

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 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	Chairperson Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer Members Present Remotely: Justin O'Brien, Joan Davis Members Absent: Kimberly Alan Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Ron Benish, Val Hiltbrand Others Present Remotely: Debbie Siegenthaler, Mary Mezera, David Morzenti, Bruce Paull, Bruce Haag, Mel Masters
3	<u>Approval of the January 6, 2021 Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 4; 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> <u>Paull</u>-The Prevention Group did not meet and they have lost a couple primary members to keep committee going. He stated that the 4-day holiday weekend was difficult for residents receiving SUN meals as that is a long time to go without receiving a meal. He is interested in what cost of meals are at Bloomfield and what the costs will be at the new Law Enforcement Center if they were to have meals made there. Bierke stated that the price of the meals from Bloomfield to SUN need to increase as Bloomfield is not quite breaking even. He will look into a price from the new Law Enforcement Center to compare. O'Brien wondered if using the Law Enforcement Center to make the meals for SUN would require an increase in kitchen staff. Bierke explained that we currently work with Lafayette County. Lafayette County contracts out to a third party company to cook the meals. Those meals are then shipped to Iowa County to feed our inmates. When our new Law Enforcement Center is completed, the meals will be prepared in Iowa County by the third party cook and shipped to Lafayette County's inmates. The third party chef can hire inmates to help prepare meals so there could be some cost savings to SUN to have meals made at the new Law Enforcement Center. Nankee stated that Bloomfield is only charging SUN one price instead of a two-tier price. Paull thanked the ADRC Staff and HeART Coalition for their hard work and dedication putting together the bags and distributing them to residents. <u>Nankee</u>-Stacey's article on the back page of the News & Views is wonderful. She has done a great job assisting residents and promptly returns calls. She is very knowledgeable about different insurance plans. The Veterans' flier that Jeff sends out had an article about Medicare out-patient vs Medicare in-patient care. There is a difference of \$600 per day. The Covid-19 vaccine will go to those 75 years or older first and then start being administered to younger groups of Veterans. Paul Ohlrogge sent a note listing the UW-Extension Agents for the counties. He also included a bookmark that featured one of his 4-H members while he was an agent in the Philippines. In the AARP Bulletin there is an article titled "An American Tragedy" that discusses Covid-19 in nursing homes. It states that 1% of Americans are in a nursing home, but those in nursing homes account for 40% of Covid-19 related deaths. We have been very fortunate that the Bloomfield residents have been Covid-19 free since September. Bierke stated that we were testing twice a week but have since been able to cut back to once a week.
6	<u>Election of HHS Committee Secretary:</u> Nankee opened nominations for the new HHS Committee Secretary. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to nominate Joan Davis for HHS Committee Secretary. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for HHS Committee Secretary. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7	<u>Review Revisions to ADRC By-Laws:</u> Hiltbrand gave background update regarding revisions. The ADRC Board has been working on them for about a year and a half. The by-laws were brought to the HHS Committee in the summer of 2020, changes were suggested and it was sent back to the ADRC Board for review. Corporate Counsel Morzenti has been working with the ADRC Board. The changes included term changes for the executive committee members and they made more clarifications of the by-laws. O'Brien thanked Morzenti for meticulously going over by-laws and Hiltbrand for her coordination and facilitation. Rolfsmeyer stated that he believes they are ready to go, and that he reviewed them with fine toothed comb. Bylaws are simple. They are a set of rules by which the board operates their meetings. All parties involved did a great job and he really appreciates Val's efforts. Bierke would like them to define the acronyms like MCO and PACE so that it can be better understood. MCO stands for Managed Care Organization and PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly. We do not have any PACE organizations in our area. As of right now they only exist in the eastern part of the state (Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties) per Mezera. We also do not have any family care partnership in our part of the state. Hiltbrand will make suggested changes. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to forward by-laws to full County Board for their approval with suggested changes. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
8	<u>Resolution Supporting ADRC Reinvestment:</u> Mezera gave background update regarding reinvestment proposal. In December, 2017, the Office of Resource Development put together an advisory board committee. The committee consisted of ADRC's, Wisconsin County Human Services Association, Wisconsin County Financial Services Association and the tribes joined in 2017. Mezera has been part of the committee since the beginning. She stated that the current funding matrix does not have equal funding to ADRCs. First generation ADRCs (formed in 1998) received an incentive, therefore, their funding is higher than current ADRCs. Second generations also received an incentive. There is also an incentive to be a regional ADRC. Our region received an extra \$120,000 between Lafayette, Green, and Iowa County based on the population percentage of adults 18 and older. The current cost model is the total percentage of the population 18 or older in these counties and does not include any factors like health equity, aging populations, minorities, or poverty. The committee was tasked to come up with a sustainable formula and they finally