

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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, Joan Davis, Dody Cockeram, Mel Masters (on behalf of Richard Rolfsmeyer) Members Present on Zoom: Justin O'Brien Members Excused: Richard Rolfsmeyer Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Jeff Lindeman, Andrew Hodgson, Lynn Perkins, Holly Knapp, Tom Slaney Others Present on Zoom: Bruce Paull
3	<u>Approval of the December 6, 2023, Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the October 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by O'Brien 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> <i>Davis</i> – Her mom is taking the SUN meals and loves them. Very comforting for Davis and her siblings to know she is receiving these meals. <i>Masters</i> – People in his district who are contemplating suicide are afraid to call for help as they believe they will be labeled forever and will be unable to get employment if they seek help. Knapp to follow up with information. Lindeman said Veterans often have the same fears. Slaney will share with Susan Springer, Suicide Prevention of Southwestern WI. Davis said that from the Healthy Iowa County initiative a Mental Health Matters group has been developed with Southwest CAP at the lead. O'Brien stated that it is important for employers to know they can get help for employees in need. Knapp shared that they hire people with lived experience and asked if there were suggested areas of impact they need to work on. Lindeman shared that we need to highlight that the National Suicide Hotline (988) is anonymous, and the caller does not need to give their name. <i>Nankee</i> – He highlighted both 25 Years of the ADRC and 50 Years of SUN from the News & Views. The Health Department has another free Narcan training. He shared an article from Wisconsin Counties Association Magazine about how family response is key to treating opioid disorders.
6	<u>Review Second Quarter Financial Reports:</u> Report provided by Jamie Gould, Finance Director. Bierke shared that it was in line and revenues were higher than expected. Nankee questioned the ADRC expenses being at 74%. Mumm shared that all SUN expenses need to be booked even if SUN covers the expenses as well as in-kind volunteer hours for both SUN and the ADRC. If those are subtracted from the expenses, it brings them down to closer to 50%.
7	<u>Veteran's Service Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. There is great appreciation from the community for the Healthcare Equipment Loan Program. Lindeman talked about temporarily displaying at least three of the murals at the Health and Human Services Building. O'Brien inquired about whether they could be displayed at the Courthouse, and Lindeman said they may be too large for the space available at the Courthouse. Cockeram asked whether they would have the artists explanation as they do in the packet and Lindeman stated they would. Nankee commented on the Veterans Newsletter.
8	<u>Seniors United For Nutrition Update:</u> Hodgson provided a report and presented. Nankee introduced Hodgson. Hodgson introduced himself and shared his background. He updated where they are at with fundraising and grants and shared long term goals as well as his plan for 2024. Bierke shared that Culvers does a day for fundraisers, and SUN could have

	restaurants put a QR code on placemats or glasses where people could scan the code to buy a meal for someone else. Davis shared that every Sunday both volunteers and participants for the SUN Program have given temple talks at her church for the Grace Lutheran Fundraiser. O'Brien and Melissa Weier, SUN Department Assistant, spoke at Hope Lutheran about donating to the SUN Program as well. Nankee shared that Weier went to the Ridgeway Community Meeting to talk about the SUN Program. Hodgson shared that 10% of annual donations happen the last three days of the year and asked people to recommend the SUN Program if they are looking for a non-profit.
9	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. They recently completed the second round for the Human Development and Relationships Educator position, though the candidate that was offered the position had already accepted a different offer. Therefore, the hiring committee will reconvene to begin the process again. The Regional Livestock Educator candidate accepted the position and will be starting around mid-February. Interviews for the Regional Crops Educator position were held last Friday. She shared that the University performed research on the impact 4-H has on youth and Dan Brandt, Iowa County 4-H Youth Educator, has received a 24% response rate, and Perkins plans on having him give a presentation on data collected. Tom Harman, UW Extension Department Assistant, does a great job connecting clients to available resources to get their questions answered. Perkins shared that the cost of the Regional Ag Educators is shared amongst the four counties. Davis asked if there were any other openings than the positions mentioned earlier, and Perkins said just those three. Hodgson inquired about the Senior Gardens and Perkins is going to get her in contact with Maggie Milcarek, FoodWise Coordinator.
10	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Knapp provided a report and presented. The 2024 budget process is complete. Grant County, their Fiscal Agent, recently transitioned to new accounting software that will also serve as their Human Resources software. Funding for the State Opioid Response Grant was issued to Unified Community Services (UCS) for a second year and will be used to support a variety of projects to support those struggling with addiction in our communities. On December 1, 2023, UCS and Iowa County Social Services exchanged Childrens Long-Term Support and Adult Protective Services cases. UCS recently supported veterans through Operation Green Light and by being a Vets Ready Employer. UCS is currently fully staffed apart from newly created positions due to expected growth. Knapp provided an update on usages of Iowa County Opioid Settlement Grant funds. She shared current priorities and future/ongoing priorities. Bierke asked if there was an update to whether Grant County provided any of their Opioid Settlement funding to UCS. Knapp explained the difference in how each Board decided to spend their funds stating that Grant County has put funds into the 2024 Budget to be used, and the Taskforce is asking the Board for instruction on how to move forward.
11	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney provided a report and presented. Slaney also highlighted the case swap with UCS stating that the exchange will improve services to the community as workers will be able to specialize. He held a training session where the Department of Social Services/ADRC (DSS/ADRC) staff learned more about UCS and the services they offer. He and Knapp are working to improve collaboration and relationships between the two agencies. A reciprocal presentation will be done by DSS/ADRC to UCS staff. The Economic Support Consortium held a training November 30th which hasn't been done since before the pandemic, and staff said it was a great opportunity to meet one another and learn. The Economic Support staff are currently experiencing an increased caseload due to the unwinding of federal waivers from covid relaxed back to normal processes and procedures. These workers have also seen an increase in volume due to open enrollment in the Federal Marketplace as clients seeking insurance may have been referred to our agency for insurance. Administrative staff is running on bare bones and at full speed. The new ADRC joint Disability & Elder Benefit Specialist is starting on December 18th. This position was revamped from a Disability Benefit Specialist to a joint Disability and Elder Benefit Specialist due to the current Elder Benefit Specialist to be overcapacity and the need to provide additional services to elderly. There is one vacant position in the ADRC for an ADRC Specialist.
12	<u>Wednesday, January 3, 2024:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
13	Motion by Cockeram and seconded by Masters to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.