

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, May 6, 2020 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	Meeting called to order by Larry Bierke at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call was taken:</u> Members Present: Richard Rolfsmeyer, Dan Nankee, Justin O'Brien, Joan Davis (via Zoom) and Bruce Paull (via Zoom) Others Present: Mel Masters, Steve Deal, Larry Bierke, Debbie Siegenthaler (via Zoom), Nohe Caygill (via Zoom), Valerie Hiltbrand (via Zoom), Susan Storti (via Zoom), Rochelle Kruchten (via Zoom), Jeff Lindeman (via Zoom) and Bruce Haag (via Zoom)
3	<u>Election of HHS Committee Chairperson:</u> Rolfsmeyer nominates Dan Nankee. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Davis. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
4	<u>Election of HHS Committee Vice-Chairperson:</u> O'Brien nominates Richard Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Paull. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Davis, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
5	<u>Election of HHS Committee Secretary:</u> Rolfsmeyer nominates Bruce Paull, seconded by Davis. Motion to close nomination and pass unanimous ballot by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0.
6	<u>Consent Agenda: One motion to adopt all of the consent agenda items:</u> A. Approve the meeting agenda for May 6, 2020. B. Approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 meeting C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to approve B, C by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by Davis Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion carried. Amend 6a to include public comments. Motion by Nankee, seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Motion carried.
6A	<u>Public Comments:</u> In the April 9th edition of the Dodgeville Chronicle, it featured Keith Hurlbert in an article regarding keeping Iowa County safe during COVID 19. A lot of positivity in the article along with how great communication is between everyone involved in keeping Iowa County safe. Paull mentioned mental health and how it is being handled. People have bills that keep coming and they are unable to work, home schooling a struggle for both parents and children. Paull states meal delivery for the SUN program is still consistent. Congregate people either get their meals delivered or picked up. The kitchen may not have exactly what is on the menu but usually have something close to it. Dodgeville site only has 3 people working. We rely on ADRC as back up, we have had a couple drivers not want to drive so we have had to make adjustments. Davis stated the Dodgeville School District had the school counselor staff supporting students, family and staff members right away. It was mostly phone calls checking on them, offering 2 meals a day to everyone. School counselors are coordinating a wrap-around service, which volunteers help families who need extra support. For example: a volunteer would go and play with kids outside of the home so parents could get a break or volunteer could interact with both parents and children. Davis also wanted to say that she had a positive experience with the nurses at Health Department and their immediate follow-up was excellent.
7	<u>Review First quarter 2020 Financial reports:</u> Good parameters across the board. Bierke stated Iowa County does things a little differently than other counties. Money that the county collects in 2020 are spent in 2021 so it gives us time to plan ahead. The financial statement is set up well. Bloomfield is doing good, \$85,434 excess of revenues over expenditures. \$1,036,67 total revenue, total expenditures \$956,633. Bierke said Bloomfield turned out really well at the end of 2019.
8	ADRC

	Valerie Hiltbrand presented. Due to COVID-19, the ADRC Board did not meet in March or April. We plan to hold the May meeting via Zoom. Update on the ADRC office, some staff are still working remotely. Even though staff are working remotely, we can still enroll people in programs in a timely manner. We are receiving calls from people over the age 60 or with disabilities to have meals delivered or helped in some way (groceries). We are helping them figure out a long-term plan. Coordinating with volunteers to help with grocery and/or medication delivery. Staff are checking in with clients that are currently on our programs, also people that are on waiting lists. Our transportation programs have changed with the pandemic. We are not operating the caravan service, which takes people outside of county shopping or some other trips. The driver escort programs are still operating. This program helps get people to medical appointments. Our rural and Dodgeville taxi is still running, has been helping with some grocery pickups. Our Prevention programs are being re-evaluated and planning for future dates. Special precautions for people we serve in the future. Paull noted that Aging Advocacy Day was cancelled due to COVID; he asked if there are certain advocacy topics that still need to be addressed. Hiltbrand responded that the Elder Benefit Specialist has not received a funding increase in 20 years; we are hoping to see some advocacy around that. The State has a workgroup going for reinvesting in the ADRC's, many are under-funded. The question was asked does this population find it hard to keep in touch. We have a friendly caller line to promote some social interaction; volunteers that are screened can call people that want that type of service. O'Brien asked if the ADRC are getting typical calls like in the past. Hiltbrand said call volume is down a little bit. People that want to meet in person and if is not urgent are waiting to meet with someone later. The complexity of calls are down as well. We are dealing with more immediate needs like food and transportation.
9	Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Rochelle Kruchten presented. Since March, we have had no visitors to the facility. Staff are screened when coming into the facility and required to wear masks and appropriate PPE. None of the residents or staff present any COVID symptoms. As of Monday, Governor Evers wants all nursing home residents to be tested for COVID 19. We are still waiting on the guidelines for this. Census is at 38, will be 39 tomorrow (new admission). All new admissions are quarantined for 14 days to the 2nd floor East Wing. We are using this wing as an isolation wing. There is one staff from each shift solely to take care of those residents. Technology is being used to help residents keep in touch with friends and/or family. We have an empty room on 1st floor so residents can have window visits with their families. Cell phones or computers are also used to help keep residents connected. Doctors are doing rounds via Telehealth. We have cancelled Balloon Fest but may be able to combine it with the fireworks in the fall. We have hired a new Director of Nursing, Felicia Gundlach. This week is Nurses week, we had a taco bar for staff and the nurse managers got little gifts for the nurses. Next week is nursing home week and we will have themed days and gifts for the staff.
10	Health Department Debbie Siegenthaler presented. Siegenthaler's first day with the county was March 13th. Public health is about prevention, communicable diseases and environmental health. During this COVID-19 era, we are in response mode. The EOC was set up and includes the Health Department, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department and a liaison from Upland Hills Health. The EOC on a daily basis is extremely challenging, actively working through strategies, helping businesses with PPE, daily conversations with Upland Hills Health, conferring with state partners (DPI, DHS, WI Emergency Management), weekly meetings with the schools and conversations with funeral home directors and coroners. The EOC has set up an isolation shelter, which is for people that are COVID positive and do not have the ability to isolate properly such as a homeless person or healthcare worker that does not want to expose their family. We are working with the vulnerable population (elderly, Amish, Hispanic), issues around election time, getting villages and municipalities PPE, enforcement w/Sheriff's Department, other issues around public safety. We also are trying to be consistent with the daily press release for the public. At this time, there are 10 confirmed positive cases in Iowa County, last 3 cases are related, 330 tested negative. Testing was slow at first, but in a good place now with testing. Testing continues to expand; we have not been overrun at this time. More community wide testing will continue, which will lead to contact tracing/investigation.
11	Veterans Office

	Jeff Lindeman presented. Are veterans using Telehealth? Lindeman stated he does not believe many are, as they prefer person to person. The VA has suspended non-emergent appointments. A public speaker was scheduled to come to the Dodgeville Public Library on May 13th, have not heard anything about it being rescheduled. Memorial Day ceremonies are not being held in Dodgeville or Linden. At funerals, gravesite honors are still occurring. There was an article in the Wisconsin State Journal regarding administrative concerns at different Veterans homes. Lindeman has not heard that to be true in Wisconsin. The federal VA does not oversee state homes.
12	Motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. by O'Brien, seconded by Rolfsmeyer.