came up with a formula they could all agree on in May, 2019. They needed hard data to support why they were asking for funding for building rental and the cost of supervisors per ADRC staff. They also believe there should be a funding floor because ADRCs are required by the State to cover a certain scope of services. For example, they are all required to have a Director/Manager, Elder Benefit Specialist, Disability Benefit Specialist and Information and Assistance Specialist. They are asking for two budget increases totaling \$53 million. The first is \$27.5 million to bring all ADRCs current to where their funding should be. The second is \$25.5 million to increase services. They are looking forward in regards to prevention and not just focusing on a two year budget. They currently have prevention programs and caregiver support for elderly aged 60 and over, but would like to open it up to the disabled aged 18 to 59. The Tribes are also in need of an increase in funding. The Wisconsin Counties Association met with the Governor's office and they have interest in this resolution. They came back to Aging & Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin and asked that they talk to their counties and request counties send a resolution to the Governor's office in support of this resolution. ADRCs are operated utilizing state funds and have not received an increase since 2008 and there was a decrease in 2009. The counties are having to use levy to support their ADRCs due to increases in costs but not funding. Davis asked if Mezera anticipated that all 72 counties will pass this. Mezera stated that yes the ADRC would like the support, however, some counties do not do resolutions. Bierke stated that the ADRC is one of four areas asking for resolutions from the state this year. Mezera realizes this is going to be a tough year and that it is a tough time to request the money, but that they wanted to make sure the numbers are out there so that legislators are aware of the needs of the ADRC. Benish asked what the current budget is for the ADRC. Mezera stated that it is roughly \$37 million for the entire state. Benish stated that asking for an additional \$53 million to increase their current budget to \$90 million is a big ask and wanted to ensure the numbers are clear. Davis stated that she did not want to increase levy and that our aging population is increasing. Mezera stated that back in 2008 ADRCs were 18% underfunded and they have not received an increase since then. O'Brien said he understands that money has not increased in the last 14 years, that an

	equitable funding formula needs to be addressed as the aging population is only increasing, and that this is a just cause. Bierke stated that he is happy with the current services our ADRC is providing and that they are doing a fantastic job. While tripling their budget would help, he wanted them to know they are doing a fantastic job as it is. Davis stated that we should not think it will triple our budget, but the budget throughout the state. We need to look at this as a bigger picture to support equity across the state. Rolfsmeyer stated that the numbers have shock value and the rationale seems like a good idea that he is in support of. He said it is tin cup time as the state puts together the budget that begins July 1, and wanted people to know that numbers will be trimmed at best but the meat of this is very good. We should support it in spite of the numbers and see what happens as it goes through the legislature. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to forward by-laws to full County Board for their approval. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
9	ADRC Department Update: Hiltbrand gave report. She asked if there were any questions on how we operate anything with ADRC and aging population? The staff has been working very hard and that changes are constant and never stop as there are lots of indefinite changes on top of short-term changes. The staff has been wonderful at providing customer service and making transition as smooth as it can be. Some residents miss meeting in person and others are happy with virtual. They are starting to get calls regarding the vaccine, and will be working with the Health Department and other State partners to distribute unbiased, good information to their target group. We recently finished Part D open enrollment. This year was trying as residents could not meet in person but, for the most part, people were satisfied and able to change plans, if needed. The biggest struggle was additional phone calls and phone tag on top of working from home. They have offered and are still offering 1:1 zoom training sessions. They worked with the HeART Coalition on the bags in December. She recognized Geana for her fantastic job organizing the project and Paull for his assistance. The residents enjoyed receiving them and about 375 bags have been distributed to residents that are socially isolated and in nursing homes. We also just finished up the DSS Holiday Project. Her staff was able to help with the project and distribute baskets to elderly residents in their homes. She stated that the Rural Taxi is also up and going again. Davis asked how does Zoom training work? Hiltbrand stated that Katie walks them through how it works, mails an information packet so they know what to do when they have their training, and then facilitates a one-on-one training. Rolfsmeyer stated that he has referred questions from residents to the ADRC. Nankee mentioned the Caregiver Renewal Event, where speaker Keri Olso presented. He would like to see more opportunities like this. He really appreciates the great creativity from the ADRC staff in coming up with Zoom training sessions, bus rides to the polls, and the rural taxi running again. He said they are forward thinking to provide services that are new and worthwhile. Davis stated that it is stressful and tough to be a caregiver. You have no time or energy, but the idea that you do not have to drive anywhere but can spend an hour or two in a rejuvenating Zoom session is nice. She suggested that maybe in the future we should look into keeping it virtual for caregivers if that is what works best for them.
