

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Gerald Galle (filling in for Dody Cockeram) Members Excused: Dody Cockeram, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Holly Knapp, Lynn Perkins, Jeff Lindeman, Tom Slaney, Mel Masters, Debbie Siegenthaler, Maggie Milcarek Others Present Remotely: Bruce Paull, John Meyers
3	<u>Approval of the September 6, 2023, Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda with moving the introduction of Maggie Milcarek, UW Extension FoodWise Coordinator, before item 6. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the meeting minutes. 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>Davis</i> – Two applications for the Opioid Settlement Funds were received and handed out to Committee Members. Bierke created a sample evaluation template and let the committee know there will be a closed session option at the next meeting to discuss. <i>Bierke</i> – He also created a sample evaluation template for the five Robert G. Campbell Community Funds applications which will also have a closed session review during which the committee will discuss applicants and make a recommendation to the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation has not reviewed the applications yet for him to be able to provide them to committee members. This will be distributed to committee members before the next HHS meeting. He shared that the State of Wisconsin has a State Statute 66.0143 that allows the county to request a waiver for exemption from certain State Statutes, and asked committee members to let him know if there are any statute's we are looking to receive exemption from. <i>Nankee</i> – He shared an article on ADRC's celebrating 25 years by Mary Mezera, and an article on saving the county nursing home by selling the county nursing home. There's a new ADRC Dementia Care Specialist named Hailey Loeffelholz, and the ADRC Health & Wellness Expo is on September 15 th at Hidden Valley Community Church.
10a	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins introduced Maggie Milcarek, FoodWise Coordinator. She serves all four counties in our region (Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette). The FoodWise program is federally funded through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education (SNAP-Ed). She facilitates nutrition education at individual, community, and systems levels. She highlighted community partners she is currently working with and shared that she applied for FoodWise funding for a community garden in Livingston, which will donate the harvest to the food pantry.
6	<u>Discussion and possible action on 2024-2028 Southwest Wisconsin Locally Developed Coordinated Transit Plan for Iowa County:</u> Mumm provided draft plan and presented. Rolfsmeyer asked about the goals for SWCAP and the County and whether the County provides funding to SWCAP. Mumm shared that SWCAP and the County work together on projects like volunteer recruitment, receive separate grants through the Wisconsin DOT, and the County does not pass-through any transportation funding to SWCAP. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and

	seconded by Davis to approve the 2024-2028 Southwest Wisconsin Locally Developed Coordinated Transit Plan for Iowa County. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7	<u>Presentation of preliminary department budgets:</u> ADRC – Mumm provided a handout and presented. Davis asked for examples of Supportive Services for Seniors. Mumm shared examples. Nankee inquired about the increase to SUN. Mumm said it was around \$5,000. There is a levy request increase of 16%. Health Department – Siegenthaler provided a handout and presented. There is a levy request increase of \$37,311. Revenues are down in 2024 due to the expiration of Covid funding. The decrease in Covid revenues has a corresponding decrease of wage and fringe expenditures. State Contract Funds are stable but do not account for inflation, so we never get an increase to offset our increase in expenses. The Environmental Health Services Consortium is going from five counties to three counties, and as a result three counties will be splitting operational costs that were previously split by five counties; therefore, the Iowa County portion is increasing from \$8,000 to \$18,000. Davis asked about other funding sources for Environmental Health Services, and if all counties will be contributing the same. Siegenthaler shared funding sources and said the counties’ portions are weighted. Rolfsmeyer asked which counties remain, and Siegenthaler stated they are Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette. Social Services – Slaney provided a handout and presented. There is a levy increase of 0.38%. DSS lost their contract with Foundations Family Services, who provided preventative in-home family therapy, due to lack of referrals. Those funds were reallocated towards other prevention services: crisis stabilization and therapeutic mentoring. Davis asked if the youth crisis stabilization is only \$10,000 total or an increase of \$10,000. Slaney said it’s new to his budget and averages around \$600 per night. Davis inquired about therapeutic mentoring. Slaney is planning to work with Magnolia Counseling Associates in Madison to provide these services. UW Extension – Perkins provided a handout and presented. There is a levy reduction of 4%. She highlighted areas where they were able to decrease expenses. Perkins said the 4-H Leaders Association also has a separate pot of money they use to fund 4-H events and programs, and they can and do fundraise to provide these services. The County pays a fee for each educator and the State of Wisconsin pays the balance of their salary and the benefits. Veteran’s Service Office – Lindeman presented. His levy went down due to a two-year supplemental grant for 2023 and 2024. Unified Community Services – Knapp presented. Unified Community Services is asking for an increase in levy to help offset the 4% cost of living increase Grant County is planning for January 1, 2024. This is a total increase of \$39,372, and Iowa County tax levy is only 5% of their overall budget. Seniors United for Nutrition – Nankee presented. Cecile McManus is putting together a budget, but it is not completed yet.
8	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Nankee presented. September 18, 2023, is the beginning of the contract with the Law Enforcement Center to provide meals, replacing the meals provided by UW-Platteville. They are moving up their Annual Appeal to earlier this fall due to being short of funding. They are working with both counties regarding the recruitment and hiring of the new Executive Director. Numbers 4 Nonprofits, SUN’s contracted accounting firm, has hired a Fundraising person who contacted Nankee to talk about fundraising. Slaney shared that McManus is retiring. Davis inquired whether UW Extension would have someone who could do the dietician work. Mumm shared that some counties use a WIC Registered Dietician. Slaney stated they are focusing on finding an Executive Director with a fundraising background and contracting out the dietician. Davis inquired whether they were looking into the voucher program. Mumm shared that McManus is open to it and it’s on the radar.
9	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Knapp provided a handout and presented. Her handout included minutes from the last two Unified Community Services Board Meetings as well as her director’s report from the last meeting. She highlighted upcoming projects they are working on, including reviewing and updating policies and procedures, working on the 2024 budget, filling vacancies for Grant County members of their board, and participating in Opioid Settlement Fund Taskforces for both counties. Their current priorities are staffing and retention, and technology upgrades to improve efficiencies. Their future and ongoing priorities include increasing capacity

