

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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: Chairman Dan Nankee, Bruce Paull, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer Members Present Remotely: Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Mel Masters, John Meyers, Valerie Hiltbrand, Christopher Baird, Lynn Perkins, Jeff Lindeman
3	<u>Approval of the October 30, 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 October 2, 2024, 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>Paull</i> – The Marsh Country Health Alliance is one of three commissioned alliances to avoid anti-reimbursement rules for residents that come from member counties. The Marsh Country Health Alliance does have 13 member counties. There are two other alliances for other counties in the State of Wisconsin. Iowa County at the present time, contributes \$1,198 as estimated for the 2025 Assessment. When attending the Marsh Country Health Alliance, labor was discussed. Clearview Nursing Home in Juneau is a short-term and long-term rehabilitation skilled nursing home. Clearview works with an agency to employ healthcare workers from other countries. It is said that 18% of healthcare workers in the United States are foreign-born now. The two main groups of foreign health workers being sought at this time are 16 from Ukraine and 16 of the 96 from the Philippines. The people from both countries are usually proficient in English. The Filipinos many times speak up to three languages. Jewish is one that many of the Filipinos know. For that reason, many of them are now working in Israel. When they arrive, housing is arranged in Juneau for up to six months. That encourages them to find other housing arrangements so more healthcare workers can come to work at the facility. It is working great but had resistance at the beginning I was told. It was noted that the population of people needing care as seniors is about to take a large percent increase of our population. Clearview has plans to double Behavioral Health beds to 40 locked and 40 unlocked. At the present time Clearview is operating close to no financial losses. That could change depending on politics and Medicare reimbursement. Here are some statistics: Residents who return home is 60.1% vs the State average of 55%. Residents with a fall injury is 0% vs the State average of 0.8%. Emergency Room visits are 9.7% vs the State average of 14.6%. Ability to self-care (move, eat, use the restroom) is 88.7% vs the State average of 86%. <i>Nankee</i> – He received a note from Ruth Schreifer, Family Resource Center, stating that she would like to report to the committee at the December or January meeting on their use of the Opioid Settlement Funds. He also shared an article by Tom Still, President of the Wisconsin Technology Counsel, on a website that offers a path for addicts. Tom Farley has created a website www.recovery.com (Site Last Visited: October 31, 2024) with the hope of reaching more members of society who need mental and behavioral health services.
6	<u>Approval of the 2025-2027 ADRC Aging Plan:</u> Hiltbrand provided a copy of the plan in the packet and presented. She handed out copies of the AARP Livability Index for Iowa County to committee members. Motion by Cockeram and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to approve the 2025-2027 ADRC Aging Plan. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition Update:</u> Baird presented. He shared that they are moving forward with the meal prioritization process for Iowa County. There are three priority groups, Low, Moderate and High. Low will receive zero to two meals per week, Moderate will receive two to five meals per week, and High will receive five meals per week. The meal variability will be adjusted every four months based on the fiscal ability of the program, as they want to meet the needs of every Senior within budget. The program received notice from Tom Slaney, Social Services & ADRC Director, stating that the program is out of compliance and would not receive payment until they are under compliance, which is putting a strain on the program. Melissa Weier, SUN Department Assistant, has resigned and her last day will be November 8, 2024. The job has been posted. Baird completed a request for proposal (RFP) for the office space, thanks to the help of Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Department Commissioner, and they are due on November 18, 2024, so the SUN Board can review at their November meeting. Bierke asked how long until the program is compliant. Baird shared that he believes the program is complying and there is a misunderstanding. Bierke suggested Baird discuss this further with Slaney. Masters, SUN Board Chair, stated there is a special meeting planned for possibly next week to solve these issues. Paull asked where the Department Assistant Position will be posted, and Baird shared that it will be on Indeed, Lafayette County Website, SUN Website, SUN Facebook, and was sent directly to Board members and current SUN staff. O'Brien asked why the program was considering moving offices. Baird shared that it was the SUN Board's decision, as they wanted a competitive rate so they could put as much money towards serving seniors as possible. Baird shared that Arena Manor offered to waive the rent for six months to help with the budget. He recently applied for the Biddick Foundation Grant and Jennie H. Olson Charitable Foundation Funds. The SUN Program was awarded around \$7,500.00 from the Iowa County Emergency Food and Shelter Program.
8	<u>UW Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. Julia Harman recently accepted the FoodWise Educator position. She will serve a four-county region which is fully funded through the SNAP program and federal funds. Perkins shared a list of program losses as a result of losing the Human Development & Relationships Educator position due to budget cuts, including, but not limited to: Strong Bodies, Planning Ahead end of life and estate planning series, Aging Mastery, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, financial coaching, working with SWCAP on Work n Wheels, preventative programs for diabetes management, mental health programming, Latino community outreach, support and education for HCE (Home and Community Education Association of Iowa County), and HeART coalition. She also shared other potential opportunities where the position would work with community stakeholders and coalitions by providing leadership and guidance to best serve our community and target resources. O'Brien asked if other counties in the Extension region were making cuts, and Perkins shared that she was unaware of position cuts, as she can only speak to Extension, but knows they are looking at other cuts to save money. The Extension Committee talked about working with the Dean at UW to see if he could fund the position for a couple of years. Perkins knows the Dean is currently looking into alternative funding sources for Educator positions and she has offered to be the pilot county to find a way to keep the position. Paull shared his experience with current Human Development & Relationships Educator, Bridget Mouchon, and stated that since Geana Shemak, former Health Department Community Coordinator/Health Educator, has been gone communities are struggling to move forward without the support she provided. While Barry Hottman, Community Development Educator, could provide this service, there are only so many hours in the day, and community members need to be aware of what is going on and there is currently nobody in the county to do this. He shared that SWCAP has started to defund programs and is changing the way they do things, as well. Nankee shared that Iowa County has been one of the top counties to have a fully staffed Extension office, and it will be missed. He asked Perkins to share who the current Extension staff were. She shared that the Human Development & Relationships Educator, Community Development Educator, and 4H Youth Development Educator were specific to Iowa County. There are three Regional Ag Educators that are shared between Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. The two FoodWise staff are also shared between Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette Counties, but are fully funded through SNAP and federal funds. The Department Assistant will be shared 50% with Extension and 50% with Social Services and ADRC in 2025. The Extension Law and Government State Specialist has an office in Iowa County, and the Regional Nutrient

	Management Outreach Specialist, who serves an eight-county region also has a landing spot in Iowa County.
9	<u>Veteran's Service Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. Rolfsmeyer shared that the repatriation of CPL Robert P Raess' remains was a good community building event that was positive and touched people. Lindeman said it was a neat experience and he was glad to be part of it. Nankee asked about the 17 VA service-connected disability claims Lindeman is working on. Lindeman stated that he has completed more and is currently on pace to complete around 40 this year and a fair amount is from increases due to the PACT act. Bierke asked if any of Lindeman's claims have lasted more than 125 days. Lindeman shared that 125 days is the VA goal and they do a good job of hitting the goal, but that he has had three to four that are closer to the 125 days, as they can be rather long and involved. Nankee commented on the Veteran's Office Quarterly Newsletter. Lindeman explained that the Mission Act expanded community care, but it is costing the VA more to have veterans seen at local clinics versus the VA facility.
10	<u>Wednesday, December 4, 2024:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
11	Motion by Cockeram and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.