

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 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 5:00 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, Valerie Hiltbrand, Tom Slaney Others Present on Zoom: Bruce Paull, Holly Knapp
3	<u>Approval of the March 6, 2024, Agenda:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the meeting minutes with corrections to section 10. 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> Cockeram – Commended the SUN Newsletter and asked for clarification of who is receiving them to ensure people within Iowa County have access to the newsletter. Nankee – Inquired how the Campbell Funds will be advertised this Fall. Bierke said it will be on the Community Foundation's website, and he is open to other options. Rolfsmeyer – He inquired about another opioid settlement he had read about in the newspaper and whether that impacted Iowa County. Bierke shared that we received another settlement from pharmacies that the county will receive over time. Further discussion will be on the April 3, 2024, agenda.
6	<u>ADRC Update:</u> Hiltbrand provided a report and presented. They are still down an ADRC Specialist position that has been open since November, and the ADRC Specialist Lead position put in notice so that will be open as well. Clients and other agencies we work with will need to have patience as we fill these positions and train incoming staff. Hiltbrand and Brian Cushman, Dodgeville EMS, will be meeting with other EMS departments in Iowa County to see if their squads would be interested in implementing the falls referral program developed through the Healthy Iowa County Aging Concerns workgroup . The falls referral program is a referral form completed by EMS and signed by the patient when a patient falls at their home but declines to go to the hospital. EMS will send the form to the ADRC, who will then reach out to the patient to discuss options with a goal of helping them stay safe and healthy in their homes while taking pressure off EMS. Stepping On, a falls prevention program , will be held at Stonefield Apartments beginning in April, and there are still some openings. We are currently working on the 2025-2027 Aging Plan which includes goals in the four areas we receive Older Americans Act funding for, as well as value goals set by GWAAR. There will be a survey for community members to fill out, as well as a listening session on March 26, 2024 , following the ADRC Board meeting in the Community Room. Bierke asked if the ADRC has ever sought out private vendors to facilitate our prevention programs. Hiltbrand said they have in the past with little interest but have partnered with other counties to provide them. Slaney shared that we have volunteer facilitators. There are currently four respite providers registered through the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin website, and of the three who attended the event in February, two registered and the third is in the process. This registry is a place the ADRC can refer caregivers to when they are looking for a provider to serve their needs, and the ADRC is hoping to build this registry.
7	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Knapp provided a report and presented. They have been busy so far this year wrapping up 2023 and getting into 2024 where they have slated projects they will continue to work towards. They were awarded Opioid Settlement Funds from Iowa County and have applied for funds from Grant County. They are exploring

	office space in both counties. They have established current and ongoing priorities to work towards. Their next board meeting is March 20, 2024. Davis said using Carlson Dettman to update the wage schedule will be a great thing for Unified Community Services. Nankee asked about office space. Knapp said they need 10-15 more offices in Dodgeville as several staff work from home, double up on office space or work from the Lancaster office. They want to expand services, be a pipeline for internships and give their staff adequate space to work. O'Brien asked if the Grant County Opioid Settlement Funds come directly from the taskforce and Knapp shared that Grant County operated differently than Iowa County in that the taskforce made a recommendation to the County Board for the amount to put into the 2024 budget and then the taskforce meets and distributes that allocated amount. Nankee asked if things were going well with the Law Enforcement Center. Knapp said that it was going well. They meet bi-weekly as a team to talk about needs. No concerns have been flagged up to her, though Sheriff Peterson would like to see increased capacity, but they will need to grow their team to meet those needs, as well as educate people on what Unified can do versus what they cannot and the efficacy of treatment services.
8	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney provided a report and presented. He shared a letter with the committee on the recognition the department received from the Department of Children and Families. The teen court program has been restructured and there was a new session beginning that night. He is proud of the staff for redesigning the program to better serve Iowa County youth when our provider dropped us, and he and Bierke plan to observe a session this month. There are seven to 10 youths per session, and they enlist the help of volunteer youth to ensure there are enough participants for the program as it is hard to get enough to sustain the program. They have also investigated co-oping with other counties. He passed around information on the WCHSA Conference and invited committee members to attend, letting them know to contact him if they are interested. Rolfsmeyer shared his experience attending last year. Davis inquired on the number of children in and out of home care and Slaney shared information on the numbers and different types of out-of-home care, emphasizing that Iowa County has relatively low numbers due to putting most of our resources into prevention programs designed to keep them in their homes. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the backlog for economic support and Slaney stated it is due to the pandemic waivers that have expired and the need to go back to pre-pandemic assessment requirements. O'Brien asked who adjudicates the teen court program and Slaney stated Assistant District Attorney Johnson volunteered to be the teen court judge. Rolfsmeyer shared that his son was a participant in teen court when he was younger, and it was highly effective for him. Slaney said while it used to service only first-time offenders, they have expanded the program, but it is only for minor violations.
9	<u>Wednesday, April 3, 2024:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
10	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.