

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, June 3, 2020 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	Meeting called to order by Chair Dan Nankee at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call was taken:</u> Members Present: Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O’Brien (via Zoom), Bruce Paull (via Zoom) Others Present: Larry Bierke, Steve Deal, Cecile McManus, Tom Slaney, Sue Storti (via Zoom), Jeff Lockhart (via Zoom), Barry Hottmann (via Zoom), Rochelle Krutchen (via Zoom), John Meyers (via Zoom), Bruce Haag (via Zoom), Nohe Caygill (via Zoom)
3	<u>Approve the agenda for this June 3, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer to approve the agenda for this June 3, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Davis. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by O’Brien to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Paull. 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> Nankee wanted to let the committee know about the Bloomfield nursing night shift differential change proposal that is going to General Government tomorrow night. The proposal is to change the differential from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Paull stated that he spoke to Kimberly Hill from SWCAP and she said that they are close to opening a men’s opportunity house. They have hired two additional people. With the COVID pandemic came an increase in mental health and substance abuse issues. Nankee shared some information from the June issue of News and Views. On the front page, there was an article regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15th). A display of 74 pinwheels are located in front of the ADRC. Each pinwheel stands for one reported case of adult or elder abuse. This number is up from 58 last year. An article regarding Anxiety Disorders by Nikki Brennum tells about what emotional and physical symptoms to look for. There is also an article on the back regarding the Resilient Wisconsin Initiative.
6	<u>SUN</u> Cecile McManus presented. The SUN program has had a slight increase in people because of the COVID pandemic. The need is higher because family members are discouraged from visiting. All meals are being delivered since March 23rd. There are strict sanitation policies, which have been ramped up at the sites and for home deliveries. We have some new drivers in Mineral Point, Benton and Shullsburg. Only 2 of our drivers stepped back because of COVID. We should receive funds from FFCRA and CARES. CARES comes through GWaar. The audit was performed virtually in May. We received some grants. Cecile attended a 2 ½ day virtual conference for dietitians. O’Brien asked if the SUN program has added a donation button to the Facebook page yet. McManus said there have been some technical difficulties with it but they have been looking into. If anyone knows of someone that is computer savvy and knows how to do this, send them to Cecile. If you go to the Iowa County website under the SUN department, it does say if you would like to donate contact the main office. We did receive a donation last week for \$500. Dianne Evans filled in for Jay and Cecile while they were unable to be in the office, she did a wonderful job.
7	<u>UW Extension</u> Barry Hottman presented. Weekly Zoom meetings with the Dean from Extension. Estimating that the Extension office will be back in the building at the end of the month. Our summer 4-H intern, Ashley Judd, started Monday. She is in her senior year at UW Platteville Ag Business. Summer activities related to Extension such as the Iowa County Fair, Dodgefest and Pop-up town square are up in the air at this time. The Taste of Madison and State Fair

	have been cancelled. We are making a new broadband survey that will be sent out via mail to all households in Iowa County. Our goal is to get additional data to add to the data from the 2017 study.
8	<u>Unified Community Services</u> Jeff Lockhart presented. With the COVID pandemic, all services are held via Telehealth. There is a room set up off our lobby with a computer for people that do not have smart phone or computer so they can still receive services. AODA group treatment was suspended for approximately 2-3 weeks after COVID broke out. We had to wait for state guidance before we could do anything. Over half of those people relapsed. Once the meetings resumed things were better. A women's substance use disorder grant, which allows uninsured and underinsured women ages 18-44 years old to receive services, was submitted. A Workforce Development Grant was applied for. This grant is a long shot because only 8 are awarded across the nation. There is zero funding to help connect substance abuse recovery to employment. Demand for mental health services has actually declined because a significant amount of people do not like counseling via Telehealth. We have not seen a drop on the medication management side. The most serious thing regarding COVID is the two most robust predictors in suicide, economic downturn and social isolation. Resilient Wisconsin Initiative has a great website with hours' worth of information. Just begun to launch our new Comprehensive Community Services program (CCS). We did hire a leader for the program. We are hoping this will grow into a large and effective program. Paull talked with a drug court graduate and they said Zoom meetings are not the same as face-to-face. Lockhart said that Iowa and Grant County offices are connected and Grant County COVID numbers are a lot worse than Iowa County. We are under strict restrictions at the time. We will be doing face-to-face as soon as we can.
9	<u>Social Services</u> Tom Slaney presented. With COVID, we have closed our doors to the public but our services are still needed. While approximately 85% of our staff worked from home, we still had support staff in the building. The rules for telecommuting were suspended. The IT Department has been very good with getting things up and going for those working from home. On May 27th, staff returned to the office with new safety rules implemented. We have had several requests from staff to utilize the county telecommute policy and are processing those requests now. Many state and federal waivers were issued to assist staff and our consumers. There was an increase to SNAP benefits (Food Share) to address the loss of wages and increased demand for food at home. There was anticipation for a high volume demand on our ESS side but I do not know if that occurred. The demand diminished a little bit. Our driver escort and taxi services continued but were limited to essential services. Our bus service was suspended on March 16th. We have had our bus driver helping different departments in the building. The energy assistance program has been extended to run through September 17th, this is a federal program. This program usually ends on May 15th and resumes September 30th. Weatherization is dependent on if a person qualifies for energy assistance. A rental assistance program just got started through SWCAP called WRAP. Eviction notices were suspended until June 1st. An on-line request system was created for volunteer and community needs. We had seventeen volunteers sign up and 5 people in the community that wanted to receive services. More volunteers than people requesting services. We have seen a reduction in child abuse reports since the schools have been closed. Davis wanted to commend a couple of social workers that have been working well with two families during this time.
10	Next meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
11	Motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. by Davis, seconded by Rolfsmeyer.