

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Valerie Hiltbrand, Holly Knapp, Tom Slaney, Bruce Paull, John Meyers, Mel Masters, Don Gander
3	<u>Approval of the March 8, 2023, Agenda:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis 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> Gander – He advocated for a report on actions, reactions and things learned from COVID-19 that the County could benefit from in the future. Bierke to ask Debbie Siegenthaler, Health Department Director, and Keith Hurlbert, Emergency Management Director, to report at the next HHS Committee meeting on this. Paull – Tony Hoffman is coming to Iowa County on April 19, 2023. The Dodgeville High School Juniors and Seniors petitioned for him to attend again as they had heard him speak in the past and were moved by his presentation. All Iowa County high school students were invited. School guidance counselors have requested to have staff on site for students to talk to if they are triggered after the presentation. There is a public viewing for other residents at 5:00 p.m., on April 19, 2023, at Dodgeville High School. Nankee – He shared an article in the Dodgeville Chronicle on mental health. The January edition of The Wisconsin Counties Association Magazine has mental health response articles. SUN had their PAC meeting in Belmont today. They agreed to raise the contribution amount for home delivered meals by \$0.50. The SUN Board and Director hired an accounting firm to handle their finances. Bob Boyle, Lafayette County SUN Board member, applied for and received a \$4,000.00 grant from the Wiegel Strong Foundation, Inc. for SUN because the Lafayette County van is rusting out. Rolfsmeyer – He was nominated to the WCA Extension Committee. There is a lot of representation from Southwest Wisconsin.
6	<u>Resolution Governing Spending of Opioid Settlement Funds:</u> Bierke provided a Resolution and requested approval. This funding is not in the current 2023 budget, and the Resolution will allow the County to utilize the funding instead of waiting until the next budget cycle. Davis shared the Opioid Task Force's vision of how to appropriate and expend the funding and asked for direction. O'Brien asked if there are other counties ahead of us from which we could learn. Meyers would like to see a short-term and long-term business plan on the funding to ensure that the County has a long-term strategy. Rolfsmeyer asked if funds are allocated to the County annually. Some of the funds were lump sum payments, some are annual allocations, and there are five more settlements that will be discussed at Executive Committee. O'Brien asked how interested parties will be informed of the funding and can make requests. Davis discussed potential big-ticket items versus smaller items and asked for opinions on how to prioritize. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to approve the Resolution Governing Spending of Opioid Settlement Funds. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7	<u>Discussion on Process for Applying for and Distributing Opioid Settlement Funds:</u> Davis suggested the HHS Committee oversee the funding distribution and disband the task force once they have completed their tasks. Rolfsmeyer would like to determine annual spending parameters, develop an application, and asked whether staff should review the application prior to it coming to the HHS

	committee. Davis suggested we look at the way the Community Foundation handles applications. Rolfsmeyer said they do have an application, but he is unsure if it would be helpful. Davis inquired whether it would be wise to turn our funds over to the Community Foundation and have them manage them like the Campbell Funds. Rolfsmeyer suggested Bierke reach out to the Grant Representative with the Community Foundation regarding this. Davis shared task force discussions about offering scholarships for students entering the mental health field as this could help with the shortage of professionals in the field. Slaney suggested allocating a set amount per year for scholarships, purchased services, etc.
8	ADRC Update: Hiltbrand provided a report and presented. There were 25 community members in attendance for the viewing of the documentary <i>SPARK-Robin Williams and his Battle with Lewy Body Dementia</i>. There has been a lot of dementia programming lately as it has been popular. It is nice to see people attending events again. The ADRC is gearing up for the pandemic unwinding as they will need to meet with clients from their target groups that may need assistance to keep current services at renewal or to regain them again by looking at other options if they are no longer eligible for their current services. There are people currently enrolled in managed care organizations that may lose eligibility and will need to come back through the ADRC as they disenroll. There will be a Transportation Public Forum following the ADRC Board meeting on April 25, 2023. Davis asked about the three-part educational series on Moderate Stage Dementia. It begins on Monday, March 13, 2023, and will last for three Mondays in a row at 1:00 p.m. O'Brien is glad Bug Tussel is working with the ADRC to offer presentations and educational classes for those who are not familiar with the internet to help them get connected. Hiltbrand said Bug Tussel provided the ADRC with a group of topics to choose from.
9	Unified Community Services Update: Knapp provided a report and presented. She brought agency brochures to share with committee members. They are prioritizing several key areas: staffing, retention, and technology. They are working to add staff to help increase services and meet the needs of the counties. Part of the technological upgrade will allow them to provide quality services and reduce staff time, but there is a learning curve and new equipment has been purchased. The Grant County IT team has brought them into the 21st century to make them more efficient, and they eventually want to develop a relationship with Iowa County's IT team to help at the Iowa County location. Rolfsmeyer asked if they were fully staffed. They are not fully staffed, and they need more space to house current and future staff. She is working with Bierke to work on solutions to their space needs. Bierke asked how big the Dodgeville agency is when all positions are filled. There are currently eight offices in Dodgeville, but they need 12-15 offices to accommodate the necessary staff to handle the service needs. Rolfsmeyer will let the SWCAP Director know about their space needs to see if they have any additional space. Knapp talked to Sheriff Peterson about housing the Emergency Services staff at the Law Enforcement Center. County policy states Bierke needs to make this decision, and he is looking into it. Knapp talked about the different programs handled by her agency.
10	Social Services Update: Slaney provided a report and presented. He let the committee members know about Human Service Day at the Capitol and the WCHSA Spring Conference, and asked them to let him know if they would like to attend. The biennial budget is being formed, and Human Service Day is an opportunity to educate legislators on needs. The pandemic unwinding will be a tsunami for staff beginning in April and lasting 14 months. We did receive funding to help cover the overtime. Some clients will lose their current services, and this will upset some. This also affects the nutrition program as we will not be able to flex funds between congregate and home delivered. O'Brien asked about contracting with Rock County for juvenile detention. Slaney said there is a shortage of openings with our current facilities, so we are increasing facility options to have places to send clients. Davis asked for an example about how Social Services can better work with the Sheriff's Office. Slaney shared a of couple examples. Nankee asked for an update on energy assistance. Slaney said he shared concerns regarding energy assistance during a call between WCHSA and the Department of Administration, who administers the program.
11	Wednesday, April 5, 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 Cockeram to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

