

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 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 4:58 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Justin O'Brien Members Present Remotely: Kimberly Alan Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Tom Slaney, Cecile McManus, Steve Deal, Ron Benish Others Present Remotely: Jeff Lockhart, Donna Peterson, Mel Masters, Jeff Lindeman, Sue Storti
3	<u>Approval of the March 3, 2021 Agenda:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the January 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes:</u> O'Brien requested that his statement from section 5 be removed. Mumm will correct the meeting minutes. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to accept the meeting minutes. 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> <i>Deal-</i> The Bloomfield commissions has been reviewing all responsibilities assigned to them by the County board. They will be reporting back to the HHS Standing Committee addressing their findings. They have recently reviewed the segregated funds from 2020 and are in good standing. Members of the committee are Steve Deal, Bill Ladwig, Dan Nankee, Kimberly Alan, & Michael Britt. There next meeting is Monday, April 5 th at 2:00 PM in the HHSC Community Room or via Zoom. <i>Nankee-</i> Details from the Bloomfield Census Report, included in the packet, were discussed. He pointed out the number of residents funding by Medicaid is much higher than the other payer sources. We have not heard from Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program (SWCAP) or the Marsh Country Health Alliance (MCHA) in a while and he would like to hear from them at the next meeting. Rolfsmeyer is the MCHA representative, but due to being a new representative he missed the invitation to the last meeting and they meet only a couple times per year. Bruce Haag was identified as the SWCAP representative. The Grant County ADRC had a wonderful article in their February newsletter discussing common questions about heart attacks in women as February was heart month. The article pointed out that heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, that a heart attack strikes someone, of any gender, every 43 seconds, and that women should educate them on the signs and symptoms, see their doctor regularly, and know their family history regarding heart disease. <i>Benish-</i> He stated that the roughly 60% of the residents at Bloomfield have Medicaid as their payer and that every Medicaid funded resident causes an income loss of \$80.00 to \$120.00 per day per resident. Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Biennial Budget proposal [P02366A Department of Health Services 2021-2023 Budget (wisconsin.gov)] (website last visited: May 7, 2021)] is proposing \$241 million for nursing home Medicaid rate increase. He asked the supervisors to reach out to Senator Marklein [CONTACT howardmarklein] (website last visited: May 7, 2021)] asking him to support this effort.
6	<u>Review Preliminary 2020 Year End Reports:</u> Nankee discussed the Preliminary 2020 Year End Reports. He pointed out that there was an excess of revenues over expenditures for the General Fund (Health Department, Veterans Service, and UW Extension) and the Special Revenue and Capital Projects Funds (Social Services, ADRC, and Unified Services Fund). He also pointed out that there was a deficiency of revenues over expenditures for Enterprise Funds

	(Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation). The percentage of the actual versus budget expenditures and revenues year-to-date was good information to see as well to see where each department was sitting.
7	<u>SUN Update:</u> McManus gave report. The SUN program served 50,704 meals in 2020 (28,619 meals in Iowa County and 22,085 meals in Lafayette County). This was the highest number of meals they have served since 2004. She believes that Covid-19 caused their increase in meals. They currently still have two congregate sites open for in person and takeout (Dodgeville, Iowa County and Benton, Lafayette County). They have continued to offer home delivery at all sites between the two counties. If either county is able to progress to Phase 2 with regards to reopening, they will discuss opening more congregate sites for in person dining. The virtual only ELP through 5th grade students with Dodgeville School District have been making SUNshine cards to be distributed to Iowa County Seniors. McManus brought in some of the cards to show to the committee and thanked Davis for her organization of this program as it has brought smiles to many Iowa County Seniors. O'Brien suggested including information on this program in the annual appeal and that we could advertise the collaboration between the Dodgeville School District and SUN program. March is National Nutrition Month and due to Covid-19, McManus will be unable to perform in person nutrition education and food sampling at all of the sites. She will perform this at the two in person meal sites and will send information to all home delivered meal clients with their statements. They are required to do nutrition education every quarter at every site and have been doing it through the mail since Covid-19 began. She will be distributing word searches, puzzles and other things to keep residents brains working. She is going to create Facebook posts all month as well. Most of their meal site managers and drivers have received the Covid-19 vaccine. She would like to thank both the Iowa and Lafayette County Health Department Directors for allowing vaccines for those under the age of 65 that have direct contact with seniors. She said that the vaccinations have helped alleviate fears that volunteers have had throughout the pandemic. Many municipalities that SUN serves provide them with a donation and/or a site location, phone, and sometimes office assistance at no charge. They have received donations from Argyle (\$150/month), Avoca (\$600), Dodgeville (\$3,000), and Benton (\$2,500). This is greatly appreciated and she wants to thank all of their municipalities for their generosity. They also received two memorials from families of participants they have served. These totaled \$520 and they enjoy receiving memorials, not only for additional funding, but like knowing that residents appreciated their services. They only had five snow days so far this winter. As a rule of thumb, if the local school districts cancel school, they close automatically. The committee commended McManus for all of her work and thanked her for helping residents of Iowa County.