	and office space, focus on quality measures that allows them to understand and improve the client experience, and becoming a preferred employer by developing succession planning and pipelines for staff. The committee congratulated Knapp on her promotion from Interim-Director to Director.
10b	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. Interviews were held and a candidate was selected for the open Human Development and Relationships Educator position, but the candidate declined the offer, so they are reposting the position. They are now down two Ag Educators as both Amanda Cauffman, Regional Livestock Production Educator, and Josh Kamps, Regional Crops and Soils Educator, have stepped down from their positions. Joe Bonnell, Regional Natural Resource Educator, has also accepted another position. The Regional Natural Resource Educator position is fully funded by the Natural Resources Institute, which has educators and resources, so Perkins is looking into utilizing these services as there has not been approval to refill this position currently. Rolfsmeyer asked why people are leaving, and Perkins said that UW Extension has an exit interview and staff left for personal reasons and not due to employee satisfaction.
11	<u>Veterans Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. The completed requests for the Health Equipment Loan Program have increased since he submitted his reports. He shared an advertisement that is currently on streaming platforms highlighting services for veterans and giving them his contact information. Rolfsmeyer said Lindeman is the first he has seen to use streaming services instead of broadcast services. Lindeman stated that is because people are cutting cable television, and he is hoping this will increase traffic into his office. He is going to have the video put on the county website. He shared that PACT Act claims can still be submitted, and the only difference is that the liberalization period ended on August 11, 2023, so claims submitted after that date are not subject to the liberalization period. Davis inquired how many veterans are coming to meet with the counselor, and Lindeman said that she has a full case load but Iowa County serves as a hub, so the veterans served are from the Region and not just Iowa County. Nankee shared articles from the Veteran's Newsletter, which is distributed to 900 Iowa County Veterans.
12	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney provided a report and presented. The Adult Protective Services Social Worker position was offered and accepted by an internal candidate on Friday, September 1, 2023. This position was added to provide residents with better services by transitioning Children's Long-Term Support cases to Unified Community Services from Iowa County and Adult Protective Services to Iowa County from Unified Community Services instead of splitting them between the two agencies. There is now an open position within the ADRC that will need to be filled. The Teen Court program has been reviewed and revamped due to the contracted agency no longer providing the services and it being provided by staff in-house. The Home Energy Program will be starting soon. Nankee asked if we chose to keep the Home Energy contract, and Slaney said we can opt out each August, but have chosen to stick with it this year. Davis appreciates the utilization of community volunteers for the Teen Court program.
13	<u>Wednesday, October 4, 2023:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
14	Motion by Galle and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.