

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, at 4:00 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 4:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairman Dan Nankee, Bruce Paull, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Debbie Siegenthaler, Holly Knapp, Tom Slaney Others Present Remotely: Nikki Mumm, Andrea Larson, Robert Keeney
3	<u>Approval of the March 5, 2025, Agenda:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the February 5, 2025, 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> – He is on the Board of Older Adult Advisors and went to the UW School of Nursing was part of a presentation with parts focused on Aging in Place and Senior Meals to researchers who are trying to determine what they would like to do their research papers on. The presentation was recorded if anyone is interested in the presentation. He also talked about a Municipal Trafficking Suppression Initiative to help stop human trafficking. The proposal is to fine the buyer who is purchasing the services of the trafficked individual \$5,000, and half of the fine would go back to support the trafficked individual and the other half would go to the Sheriff's Department to help fund future stings. This initiative is starting in surrounding communities of Madison and will end with the City of Madison. They will be talking about this at the Public Safety Committee meeting, and it may come to the County Board in the future. <i>Nankee</i> – He shared there is still a need for mental health services as we are still losing residents to suicide. May 1st is the deadline for the next Opioid Settlement Funds Grant, which will be reviewed at the June HHS Committee Meeting.
6	<u>Indirect Cost Presentation:</u> Bierke presented a PowerPoint to the committee. This covered the indirect costs related to the Iowa and Grant County partnership for Unified Community Services (UCS). Grant County provides services (finance, personnel, and information technology) to UCS that Iowa County does not and there is a cost associated with those services Grant County provides. He explained how those costs are derived for each of the service areas. Andy Phillips, Attolles Law, has been retained by Bierke and Grant County Administrator Nate Dreckman to pursue updated agreement documents. The goal is to figure out an appropriate way to measure the services Grant County is providing and to compensate them appropriately. Knapp explained funding sources. Keeney, Grant County Board Chairman, said one of the largest costs was the phone system. Slaney shared that indirect costs should be applied to all Departments equally and wanted to make sure that was happening in this instance. Bierke said he is working together with Grant County to ensure it is equitable. The same firm does the indirect costs study for both counties. Bierke and Dreckman are working on an agreement, and he should have that within the next few months.
7	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler provided a report and presented. She highlighted impressive statistics regarding the Public Health Vending Machines located at the HHS Building and the Arena Village Hall which demonstrate they are meeting a need in the community. They are having events for Ground Water Awareness Week where they will collaborate with other Departments and highlighting their Water Testing Lab. They will partner with Lafayette County for nitrate testing to give better services to residents. O'Brien inquired whether the Department has investigated what it would cost to have a nitrate lab in Iowa County. Siegenthaler said it is

	cost prohibitive and partnering with another County is a good step at this point. Their 2024 Annual Report and a Covid Response Report are available on the website. The Covid Response Report will be shared with the Iowa County and State Historical Society. She highlighted community partnership events coming up. Rolfsmeyer inquired of Siegenthaler, Slaney, and Knapp on if they think the Federal Cuts will impact their Departments. Siegenthaler said federal funding cuts are concerning. Additionally, potential changes regarding vaccines are also concerning as vaccines are tools that have always been an important part of the Public Health Toolbox. Paull shared about the local collaboration between the Health Department, Dodgeville Public Library, UW Extension, and Dodgeville School District book read and discussion on “The Anxious Generation” book.
8	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Knapp provided a report and presented. She will be providing the Unified Community Services Board with their 2022, 2023, and 2024 Annual Report. Clients who have been directly impacted by the services of the Department will be attending meetings to share the value their services add to the client’s lives. She shared stories of how the Birth to 3 and Children’s Long Term Support Programs have added value to children and their families lives. She worked on the budget in November and has been working on the indirect cost study audit along with the budget. The SOR Grant received for this cycle is 50% of what it had been in the past. Due to a change of accounting with challenges, they are wrapping up their 2023 audit. They are trying to be frugal about their spending with the current budget situation at the Federal level. Their goal is to continue to provide services to residents, and they are trying to be creative to continue to provide those services due to unknowns. They are working on their Electronic Health Record System, DHS audited a couple of their programs that went well, and they are working to recruit and retain quality individuals. They moved to the old BMO Building in Lancaster. Additional space in Iowa County is on hold currently. There has been a lot of collaboration and partnerships between Unified staff and Social Services & ADRC staff.
9	<u>Social Services Update:</u> Slaney provided a report and presented. Human Services Day at the Capitol is March 27th and gives attendees the ability to talk to legislators about budget priorities. He invited committee members to attend the WCHSA Spring Conference. Interviews yesterday for open Social Work position and have a vacancy in the Economic Support Unit. The SUN Board has decided not to refill the Executive Director position, and the nutrition program will transition to a county run program no later than June 1st. A press release was sent out to County Board Members earlier this week. Slaney, Cockeram, Nankee, and Mumm met with the Iowa County Meal Site Manager’s Monday and were met with a good response. There are future actions needed due to this. General Government will be reviewing job descriptions March 6. Executive Committee will consider a budget amendment March 11th. If passed by both General Government and Executive Committee, the full County Board will need to take action on it for which Slaney asked for committee member’s support. He explained that as part of this process, the department has assessed what needs to be done, what can be done with current staff, and created positions for what is left. He stressed that the SUN Board and his Department’s number one priority is that there is no interruptions in services for seniors. The Department of Children and Families recognized the Children and Families Unit as one of the highest performing counties statewide with a score of 100% for required monthly visits to children in out of home care. Rolfsmeyer inquired if the press release is public information, and Slaney shared that it is. O’Brien inquired whether the SUN Program will dissolve and if they have discussed this. Cockeram shared the SUN Board has not gotten that far. Rolfsmeyer asked if the program will dissolve and how it may impact the grants and fundraising. Slaney shared that the program will dissolve and they have thought about that impact. Mumm shared that the SUN Board retained the previous SUN Director, Andrew Hodgeson, as a contractor to assist during the transition.
10	<u>Wednesday, April 2, 2025:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
11	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Paull to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.