8	<u>UW Extension Department Update:</u> Peterson gave report. UW Extension is currently working from home and will be slowly moving back to in person once they receive guidance from Madison. Paul Ohlrogge will be retiring near the end of May and Peterson will be retiring near the end of September as well. Mayme from Land Conservation has been helping them out on Tuesday in the Support Staff role. It has been going well and they really appreciate her assistance. She went through their year-end report pointing out that Iowa County has seen a 10% increase in FoodShare participation from prior to the pandemic. She stated that residents want more information on food pantries and their hours. They are encouraging them to use the 211 line via phone or the website for up-to-date resource information for residents. Extension has developed a stronger relationship with local food pantries during the pandemic and has been working through the food pantries to provide a fact sheet and a recipe to residents. They have also been able to do direct education of residents, including meal site lessons, a series of sessions for 3rd and 4th graders with Ridgeway Elementary and Head Start in Dodgeville. They have two garden sites in Dodgeville located at Grace Lutheran Church and Plymouth Congregational Church that are managed in partnership with the Master Gardeners. It is funded through grant money. They utilize raised beds and large tubs to grow the fresh produce that is donated to the food pantry in

	Dodgeville. This year they are going to offer live virtual food prep lessons on how to cook with fresh garden produce. They have had a Strong People Strong Bodies group at Centennial Park Shelter #1 in Dodgeville and a group in Barneveld. The residents loved this program and cannot wait for it to start again at the park. It is an 8-week (16 session) community based progressing strength-training health program designed to improve health. This program started in person at the park last year, but went virtual once the weather began to get colder. They lost half of their participants due to lack of internet service or technological abilities. Barneveld offered to host a site at the library for those who do not have internet, which finished December 22nd. They currently have a completely virtual group that began mid-January and tomorrow is the last day of that 8-week program. The same group wants to continue for another 8-weeks that will end at the end of April. They will then take a break and begin again, in person at the park, on May 21st. They will do a 10 AM morning session where one coach will be in person and the other will be virtual and then they will offer a virtual only session in the afternoon. Having a virtual option has been wonderful as they service four counties and are able to cover all four counties with a virtual option. She had a Make Every Bite Count Article in the News & Views that discusses the new dietary guidelines that were released.
9	<u>Veterans Office Department Update:</u> Lindeman gave report. There have been limited Veterans Service Organization Meetings due to the pandemic. Due to an override of the President's veto of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, three new conditions have been added to the VA's agent orange exposure presumptive conditions list. These are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and parkinsonian conditions. The VA is reportedly working on compensation schedules for the newly added conditions. The winter edition of the office newsletter was mailed to 947 veterans in Iowa County and the spring edition was sent to the printing company on February 19th. The "VetPro" software program has been quite useful. Claims that are filed through "VetPro" are moving more quickly than if other avenues are utilized. Recently he worked with a local Veteran to utilize the HHSC Community Room to meet with his doctor virtual versus meeting with the doctor in person hours away. It helps move claims along and helps Veterans out. Notifications of veterans signing up for the "Iowa County Veterans Notification Service" have slowed down since the initial surge after they received notification in the newsletter of the service. He has a reminder notice in the next newsletter. He will be utilizing the service to send out more information in the coming months. Rolfsmeyer inquired how many veterans are utilizing the service. We are currently working on breaking 100. Nankee asked what the notification service is. It is an e-mail group, where veterans sign up through the County website [Welcome to the Official Website of Iowa County, WI Veterans Email Notification Sign-up (website last visited: May 7, 2021)], that Lindeman utilized to send out important information the like the parkinsonian conditions update. Nankee inquired our Covid-19 Vaccinations were going for our veterans. Lindeman stated that the VA in Madison recently completed construction on a cancer treatment center that they have repurposed as a vaccination clinic for the time being. He said they are moving along with vaccinations, but are seeing the same limits that the Iowa County Health Department faces. More arms than Vaccine available.
