

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 2018

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	APPROVED MINUTES Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Health & Human Services Center – Community Room, 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533	2018-11
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1)	Chair Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	Call to Order
2)	Roll Call – Members Present: Joan Davis, Dan Nankee, Justin O’Brien, Bruce Paull, and Richard Rolfsmeyer. Others Present: Larry Bierke, Rochelle Kruchten, Tom Slaney, Nohe Caygill, Marylee Oleson, Bruce Haag, and Steve Deal.	Roll Call
3)	Approval of the December 5, 2018 Agenda. Motion made by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O’Brien to accept the agenda. Aye: 4. Nay: 0. Motion carried.	Agenda Approval
4)	Approval of the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion made by Davis and seconded by O’Brien to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 4. Nay: 0. Motion carried.	Meeting Minutes Approval
5)	Slaney – introduced Nohe Caygill who is a new Department Assistant within the Department of Social Services. She has volunteered to take HHS Committee meeting minutes beginning next month. Nohe is observing Marylee Oleson tonight. Present members introduced themselves. Bruce Paull entered the meeting. Chair Nankee mentioned receiving the annual SUN letter of appeal, which Obrien has had a hand in updating. Davis was especially impressed with the layout and information. The main point of the letter is that SUN meals help keep seniors in their homes longer. SUN will be raising their suggested donation by \$0.50 starting January 2019. SUN is also close to working out the logistics of having a PayPal link on the Iowa County website for people who would like to make a donation that way. Rolfsmeyer and Chair Nankee attended the meeting concerning Iowa Co. Fair date change. No decision yet. It may go to referendum. Chair Nankee said interviews are scheduled for next week for the 4H Coordinator position. Veteran’s Newsletter – dental information is interesting. Substance Abuse/Mental Health Coalition progress was mentioned. Slaney said there are some trainings coming up in Fennimore/Blanchardville for the Coalition. Paull and Davis gave a brief update from the Health Dept. committee with the HeART Grant results. News and Views newsletter highlight – Medicare 101 presentation next Tuesday by Stacey Terrill.	Comments from the Committee
6)	Report Provided and presented by Rochelle Krutchen, Bloomfield Administrator. Distributed the Bloomfield Bulletin, which they haven’t done since 2016. They will work with the IT department to post online and send electronically. Staffing update: Karen Oellerich retired on 11/29/18. Hired Angela McLean for MDS Coordinator on 11/19/18. Current census is 53 beds. Will begin working on marketing plan. Awaiting annual state survey when the state of Wisconsin visits. Reviewing current staffing needs before posting Karen’s job. Davis asked if one person could take multiple open shifts and Krutchen responded that it depends. Davis asked if the rate increase helped fill open positions. Krutchen said minimally. Evening shifts are always a struggle to fill. Bierke said positions are advertised on the Wis. County Assoc. website, Indeed.com, The Dodgeville Chronicle, The Shopping News, and the Iowa County website. Paull inquired if all the staff are vaccinated for the flu. The majority have been but it isn’t mandatory. If they don’t want a flu shot, they have to use a mask. They are not advertising yet for the Director of Nursing because they have contracted someone	Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehab Center

	through Upland Hills Health for the time being. Haag questioned when they are going down to 50 beds. The County Board resolution goes into effect on 1/1/19 limiting Bloomfield to 50 beds but no one will be moved if they are over the 50-bed limit. They are licensed for 65 beds.	
7)	Report Provided. Tom Slaney presented. Slaney recently attended a conference where they clarified Act 185. Lincoln Hills will be converted to an adult prison. The state has told counties that new facilities need to be built to house juveniles. Iowa County hasn't used a juvenile correction facility in up to 20 years. Majority of juveniles are from southeastern Wisconsin. Due to our infrequency of use, we would choose to be pay as you go. Davis asked how many buildings need to be built. Slaney said they will be regional. Davis asked the ages of these children. Slaney isn't certain. This is a good time to revise the whole program to rehabilitate these children. WCHSA – will be working on the SRCCCY, levy limits, etc. At this conference, they also discussed Act 184, which affects Unified Counseling. The transfer of sexual predators back into the community. Act 184 put a financial burden on the county to find housing to relocate them. It's a mental health problem so it falls under Unified Counseling. Corp Counsel, Land Records, Unified, and DSS will form a committee to work on this. Slaney presented a Crisis PowerPoint. 2016/2017 regional directors meeting. 39% increase in number of kids in out-of-home care in six years. Median length of time kids were in out-of-home care increased by 127%. 80% of open cases are complicated or driven by drug and alcohol abuse. Meth and heroin use is exploding. We need shared liability between the county and the state. Children and Family Aids is the current funding source. The county must match CFA by 10%. The problem is we are putting in a lot more than 10%. State isn't paying their fair share. Iowa County out-of-home expenses are up over 15% from previous years. Other counties have had to cut departments and services to pay for these expenses. Out-of-home care can be foster care, group home, or a residential care center. Where the child goes depends on what the child's needs. In 2014, we had one child in care. Currently we have 13 children in out-of-home care. There are no caseload standards. Iowa County has 9 workers. We don't fit a mold. Davis asked what initial assessment means – we have 60 days to investigate a claim of abuse. Teachers are mandated reporters. The point is to keep CPS workloads manageable. Permanent placement is the key. 22 months maximum to get permanency. Can the children go back to parents? Slaney gave examples of what would prohibit a child not going home but going back to parents is the hope. Putting a child with other relatives (kinship care) works. Kinship care is paid at a lower rate than foster care. Lower caseloads gives the worker more time to spend with that child and find permanency. WCHSA is developing standards. (handouts provided). WCHSA is asking for an increase of \$30 million from the state. WCA handout provided. They would like our county to pass a resolution, which Slaney distributed and asked everyone to please consider. Chair Nankee would like it on the January agenda. Bierke will work with Slaney on adding "prevention" wording to the resolution. Iowa County may not benefit but it will be a good thing for the state. Slaney is a board member of WCHSA. We are following federal standards when children are removed from their homes. Rolfsmeyer would like to see what happens with the new governor. Slaney said the county associations are making this a top priority.	Social Services
8)	Next meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019. 5:00 PM. Health & Human Services Center, Community Room.	Set next meeting date
9)	Motion made by O'Brien and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to adjourn the meeting. Aye: 4. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.	Adjournment