10	Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Department Update: Bierke gave report. He asked if there were any questions regarding the update included in the packet. He stated that the second page of the update was the CARES funding expenditures. O'Brien asked about the feasibility of the Bloomfield fiber line. If there was any idea on the cost and how physically feasible it is to extend a line. Bierke stated that the Committee met on Monday and asked about connecting to the fiber along Highway 18. He said it averages \$15,000 to \$20,000 per mile and that we need to find out which company owns the fiber lines along Highway 18. We are going to contact MHTC to see if they can provide the fiber and what the cost would be. They are anticipating it will be \$20,000 to \$25,000. If MHTC cannot run the lines, they may know who owns the fiber. The intention is to use the Campbell fund money, which was donated to be used for the benefit of the residents. Rolfsmeyer asked if this was an endowment. Bierke stated we can use the earnings as well as the principle and that we used it a couple years ago to purchase a bus. Nankee inquired as to why Attorney Lightfoot was being utilized to assist with the appeals process for the citations instead of corporate counsel. Bierke indicated that the citations are a very specific section of law and that we are facing significant charges and due to that significance, hiring Attorney Lightfoot for \$7,500 was worth the added knowledge. Rolfsmeyer asked if the CNA shortage is wide-spread or limited to Bloomfield. Bierke stated that it is wide-spread and that he has a meeting with the Sauk and Richland County Administrators to discuss the situation. Iowa County offers competitive, if not above

	average wages and shift differentials. O'Brien asked if we can advertise that fact. Bierke stated we have increased advertising via Facebook and the radio stating that we are utilizing scholarship dollars to assist applicants with earning their CNA certification. He stated that becoming a CNA is a great way to develop yourself into a medical professional. Nankee inquired about the current resident numbers. Bierke stated that as of Monday morning, we had 36 residents. It had dropped down to 33, but has since increased due to residents returning from hospital care. Nankee inquired about the payment schedule with Medicare and Medicaid. Bierke stated that he did not have costs on him, but could get them. Haag asked if the County will require a commitment from the employee if we pay for CNA training. Bierke stated we did and that potential applicants should be referred to Allison Leitzinger in Human Resources. Haag stated that it is going to be hard to find staff, as they generally prefer the hospital environment over a nursing home. That the position is not easy, but very rewarding.
11	Health Department Update: Siegenthaler gave report. As of today, we have had a total of 1,701 positive cases, 10,055 negative cases, 1,646 recoveries and 55 active cases of Covid-19. This is up 12 from yesterday, and the current average positive cases per day is 11.5, which is down slightly from the last dashboard report. The current percentage of positive tests is 8.6, which is in the yellow, and is trending down from the last report. We are still doing robust testing in Iowa County. The average tests per day in Iowa County is 129.8 which is down from the last report of 156.8. She is extraordinarily proud of the effort of their health care partners, especially the collaboration with Lafayette County. They are going to continue collaboration with Lafayette County to provide testing every Thursday, alternating between counties every other week. She stated that Emergency Management has been amazing to partner with and Keith has been very helpful facilitating testing and vaccination clinics going forward. They have been meeting with schools throughout the county every Wednesday since April. The current case rate per 10,000 is 66 and is an important metric that offers guidance on when to recommend schools pivot between virtual and in-person learning. We have had no local orders and have only provided recommendations and, due to the rapport between the Health Department and the local school districts, they have done well. She encouraged utilizing the website to seek out more information as it includes a dashboard that is updated each Monday, press releases, and the regional testing schedule. They are currently in full vaccine planning mode. We are in phase 1A, which includes healthcare workers and assisted living/skill nursing facilities. The State receives and digests recommendations regarding the vaccination roll out from ACIP. The State then shares their recommendations with the County Health Departments. The next phase will be 1B, which includes essential workers as determined by ACIP. The State panel is meeting Friday to determine who is considered essential and if the list will be the same as ACIP, or if they will make modifications. They will then provide guidance to DHS so we know how to proceed. Health care workers are currently receiving vaccines and, beginning tomorrow, the Health Department is going to begin phase 1A vaccinations in the HHSC. Iowa county is one of the first counties to begin this and Keith has been representing us as a leader. There are three long-term care facilities in Iowa County and they are part of phase 1A vaccinations. Walgreens Pharmacy has been partnered with the long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities perform vaccinations. After the three long-term care facilities have been vaccinated, the assisted living facilities will be next. They meet locally to discuss outreach and planning and are required to complete a survey to the State specifying how much vaccine we will