

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 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, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Valerie Hiltbrand, Debbie Siegenthaler, Mel Masters
3	<u>Approval of the April 2, 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 March 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Cockeram 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> – There is a book discussion at the Dodgeville High School Library on Thursday, April 3, 2025, to talk about the book <i>The Anxious Generation</i> . The book is available at the Public Library if anyone is interested in reading it. At the Mental Health Matters meeting it was announced that Andrea Kaiser opened Renewed Brain Health LLC in Mineral Point. She will be another community mental health resource. School Counselors continue to work with students struggling with mental health and suicidal ideations though they do not have sufficient training. Unified Community Services is providing assistance. The stigma surrounding mental health has been reduced and now people feel comfortable asking for help. He shared that the ADRC Bus Trips are fun trips, but the bus is underutilized, so he is trying to increase the usage. Hidden Valley Church's monthly serving focus in March was for Seniors United for Nutrition in addition to donating the site location to the program at no cost. He asked that someone from the program accept the check and talk about the upcoming changes and let parishioners know the money raised is used to pay for meals for seniors. O'Brien inquired about the book and whether people were finding it helpful. Paull shared that there are changes suggested in the book that would need to be implemented. <i>Nankee</i> – There was a good presentation on human trafficking at Public Safety Committee last night. On March 27, 2025, he went to Wisconsin Counties Association Human Services Day at the Capitol, where the group visited with Senator Marklein. Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Applications are due by May 1, 2025. He highlighted articles from the <i>Grant County News & Views</i> .
6	<u>Resolution to set fee schedule for full cost meal price and suggested contribution for the Senior Nutrition Program:</u> Mumm explained the resolution. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Paull to adopt the resolution. Paull would like to amend the motion to increase the full cost price to \$15.25 to make change counting at the sites easier. Motion by Paull and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to amend the motion to increase the full cost price to \$15.25 instead of \$15.23. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Paull to adopt the amended resolution. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7	<u>ADRC Update:</u> Hiltbrand provided a report and presented. She will continue to disperse advocacy information to the ADRC Board and consumers that inquire. Most of the funding received by the ADRC is Medicaid Funding or Older American's Act Funding which have both been topics of conversation at the Federal Level. If there are questions surrounding this, please contact her. Hiltbrand and Mumm will be attending Aging Advocacy Day on May 14, 2025, along with Paull, ADRC Board Member Marilyn Rolfsmeyer, and a home delivered meal volunteer with the Nutrition Program. The ADRC is currently doing a statewide marketing campaign to include billboards, television ads, radio ads, and online ads. Richard Rolfsmeyer shared that many

	departments heavily rely on federal funds. Hiltbrand shared that ADRCs can no longer call Social Security on behalf of the consumer as they have been able to in the past. O'Brien noted the Dementia Care Specialists have many events coming up and inquired whether the AARP Tax Prep request has been high. Tomorrow is the last day for AARP Tax Prep in Dodgeville and the program is heavily utilized. Nankee inquired about the Career Prep/Life Skills Day in Highland. Hiltbrand shared that it is for students with disabilities from surrounding schools to help them learn about next steps after graduation. Mumm shared that Iowa County 4-H is working with the Senior Nutrition Program on Emergency Meals for seniors this fall. She shared that bus trips are lower in the winter due to weather and that the ADRC is looking for volunteer drivers to help residents get to non-emergency medical appointments. Nankee inquired on where to find the bus trips. Mumm shared they are in the <i>News & Views</i>.
8	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler provided a report and presented. They are focusing heavily on communicable diseases as only 86% of 5-19 year olds in Iowa County are immunized for measles. Wisconsin overall has the second lowest MMR immunization rate in the nation. Medical professionals would like a 95% immunization rate to achieve herd immunity. The Health Dept is working with local partners to improve immunization rates for prevention purposes. If there is a case of measles for a school aged child, they will be out of school for 21 days which causes a huge impact to their learning. Measles is the most infectious communicable disease as the virus lives in the air for hours. There is also an active case of tuberculosis in the county which is a highly infectious communicable disease that takes a lot of time for contract tracing. The department has been directly impacted by a loss of federal funds as two of the competitive grants they wrote for and received for immunization outreach were terminated. These grants ran through June 2025 and fortunately they had already expended 80% of the funding. She noted that eligibility guidelines for vaccines for those who are uninsured or underinsured are being rolled back which causes barriers to vaccinations. There are entire departments within the Federal Health and Human Services that are gone, and this could have direct impacts on funding and what we need to operate. Nankee shared an article from the <i>Wisconsin State Journal</i> encouraging people to get vaccinated for measles because if an unvaccinated person is in a room with someone who has measles, they have a 95% chance of getting measles. There were 150 people in Mt. Horeb at the community read for <i>The Anxious Generation</i> and over 30 people are registered for the event in Dodgeville. Next week is Public Health Week and the 4th Year UW Madison Nursing Student will be checking blood pressures as part of her project. The department hosted a dental clinic in conjunction with Bridging Brighter Smiles as part of an initiative to increase access to services due to a lack of services in the county. The Healthy Iowa County Transportation Workgroup is working on a campaign to help recruit volunteer drivers for the ADRC and SWCAP Lift. They received a grant that gave them the ability to give away free water test kits. Paull shared that at the Public Works Committee Meeting, Craig Hardy, Highway Commissioner, did a presentation on the roads in the county, future plans, and why maintenance needs to be done, which makes him wonder what the long-term cost to the county would be if we were unable to provide vaccines or help seniors.
9	<u>Wednesday, May 7, 2025:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
10	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.