



**Approved Minutes
Senior Living 2020 Committee
Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – 7:00PM
Health and Human Services Center – Room 1001
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item unless otherwise noted.

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| 1 | Call to order. Committee Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. |
| 2 | <p>Roll Call.</p> <p>Members Present: John Meyers, Bruce Paull, Steve Deal, and Judy Lindholm.
Absent: Dave Gollon
Others Present: Larry Bierke, Matt Allen, Joan Davis, Curt Peterson, Jim Griffiths, Don Leix, and Joan Davis.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Agenda of 10/03/18:
Paull moved, Lindholm seconded to approve the Agenda of October 3, 2018. Motion carried.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Minutes of 5/24/18:
Paull moved, Deal seconded to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018. Motion carried.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.</p> <p>Paull noted that he is concerned about the staff turn overs at Bloomfield and really wants this partnership with Upland Hills to move faster. He would like to see Bloomfield move away from County Policies and pay grid in an effort to stabilize operations there.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Update on Merger: Meyers noted that he wanted to talk about whatever could be discussed without going into closed session. He noted that the “small group” of Bierke/Meyers and hospital staff have been meeting about every 6 weeks. He reminded the Committee about the decreasing need for Nursing homes across the nation and that people who need assistance are looking for alternatives.</p> <p>Meyers also noted that the hospital is working on acquiring land and that if the committee wanted an update, they would need to go into closed session to discuss. He also noted that the plan was to partner with Upland Hills to start accounting and legal work to file for non-profit status.</p> <p>Allen reported that he felt the construction of a nursing home would be considered a public purpose investment and that incidental benefits to a private non-profit agency providing health services for the county would be permissible. The bigger question isn’t with the purpose of the investment, but rather the statutory authorization to appropriate money directly to a private non-profit for this purpose given a county’s limited Administrative Home Rule powers. Allen noted that he may need to contact the Attorney General’s Office for an opinion.</p> |

	Bierke asked if the creation of an Assisted Living Facility counted as a new service under the Levy Limit Law. Would that allow Iowa County to raise its operating levy? Paul asked about IGT Aid and what happens if it goes away? Peterson noted that we don't have a back up plan and with things moving so slowly, maybe Iowa County should plan for an alternative option. Leix and Davis noted that they wanted the merger to move faster.
7	The Committee decided against going into closed session and setting another meeting date.
9	Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.