

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, 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 Members Excused: Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Valerie Hiltbrand, Christopher Baird, Lynn Perkins, Jeff Lindeman, Tom Slaney, Mel Masters, Ruth Schriefer, Laura Blalock Others Present Remotely: Joan Davis, Andrea Larson
3	<u>Approval of the February 5, 2025, Agenda:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 4, 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>Slaney</i> – He invited the committee to attend Human Services Day at the Capitol on April 17, 2025. It is sponsored by the Wisconsin Counties Association and community members will have a chance to share stories and educate legislators on important topics. The Human Services Conference is at the end of April 2025, and he will let committee members know those details as he receives them. <i>Paull</i> – He would like to have a discussion on how to clean up Facebook to focus on things that are important to people. He also shared that meeting minutes should be posted to the county website within one week for transparency.
6	<u>Review Second, Third, and Fourth Quarter Financial Reports:</u> Jamie Gould, Finance Director, provided copies of the financial reports. Mumm and Slaney explained why some accounts have a higher percentage used than was budgeted. Bierke shared there will be a revised 2024 Quarter 4 once 2024 is closed out and 2025 Quarter 1 should be coming by the May Committee Meeting. Nankee inquired about the Opioid Settlement Funds. Bierke shared the report from the 2025 Budget packet detailing the Opioid Settlement Funds and explained how the Opioid Settlement Fund distributions will work.
7	<u>Aging and Disability Resource Center Update:</u> Hiltbrand provided a report and presented. The new Social Services, ADRC, and Veteran's Office front desk will open on Monday, February 10, 2025, and it will help provide better customer service to our clients as well as increase security and confidentiality. Bierke inquired what will happen with the previous ADRC entrance. Hiltbrand stated that the doors will be locked and can be used as an employee entrance though employees will likely not use them in the winter to help with heating costs. She shared a copy of <u>The Impact of ADRC and Tribal Programs in Wisconsin: Status Report 2023 (P-00251)</u> with the committee and highlighted important info including the fact that 147,319 clients were served by ADRCs Statewide which equate to one customer every 60 seconds as well as that for every \$1.00 invested in ADRCs in Wisconsin led to savings of \$3.88. These numbers only include client contacts with ADRC Specialists and Benefit Specialists not other services like transportation, prevention, caregiver support, nutrition and adult protective services. Rolfsmeyer shared that the report shows high ADRC utilization in Southwest Wisconsin. Cockeram inquired about the senior event at Merrimac and Main. Hiltbrand said it was the coldest day of the year so only about 15 community members attended, but they are planning to host another open house. Bierke inquired about attendance for the SCAM Bingo event, and Hiltbrand said around 15 people

