hybrid Mental Health Summit at Southwest Tech on May 23, 2023. <i>Rolfsmeyer</i> – February 3, 2023 is Walter Orzechowski the SWCAP Director's last day. There will be a formal celebration in March. Wally will continue to transition the new Director for four hours each week. Rolfsmeyer stated that he is now on the Wisconsin Counties Association Extension Oversight Committee.
6	<u>Discussion and Possible Action on Opioid Needs Assessment Project:</u> SWWRP provided the draft assessment and Davis presented. Iowa County has many resources; however, many people do not know that they exist. Resources need to be consolidated so that they are easy for people to access (for example, the Southwestern Wisconsin Network of Care website). SWWRP believes it would be good to work regionally on these issues. O'Brien asked whether Iowa County should develop their own resource site or piggyback off SWCAP's Southwestern Wisconsin Network of Care website. Davis would like to piggyback off SWCAP's website as Iowa County is served through SWCAP. Davis asked the committee to accept the draft needs assessment and pass it on to the full County Board. Rolfsmeyer indicated that he is eager to see a budget to determine how to best take action on the consensus and recommendations made by the assessment and asked whether the draft assessment provides the taskforce with what they need at this point. Davis said there is more work to be done, which includes developing a budget. Bierke noted that there are many different ways to move forward, and the taskforce will need to have a discussion on them. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to recommend the Opioid Needs Assessment to the Iowa County Board for their approval. It was noted that Davis received a revised version from what was sent to committee members that only had changes in the settlement amounts. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to amend the motion to recommend the most recent version. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler provided a report and presented. They are currently working on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Upon completion of the CHIP, four priority areas were identified: Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Abuse/Misuse, Access to Transportation, Healthy Eating/Weight Loss and Exercise (Healthy Living), and Aging Concerns. The next step is for the

	stakeholder involved to perform in-depth asset mapping of the priority areas, and keep this up-to-date moving forward. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Reach out to Siegenthaler if you are interested in attending. The staff is getting back to pre-pandemic programming and have been kept busy with RSV and other respiratory diseases. They are exploring new partnerships and renewing current partnerships with the food pantry and free clinic. They have their 140 Review Audit on May 31, 2023. The Public Health Federal Emergency is ending May 11, 2023. This will trigger the end of benefits and federal assets like vaccines, testing, etc. The Covid-19 vaccine is moving to a bivalent vaccine and will look similar to the annual flu vaccine.
8	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Nankee presented. The SUN Board met today and will meet again on February 16, 2023 to work on job descriptions and wage structure. The new Manager at the Dodgeville meal site started this week, and the Financial Officer position is still accepting applicants. O'Brien is working with the ADRC on the creation of a consolidated Iowa and Lafayette SUN page instead of one for each County. Bierke asked if the public is able to make donations on the website. Donations can only be made on the SUN Facebook page at this time but, eventually, they would like to have one on the website. Davis thanked the SUN Board for all of their hard work and reminded them that they cannot lose sight of the written word with regard to donation requests. It was suggested that SUN create fliers on how someone could leave a monetary donation to SUN in their will.
9	<u>U.W. Extension Update:</u> U.W. Extension provided a report and Hottmann presented. Ruth Schriefer, Chair of the Family Resource Center of Iowa County, has helped secure a location at Grace Lutheran Church using funding from the Bounce Back Grant. Sarah Weier retired at the beginning of the year, and they are in the process of replacing the 4-H Youth Development position. Hottman is working with the Health Department on the CHIP. Joe Bonnell is working with land and water conservation offices in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties on the SWIGG studies. Maggie Milcarek is the new FoodWise Coordinator, and she started at the end of November. The Regional Ag Educators are working with Hottmann to facilitate three listening sessions this month to perform a needs assessment on their respective areas. Nankee inquired about the BEAD Grant. Hottman stated that the PSC gave U.W. Extension approximately half a million dollars to work on digital equity and expanding broadband. Hottmann is helping to develop the programming due to the great broadband work done in Iowa County.
10	<u>Veterans Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. The Healthcare Equipment Loan Program is going well, he has received a lot of positive feedback, and clients are appreciative of the program. He recently completed an application for funding through the Governor's Veteran Investment Initiative to cover marketing and outreach programming for the Department. Transportation mileage is down a bit from last year. The Vet Center Reps have again started offering counseling services at HHS on the first and third Friday of every month. The Vet Center is a nationwide organization that offers free counseling services through the VA to any combat vet of any era. It works well to have the services in Dodgeville as the Madison Vet area runs all the way to the Mississippi River, so this splits the difference. The Congressional Budget Office and VA Secretary are looking at the increased costs from the expansion allowing vets to use non-VA medical providers at the VA's expense. There has been a recommendation from CVO to change the eligibility requirements to push vets to VA facilities as opposed to non-VA facilities. It is not actionable yet as it would take legislation, but the recommendation is to look at making those changes. Currently, if the VA Hospital is more than a 30-minute drive, a vet can use their local hospital at the VA's expense. If the funding is received through the Governor's Veteran Investment Initiative, the plan is to get the Veterans Service Commission together to develop marketing strategies and help get the word out. Nankee asked about the increase in disability benefits. Lindeman said that it runs in line with the Social Security increase. Davis asked whether the counseling service was available to other counties and if it was booked all day. Lindeman said it covers many counties, either in-person or via Zoom, and that they are booked. Davis asked whether the counseling service was done individually or in a group. Lindeman said they want to get a group going but are building up to that. Davis asked whether someone should call the number on the TV or the local VA office regarding Camp LeJeune. Lindeman stated that if they are a vet, they should call the VSO.

11	Wednesday, March 8, 2023: Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
12	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.