

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, 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 5:01 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Joan Davis, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Mel Masters, Debbie Siegenthaler, Andrew Hodgson, Lynn Perkins, Jeff Lindeman, Laura Blalock, Ruth Schriefer, Christie Johnston, District Attorney Zachary Leigh, Sheriff Michael Peterson, Melissa Peterson, Judge Matthew Allen, Justin Meuer, Jesse Brogley, Geana Shemak Others Present on Zoom: Bruce Paull
3	<u>Approval of the February 7, 2024, Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Cockeram 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>Mumm</i> – Shared information on upcoming ADRC events: Respite Care Association of Wisconsin Lunch and Learn, Wellness Wednesday sponsored by Upland Hills Health, Stepping On Falls Prevention Classes, and Volunteer Recruitment.
6	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler provided a report and presented. National Ground Water Awareness Week is in March and the Health Department is raising awareness for well water testing by promoting their new well water testing lab. The Health Department is busy with communicable diseases which include but are not limited to food borne illnesses, water borne illnesses, sexually transmitted infections, as well as tuberculosis. The follow-up on communicable diseases is labor intensive and Siegenthaler thanked community partners Dr. Peter Mullin and the Community Connections Free Clinic for their assistance. They are working on policy and administrative updates due to the 140 Review Audit. They are busy writing for grants and recently received a \$35,000.00 grant for immunization outreach. Staff are working hard on the Healthy Iowa County initiative, including the development of a website and community calendar. She reminded people to stop by the Health Department to pick up their free radon kit.
7	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Hodgson provided a report and presented. He provided an update on the state of the Vans in both counties and the plan to write for grants to help purchase an SUV. They have a staff meeting on February 22, 2024, where they will talk about increasing congregate dining and scaling back home-delivered meals using the meal prioritization tool, as they need to ensure those receiving home-delivered meals are truly homebound. They are working on this using the new enhanced assessment and as no assessments were completed in 2023, they have 150 to complete. Their intern, Evelyn, is helping write one to two grants per week varying from small grants to large grants. The total grant dollars they are writing for is \$99,000.00 and \$70,000.00 of that is from three large grants that are due in April and May. Hodgson created a newsletter that will be going out next week on Facebook, the SUN page on the ADRC website, via email, and some will be mailed. They are currently in the 60-day waiting period for their voucher application with Hi-Point Steakhouse and will be sending a voucher application in for the Viking Café. The program is looking to try new things to draw people to the dining sites, including games like Price is Right, Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, Wii, and a Senior Fraud Escape Room. Davis asked whether there was a uniform form for prioritization and Hodgson stated that it was created by GWAAR for the state. Davis also inquired whether

	SUN works with ADRC on transportation resources to get participants to meal sites, and Hodgson said he will contact the ADRC. Rolfsmeyer asked how many congregate sites there are, and Hodgson shared those and explained why the voucher program is so good for our area. O'Brien asked if Hodgson has had any restaurants balk at the idea of the voucher program, and Hodgson said at this time he has not had issues generating interest but may in the future. They plan to promote and market the voucher program to participants once approved. Cockeram asked Hodgson if he could piggy-back on the ADRC, Hodan Center or Lift to lease or rent a van to SUN. Nankee shared an article from the Dodgeville Chronicle on SUN, as well as Hodgson's article in the News & Views.
8	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. She handed out the FoodWise Annual Impact Statement and highlighted how two percent of Iowa County residents experience limited income and low access to a grocery store and eight percent of Iowa County residents use SNAP benefits to purchase food for themselves and their families. She highlighted FoodWise community partners including Meridian Group Housing, ADRC, SWCAP Head Start, Pheasant Run Apartments, farmer's markets, and food pantries. FoodWise workers provided educational courses, helped establish a community food garden, and offered an educational farmer's market tour. Rolfsmeyer liked that there were profile pictures of the educators and Perkins said that it is a nice addition for people to know and recognize staff. Nankee commented on Hottman's article in the Dodgeville Chronicle on the housing shortage.
9	<u>Veterans Service Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. He shared an article on how to talk to a vet and encouraged anyone who wanted a copy to contact him. He has seen increased walk-in traffic to his office due to the Wisconsin Property Tax Credit for certain service-connect veterans. The loan closet is going well, and residents are very appreciative of the service. Rolfsmeyer was happy to see increased usage of the veteran's counselor and Lindeman shared there is an increase in referrals coming from Veteran's offices in this part of the state for her services. Nankee inquired about the murals Lindeman presented at the last meeting, and Lindeman shared that it is still on the books but has not happened yet.
10	<u>Presentations by Opioid Grant Applicants:</u> <i>Laura Blalock of the Family Resource Center of Iowa County</i> – Laura Blalock and Ruth Schrieffer, Family Resource Center Board Chair, asked for funding to help support their Parent Café, Play Groups, and Concrete Supports, as parents with supports are less likely to engage in unhealthy behaviors and parents who are struggling can find strength through the experience of others. <i>Christie Johnston of SWCAP</i> – Christie Johnston requested funding towards the Network of Care Resource Hub that has been around since 2019. It is a resource for mental health and substance use first and foremost, but they have added housing, transportation, and food security as those struggling with mental health and addiction often need access to those resources as well. <i>Melissa Peterson of Iowa County Drug Treatment Court</i> – Judge Allen, District Attorney Leigh, Sheriff Peterson, Melissa Peterson, Justin Meuer, and Jesse Brogley requested funding for a team of seven to attend a conference that will provide them with hands-on experience within their professions to help them gain knowledge to better do their jobs and assist residents they work with who are struggling or recovering from addiction. They are always looking to get better as a team, and this is an investment to help our community be safer and better. <i>Geana Shemak of the Iowa County Health Department</i> – Geana Shemak and Debbie Siegenthaler requested funding for the Healthy Iowa County website that contains information on all Healthy Iowa County Community Action Teams, as well as resources available to residents and a community calendar that will house family friendly events in the county, as well as meetings for those struggling with substance abuse.
11	<u>Motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider Investment of County Funds. The committee will discuss and determine grant awards for the Opioid Settlement Funds Grant:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider Investment of County Funds to include all HHS Committee Members, Larry Bierke, Mel Masters, and Nikki Mumm. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried at 6:32 p.m.
12	<u>Motion to return to open session:</u>

	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to return to open session. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried at 7:28 p.m.
13	<u>Possible action on closed session:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to award \$7,500.00 to Family Resource Center to pay for programming with encouragement for collaboration with Drug Treatment Court for the treatment of opioid addicted families. Aye: 4: Nay: 0; Abstain: 1 (Davis). Motion carried. Motion by Cockeram and seconded by O'Brien to award \$3,600.00 to SWCAP for their grant request. Aye: 4: Nay: 0; Abstain: 1 (Rolfsmeyer). Motion carried. Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to award \$18,437.00 to Drug Treatment Court for the seven-member team of the Iowa County Drug Treatment Court to attend the national conference and they will present a 15-minute presentation to both HHS Committee and Public Safety Committee and 10-minute presentation to the County Board upon return. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to award \$700.00 per year for the next three years for a total of \$2,100.00 to the Iowa County Health Department for their grant application. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried.
14	<u>Wednesday, March 6, 2024:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
15	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.