

APPROVED MINUTES

Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. *Health and Human Services Community Room* 303 W. Chapel Street., Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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Item	
1	Supervisor Rolfsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	Roll Call:
	Members Present in Community Room: Bruce Paull, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien
	Members Present Remotely: John Meyers (on behalf of Dan Nankee)
	Members Excused: Chairman Dan Nankee
	Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Holly Knapp, Mel Masters
	Others Present Remotely: Nikki Mumm, Andrea Larson
3	Approval of the December 4, 2024, Agenda:
	Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	Approval of the October 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes:
	Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Paull to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the
	Committee. No action will be taken.
	Paull – The Community Action Groups held a listening session at the Methodist Church in Dodgeville where
	there was discussion on growing brain tissue to help those who have experienced brain trauma, as well as
	an implant that can diagnose when a person is going through a tough time, as that person may not realize
	when this is happening. The implant will then contact close friends and let them know to touch base with
	the individual to make sure they are doing okay. On Friday, December 6, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., the Bureau of
	Older Adults will be having a Zoom session to discuss promotion and advocacy of family caregivers.
	Rolfsmeyer – The Health Department posted a report on their Facebook page about the use of the Public
	Health Vending Machines, which he encouraged everyone to look at.
6	Approval of four donation fund resolutions for Social Services Department:
	Tom Slaney, Social Services/ADRC Director, provided copies of the four resolutions and Mumm presented.
	The committee recommended updates to the resolutions. Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Cockeram to
	approve all four donation fund resolutions with recommended modifications for the Social Services
7	Department and send to the County Board. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
/	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Knapp handed out a report and presented. Unified has been busy working on their budget, which has been
	a successful process this year. They are working with the Grant County Criminal Justice Coordinating
	Committee on CJCC story boarding. Unified submitted a proposal for their SOR4 grant funds, which is
	around \$400,000 for work to respond to the Opioid Crisis, and continues to work with the State on
	adjustments that need to be made to the proposal. They have been working on 2023 WIMCR reporting, as
	well as their 2023 Audit. In conjunction with Grant County, they are working on their indirect cost study.
	Carslon Dettman is currently working on workforce stability which is anticipated to wrap up in Spring 2025.
	They are currently fully staffed except for new positions that will be filled in 2025. The agency held their
	last training day in October which included presentations from Carlson Dettman, CLF Asset Management,
	and Bev Doll from UW Extension. Staff in Grant County have recently moved into the old BMO Harris
	building purchased by Grant County, and they are exploring rental space in Iowa County, which is
	promising. They applied for a DHC Capital Projects Grant to support the renovation/expansion of the old
	BMO Harris building but were not awarded the funds as all the funds went to one organization which only
	facilitates AODA Opioid Treatment. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the indirect cost rate and whether it is
	included in their budget. Knapp shared that it is included in their budget. Bierke met with the Grant County
	Administrator to talk about the indirect costs. Both Administrators will be meeting with the indirect cost
	auditor regarding additional questions, and then would like to present to the Unified Community Services
	Board in January 2025 regarding the indirect costs. Knapp would like the opportunity to talk to and educate

the County Board on the Unified Community Budget and their revenue streams. O'Brien shared that he would like to know what all the indirect costs cover. Bierke is working with the Grant County Administrator to reach an agreement between the two counties on the indirect costs. Paull commented that we are already looking ahead to the 2026 budget and deciding what services can be continued due to funding, but mental health is not going away so it's hard to cut. Knapp shared that Unified Community Services' additional \$100,000 ask is less than four percent of their total budget, so they anticipate they will be okay until the counties come to an agreement on the indirect costs and hopeful they will not have to cut services. The seven additional staff that Unified is adding in 2025 will only cost around \$4,000 in Iowa County Tax Levy. The Unified Community Services working documents were created in 1974 but have not been revised much since- although Unified's services have evolved, so the counties will need to work together to determine where they want to be in the future and make modifications to the documents. **Social Services Update:** Slaney provided a report and Mumm presented. Social Services has given notice to the Department of Administration that they will discontinue facilitating the Home Energy Program as of January 1, 2025, due to the loss of the Economic Support Position. The Holiday Project is underway, and the Mayor of Dodgeville has graciously allowed Social Services to utilize the Armory for distribution, which will take place on December 17th and 18th. The Department is currently down two Social Worker positions, one Economic Support Specialist and one-half Department Assistant to help balance the 2025 Budget. We are lucky to get Tom Harman, current UW-Extension Department Assistant, half-time beginning in 2025 as a joint Department Assistant. The ADRC Suite will begin a remodel in early January where the front desk will flip to the opposite end of the suite and be available in the front entryway of the HHS Building. This will serve as the front desk for ADRC and Social Services. It is our hope that it will increase customer service and provide a location for customers to drop off documents for all agencies within the building if they would like. Rolfsmeyer stated that he knows Slaney has been frustrated in the past with issues surrounding the Home Energy Program, so he is happy to see this change. Paull would like to see other organizations involved in the Holiday Project be recognized. O'Brien asked how the ADRC front desk construction will be paid for, and Mumm shared that it is part of a capital improvement project that was already approved by the County Board. Paull said he also likes to say hi and give thanks to other ADRC staff, so he will miss being able to see them in the suite. Rolfsmeyer appreciates that the departments have made the best of the budget cuts.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025: Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.

10 Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Paull to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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