administer each week. Beginning tomorrow, January 7th, we will have vaccination clinics each Monday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., here in the HHSC. They discussed their options and felt that using the HHSC conference rooms was a better option than a drive through clinic. We are partnering with EMS to ensure we have staff on-site to monitor recipients for adverse reactions. She gave a special thank you to Larry Bierke and everyone at HHS for being amenable during testing and going forward for vaccination clinics. Wide-spread testing is still going to continue, and there are new options available, including an in-home saliva test. Contact tracing is also continuing, but we only have a set amount of funding to perform all of these tasks at levels that are unheard of; therefore, it is essential that we begin making decisions on how to allocate time and resources amongst these activities. There have been conversations among local government, and local government is now pushing the State to make decisions as we cannot continue at our current rate. We all have a mission to keep our residents safe but need to allocate time and resources appropriately. It has been a long haul, we have brought on additional staff for contact tracing, which has slowed recently, and we are hopeful that we do

	not see a surge in cases after the holiday. We would like to shift folks from contact tracing to vaccination, but are faced with the question of whether to add more staff to help out. We need answers from the State with regard to funding before we can answer these questions. She is very excited about the vaccine and stated that it is an extraordinary gift from science and medicine. There are two vaccines that are 94.5% and 95% effective, and are both very safe. This is the light at the end of the tunnel and there is a lot of information regarding the vaccines in their press releases. This is a safe and effective vaccine that does not contain a lot of preservatives and ingredients. Davis inquired if the vaccine was a single dose? Siegenthaler stated that it is multi-dose with a two dose series. At Iowa County we have the Moderna vaccine and everything they need to administer the vaccine came with it. Each vial contains 10 doses and once you pierce the vial, you have 6 hours to administer all 10 doses. They have a stand-by list in case they have extra doses at the end of the vial to ensure we do not waste any doses. Davis inquired about the timing and the scheduling since it is two doses. Siegenthaler stated that the doses are separated by a minimum of 28 days and that Keith and his Emergency Management team have a Sign Up Genius platform and are helping with communication. Once they hit the 28-day timeframe, they will contact the initial recipients to come in and receive their second dose. They are asking recipients to download the VSAFE app to report any side effects for the CDC's use. Nankee asked if there was any cost to receiving the vaccine. Siegenthaler stated that the vaccine is free, however, clinics may charge an administration fee that is usually \$3 to \$5 to recoup administrative costs. The Health Department does not charge the administration fee. There is no cost for the vaccine and there should be no out-of-pocket expense for a person as the administration fee should go to a third party payer (ex., insurance provider). O'Brien asked if there was a cost to the county for the vaccine. Siegenthaler said there is not a cost for the vaccine or ancillary supplies but there is a cost for the staff. We have corresponding grant money that has paid for Covid-19 expenses to date, including testing and contact tracing. They are still waiting to hear about additional money for vaccine administration. The cost that the County incurs for overhead and administration is recuperated with grant money. O'Brien asked if they were expecting resistance to the vaccine and consequences to the public. Siegenthaler said we have received calls from residents regarding the safety of the vaccine and stated that everyone can make their own decision. The implication from resistance to the vaccine is that the thought creates vaccine hesitancy, which is detrimental to the goal of vaccine uptake. We do not know what the herd immunity percentage is, and we need vaccine update to be robust in order to obtain broad herd immunity. She advised that if you have allergies to any of the ingredients or have had an anaphylactic reaction to vaccines in the past to not receive the vaccine in a public setting but, rather, at a hospital. O'Brien thanked Siegenthaler for all her work during the pandemic. Nankee said he checked in with Walgreens regarding the vaccine and they do not have anything at this time. Siegenthaler stated that the Health Department is taking contact information from residents when they call in, and as we get to phase 1B there will be more stakeholders that roll into distribution. Pharmacies need to finish up phase 1A vaccination. She said they also need to figure out when to shift to medical providers providing the vaccine like the normal flu vaccine. She said the State could decide to use the National Guard to perform vaccine distribution like they did with testing, and that there has been talk of mobile vaccine clinics. There are a lot of active discussions and vaccine distribution is a huge undertaking. She advised that we all do our part by keeping up-to-date on the information by reaching out to the Health Department, our healthcare provider, or pharmacies if we have questions as knowledge is power.
12	Wednesday, February 3, 2021: Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville. Zoom will be an option.
13	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to Adjourn. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.