	attended. Nankee shared the public announcement from the News & Views about Social Services transitioning the Energy Assistance Program to Energy Services, Inc. Slaney said the transition is going well. Davis commended Hiltbrand on the value of the ADRC.
8	<u>SUN Update:</u> Baird provided a report and presented. The previous Dodgeville Site Manager, Wanda, has stepped down as the Site Manager, but will still be volunteering with the program. Rolfsmeyer shared that the 990 is due to the IRS in May and needs to be approved by the board beforehand. The Law Enforcement Center made 19,000 meals in 2024 for the SUN Program. Paull asked about meals in Hollandale. Baird said it depends on where the participant lives whether the meals come out of Blanchardville or Mineral Point, and shared he would like to serve anyone who qualifies for home delivered meals. He explained that anyone can attend a congregate site, but if they are under 60 they would need to pay full price.
9	<u>UW-Extension Update:</u> Perkins provided a report and presented. She also handed out the FoodWise Impact Statement for Iowa County, which highlighted that 30% of Iowa County Children in schools were eligible for free or reduced lunches and that the FW Coordinator worked hard to secure grants for garden projects. She asked the committee how the Extension staff can better provide them with information, and that they will be holding a community conversation in each County this spring where community members can attend to let Extension know what community challenges and needs are and how Extension may be able to help meet those needs. She provided an update on Federal Funding received by Extension highlighting that the Dean's Leadership Team is working to be proactive but not overreact and working to be responsible stewards of their funding. Paul shared that the Board of Older Adult Advisors is presenting to UW Researchers in February and is wondering how Federal Funding may impact research. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the associational mapping project, and Paull shared that it is reemerging and adapting to how people get their information. Bierke shared that Paull has been in touch with libraries for mapping, CESA 3 is working on mapping, and the Health Department has done mapping as part of their Healthy Iowa County initiative. Paull shared that CESA 3 is having a community conversation in Mineral Point on March 5, 2025, where they will discuss the comprehensive economic development strategy presenting K-12 education. Nankee shared Joy Kirkpatrick, Extension Farm Business Management Specialist, has a program on keeping the family farm and the Ag Educators are hosting several programs for producers throughout the area.
10	<u>Veterans Office Update:</u> Lindeman provided a report and presented. He shared that he has since filed three additional benefit claims since the report was submitted bringing the number up to 24 VA Benefit Claims currently in various stages of development. He is unsure why there has been a decrease in VA transportation. The Wisconsin Department of Veteran's Affairs (WDVA) has started updating local Veteran Service Officers each month with service members retiring from the service, and Lindeman has reached out to those from Iowa County welcoming them home and sharing the services he provides. There are Veteran's Service Office billboards around the County through March. Rolfsmeyer inquired what the maximum number of rides provided to veteran's has been in the past, and Lindeman shared that it was around 8,000 miles per year. Paull inquired whether veterans could go to a local hospital though it may be more expensive, and Lindeman shared that the Mission Act is where veterans can contact their primary care provider at the VA for prior approval to go to a local hospital at VA expense and this is done on a case-by-case basis. O'Brien thanked Lindeman for his work with the Loan Closet. Nankee shared information on Highland Springs Counseling and Gerofit exercise program for Veterans from the quarterly newsletter.
11	<u>Presentations by Opioid Grant Applicants:</u> <i>SWCAP-</i> The applicant was not present to give a presentation to the committee. Motion by Cockeram and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to table the SWCAP grant application. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Motion carried. <i>Family Resource Center of Iowa County</i> – Ruth Schrieffer and Laura Blalock shared that families are still families, and prevention costs a lot less than intervention and treatment. They support all families and believe all families have strengths and they help those families build on them and develop them. Blalock shared what the funds received last year were used for highlighting the resources that were provided to families. Schrieffer shared that their reach to families in Iowa County increased, and that the funding matters. They have prevention efforts and connect people to resources as parents who have resources are less likely to maltreat their child. This funding would be used for playgroups to help connect parents to

	each other, community resources, knowledge and skills for parents, and concrete supports like diapers, car seats, etc. Rolfsmeyer inquired how many people they are serving. Schriefer said in 2024 they reached more than 1,000 parents and children through their events and referrals and 267 Iowa County Families benefited from the concrete supports. Cockeram asked how many people that participated in the Parent Café's were part of the Drug Treatment Court. Blalock said they do not track that but does know that they did participant. Bierke asked if there is a link on their Facebook page for people to donate money to the program, and Schriefer and Blalock said there is not at this time.
12	<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 both the Opioid Settlement Funds Grant and the Campbell Funds Grant:</u> Motion by Cockeram and seconded by Paull to go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider Investment of County Funds to include all Iowa County Supervisors, Larry Bierke, and Nikki Mumm. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried at 6:30 p.m.
13	<u>Motion to return to open session:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to return to open session. Aye: 5: Nay: 0. Motion carried at 6:41 p.m.
14	<u>Possible action on closed session:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to award \$11,300.00 in Opioid Settlement Funds to Family Resource Center of Iowa County for the grant period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026. Aye: 5: Nay: 0; Motion carried.
15	<u>Wednesday, March 5, 2025:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
16	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 3/5/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner