

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, July 8, 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: Daniel Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien, Joan Davis, Bruce Paull (via Zoom) Others Present: Larry Bierke, John Meyers, Kevin Butteris, Steve Deal, Nohe Caygill (via Zoom), Rochelle Kruchten (via Zoom), Debbie Siegenthaler (via Zoom), Valerie Hiltbrand (via Zoom), Bruce Haag (via Zoom)
3	<u>Approve the agenda for this July 8, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer to approve the agenda for this July 8, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Davis. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Meeting:</u> Motion by O'Brien to approve the minutes of the June 3, 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> According to Paull, the mental health substance abuse committee got together regarding the panel discussion. We are going to record different panelists to give their talk and then you would listen to it before that night. There is not a definite date set up yet. The Dodgeville Library also had speaker Karl Stewart who will be rescheduled to another date.
6	<u>Discussion on requiring masks at County Board and Committee meetings</u> Nankee said he would like to take this opportunity to share what we are thinking as far as what the board shall do regarding masks. Nankee had spoken to Tom Slaney who mentioned that it would be tough to make it mandatory for the public to wear masks. A county must have an ordinance approved before a mask ordinance can be enforced. The judge has a right to set rules in her courtroom, county can make work rules for employees, requiring public to wear masks get more complicated. The WCA's law firm was asked to render an opinion on this subject but have yet to do so. O'Brien stated that even though Iowa County's numbers are down, they have still doubled in the last four weeks, which is significant. This is something that is not going away anytime soon. COVID is a novel virus, meaning new and unknown. We need to set a good example and make a statement. Per Davis, in the Chronicle for the week of June 17, our Health Department was asking individuals to continue to social distance, wear cloth face coverings and maintain proper hand washing. It is disrespectful to the employees of this building if we aren't wearing our masks when we come in their workplace. Kevin Butteris stated that he isn't in favor of masks being mandatory, he believes it should be a personal choice. Paull asked what would happen if the virus gets in the building? Does the building need to be closed down? How will Iowa County function with a building being closed? Per Bierke, all employees would be sent home, not sure if it is necessary for sanitation reasons or just the perception that we want our employees to know that we are taking care of them. We would sanitize the space and then may have the discussion of people staying home. WHEN it comes into one of our buildings, a plan would be worked out. Of course there would be an expense to it, just like when everyone worked from home and the buildings were shut down. At the courthouse, we are telling the public that face masks are required in the building. Employees are more comfortable with the buildings being locked and would rather not have public meetings in the building. The department heads do prefer using Zoom and the buildings to be closed to the public. Rolfsmeyer's personal feeling is he is wearing a mask for other people. The question is can the committee require the board as a whole to do this? Per Bierke, we do not have the authority to tell the county board that they have to wear a mask. It has to be a county board decision and once the county board makes the rule then it has to be followed. Per Nankee, the purpose of this item being on the agenda was to recommend face coverings be worn and get the word out. Siegenthaler said there has been an uptick in cases, the dashboard keeps track of

	metrics. We talk about the protective measures like social distancing, handwashing, wearing masks, stay home if you are sick. We struggle with getting that message out there. Face coverings are an important way to keep your germs to yourself. It is an opportunity for us to protect others. The findings and science of this has changed, evidence continues to evolve. Wearing facial coverings is an important mitigation tool. Davis said protecting those vulnerable, which at the same time we don't necessarily know if someone is vulnerable, so if you make the assumption first and just wear the mask it would be helpful. It is very uncomfortable to have to ask people to wear a mask in meetings. O'Brien asked if this is not an action item then is there any reason we wouldn't make this a recommendation to the board. Per Bierke, it's currently a recommendation of the Board. John Meyers stated he dislikes the polyester masks, believes they are not as effective as cotton. He also wanted to state that he was a secondary contact and didn't go to the board meeting as a precaution. A lot of people are not wearing PPE correctly, which in turn is defeating the purpose. Bierke thought maybe face shields could be an alternative to masks. Siegenthaler stated face masks are to shield you from droplets that are suspended in air, a face shield in combination with a mask is dual protection. You still need a mask with a face shield, the face shield itself is not sufficient protection. Would like the motion to be a request of our fellow supervisors, have something on the meeting notice. Paull motioned that we ask the county board and committee members to wear facial masks in all Iowa County buildings. Seconded by O'Brien. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion passed.
7	<u>Review and forward changes to the ADRC Board By-Laws at County Board</u> Valerie Hiltbrand presented. We've been working on revisions for a while. It's went to the subcommittee and has been to the Board a couple of times. There are some grammatical corrections and changes to the content that need to be made. We hope to make these changes and pass it onto the County Board for final approval. O'Brien said we may have to send these back to ADRC Board for changes and then be reviewed by the Committee. Rolfsmeyer said the changes to be made are minor. At the bottom of page 3, Section 4, A. Membership – this section is saying the committee can review applications and then bring them to the ADRC board and then to the County board. It can be a couple month process, this committee weighs in on if they want someone appointed or not, where most committees don't have that authority. The ADRC by having bylaws and articles of incorporation, when changing bylaws it has to go through Greater WI Agency of Resources, they are who requires the bylaws. Deal asked on page 1, section 2 Memberships – why does it say at least 51% of the members shall be 60 years of age or older. This requirement comes through GWAar, the Commission on Aging wanted to have representation of people over the age of 60 because that is who they were representing. Deal stated that on Page 6 it says the bylaws can be reviewed annually or as needed and may be amended by a majority vote of the ADRC Board. O'Brien motioned to send the bylaws back to the ADRC board for additional minor revisions. Seconded by Rolfsmeyer. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion passed.
8	ADRC Valerie Hiltbrand presented. We have cancelled the 2020 Health and Wellness Expo that is normally held at the end of September at Hidden Valley Church. We are hoping to hold something in its place but virtually. Most of the things we usually do in person we have been able to do over the phone, mail or online. There have been different roadblocks and barriers that we have had to get around at this time, but we are getting through it. Elder abuse and neglect awareness was in the month of June. We had 74 referrals in 2019. Statewide advocacy about elder abuse/neglect and how to report it will be that in the next few months. We are working on plans for prevention programs. Working with UW on a research project called Stand Up and Move More, which is being postponed. Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging is doing work behind the scenes to set up to do things virtually or over the phone. We have been offering Zoom for caregiver support in place of our in person monthly support group. Senior farmer market vouchers are for the residents at Iowa county. The vouchers can be used anywhere in Wisconsin, as long as they are a registered farmer or certified with the program. Places such as the Dodgeville or Mineral Point farmers market, Heck's and Peck's, even some apple orchards participate in the fall.

9	<u>Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center</u> Rochelle Krutchen presented. We now have our 5 star rating back, which comes from health inspections, staffing and quality measures (15 different clinical and physical measures). This is reviewed on a quarterly basis. Staffing has been decent since the end of March. We had a few extra months of our summer PRN help. Some resignations have come in from employees that are going back to school or onto a different job. The \$3.00 shift differential for night shift CNA and nurses was approved. This shift is difficult to staff so hopefully this will help that. COVID update: We have had no positives or suspected symptoms in our building. We have received COVID money and Jake Terrill and his team are looking at getting us some negative air machines. We have closed off 2nd floor east wing for new admissions. We are looking into a UV system for our air handlers and heating/cooling system. At this time, we are sitting well with PPE at approximately 6900-7000 isolation masks. We continue to order them in case there does come a time again when we cannot do so. Davis would like to compliment whoever runs the ad for recruiting, it sticks out so should attract someone looking for employment. Rolfsmeyer asked who gives the 5 star rating. Krutchen said CMS is who does the rating. If you look on the CMS website, there are little red hands next to facilities that are below average. But you should look at more than just the rating of a facility, there are a lot of factors to consider. An internet upgrade will be occurring at Bloomfield. There will be more tablets for the building so the residents can have connection with their families. At this point in time, we have not had any guidance about family visits outside. Our census is 38 at this time.
10	<u>Health Department</u> Debbie Siegenthaler presented. Our case numbers at this time are as follows: tested 2,961, 38 positives (which has remained at this number the last couple days), 33 considered recovered (which means out of isolation requirements or resolution of symptoms), 2,810 negative test and a handful of probable tests. The county health systems are doing the antibody testing. Nine antibody tests came back positive – reported as a probable not a positive and 100 tests are out pending. COVID-19 dashboard is an update of 9 metrics with a corresponding color code. The case positivity rate is at 2.2%, we want to remain under 5%. It has risen significantly in a few weeks. The growth of cases average 1.07 per day, would like to stay below .5. Case outbreaks, we want to track the number of facilities that have an outbreak. We check in with Upland Hills Health each week about how they are doing with PPE, staffing, etc. Check in with emergency management regarding PPE needs as well. Public health metrics, how timely we can reach out to positive cases, would like it to be within 24-48 hours. Tracking community spread – ask all sorts of questions but the primary question is if they have had a known exposure to anyone that has been COVID positive. We are in red here because 46% of the time we cannot identify where the individual was exposed. Isolation needs – we had a shelter at Bethel Horizons. At this point in time, we didn't have anyone that needed the facility. Currently we don't have the lease going with Bethel Horizons but can figure something out if needed. There has been a significant uptick of cases, positivity rate has noticeably increased in the last 3 weeks, community spread is happening half the time. If you look on left hand side of the website, we have added a historical list of our media releases. We continue to have a conference call with long term care facilities every other week. We also meet each week with the school districts since the end of April. A lot of questions and guidance that still needs to be worked out. The Iowa county school meetings are looking for consistency beyond Iowa County. Consistency in the region for example on things like fall sports, etc. Last week, Keith Hurlbert organized with Jamie Nutter through CESA to host a regional meeting and go through questions that school districts had. Today there was another meeting hosted by Jamie with attorneys, as well as liability insurance carriers, superintendents, health officers and emergency management, all good discussions. Preliminary information about COVID vaccine in the fall, nothing specific yet. When a vaccine becomes available they will have tier priority groups just like H1N1; the highest priority people first such as LTC facility, law enforcement, healthcare workers. Health Department funding is used for preparing for disasters and pandemics. Since 9/11 and anthrax, the Health Department has had an infusion of money but waned with different administrations. \$30,000 in Iowa County contributes to our preparedness. COVID supplemental money came early on to support response. The Federal CARES act, the Health

	Departments will be getting that money but is the requirements are very specific. Such as contact tracing, one positive case is very labor intensive identifying contacts, reaching out to the contacts. There is a pot of money to support the capacity needed to do contact tracing. The state is put out staffing models, it will take about 6 FTE full time employee to perform that work in Iowa County. We have brought on 8 LTE nurses, however we are finding that the LTE nurses can't be here consistently, so we are falling short of our 6 FTE goal. Ann and Kari are our full time regular nurses. We are asking for two project positions, which would commit to a 12 month term and they get some benefits and up to 40 hours a week. These two employees would be funded by COVID dollars. Included in your packet is the 2019 annual report authored by Sue Matye. Essential services in public health – outlined in each of the 10 essential services how the Iowa County Health Department contributes to these essential services. On Page 7, the environmental health section talks about the environmental health sanitarian, Troy Morris. Troy provides consultation and hands-on assessments for referrals in Iowa, Lafayette, Grant, Richland and Vernon counties. O'Brien asked about information on Page 6, communicable diseases. Some diseases that have no recent past histories like Hepatitis C. Per Siegenthaler there is nothing particularly notable in any of the diseases to worry about. Diseases like Q Fever and Spotted Fever can be contributed to travel. Radon kits can be requested by Iowa County residents, there doesn't need to be a medical issue. We usually do a push to those as radon is one of the leading causes of lung cancer in individuals. Davis asked about COVID and of all the cases how many of those folks were asymptomatic in the last 14 days. Per Siegenthaler approximately half of the cases individuals were asymptomatic. Some individuals were getting tested before surgeries and then some individuals were exposed. Incubation period of 2-14 days from the date of exposure to develop symptoms. An individual should get tested in that 3-5 day range, this is why the 14 day quarantine is so important.
11	Next meeting Wednesday, August 5, at 5:00 p.m.
12	Motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. by Rolfsmeyer, seconded by O'Brien.