10	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Lockhart gave report. They plan on returning to the office to see clients in person around March 15th. This is dependent upon the staff's ability to receive their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. They will continue to follow all Covid-19 precautions upon returning. They distributed Narcan doses to Law Enforcement Agencies for officers to carry with them during their shifts. He discussed the updated to the Emergency Detention Reform Policy. There is an agreement throughout the state that there is a need for regional centers so that patients do not need to travel 4 hours one way for services. He highlighted information found in their 2020 Annual Report. They faced the challenge of responding to Covid-19 in 2020, but were able to get electronic telehealth up and running in a short period of time. They launched their CCS program. They were able to provide education to their current counselors to double the

	amount of substance abuse counselors, and added a prevention specialist to work on substance abuse prevention programs. Their emergency detentions were cut in half due to the fact that they had been farming the service out, but recently brought it back in house during the day along with mobile crisis, a cooperative program with SWCAP's Lift program to drive people to voluntary psychiatric hospitals versus emergency detention. They have also launched a website and Facebook page. Rolfsmeyer noted that their expenditures decrease in 2020 from 2019 with the exception of substance abuse outpatient. There was a lower demand for many programs due to Covid-19. Many of their referrals come from doctors and many residents are not going to the doctor. The community support program had a lower case load and many of those individuals were transferred to CCS as it was more relevant to their case. The outpatient increased due to more dual diagnosis of patients and less pure mental health. Rolfsmeyer asked why the adults at risk only supported adults aged 18-59. Slaney stated that adults aged 60 and over were categorized as elderly. Nanke stated that it was important that they work with local law enforcement. Davis stated that she appreciated the work Unified Community Services was doing with our residents.
11	<u>Social Services Department Update:</u> Slaney gave report. We are offering free taxi and driver escort services to provide transportation to Vaccine Clinics in Iowa County to Iowa County residents aged 65 and above. Carryover IIIB funding will be utilized to cover these costs, and we are hoping to eliminate transportation services by offering this service. Our Youth and Family Unit Manager, Michele Klusendorf, has submitted her retirement notice. Her last day will be April 9th. She began working for Iowa County in 1980. Recruitment has begun and the first review of candidates will be March 15th. Some of our staff have received both doses of the Covid-19 Vaccine. Our social workers were eligible as part of 1A health care providers due to having face-to-face contact with clients. The Governor's proposed budget has a significant amount of changes affecting our agency. It is too soon to tell what items will survive the budget process. Some of those changes include Medicaid expansion, additional IM funding, a \$2.4 million increase for ADRCs, \$10 million Children and Families aids increase, an increase in foster care and kinship care rates, funding to help pay for driver's license certification for children in substitute care, elimination of serious juvenile offender program, providing a residential care alternative to Lincoln Hills corrections facility, and an update to youth aids money by lumping it together versus segregating it so that we have more flexibility to help our residents. Senator Marklein is working on this aspect on the budget and we need to advocate with him as our legislator if we feel passionately about these program. Contact him for more information. Nankee requested that Slaney keep the committee posted on updates to the budget. Rolfsmeyer asked that Slaney e-mail them the budget proposal. Davis inquired as to whether it is appropriate for Iowa County DSS to make the request directly with Senator Marklein. Slaney stated that our contracts require that we do not lobby and that there is a fine line between education and lobbying. We are able to tell personal stories on how this has impacted us, but cannot lobby directly. It is appropriate for Iowa County Supervisors to contact Senator Marklein though. Economic Support Programs continue to operate under waivers during the pandemic allowing households to receive the maximum FoodShare allotment, HealthCare premiums have been waived, and renewals have been postponed and SMRF's requirements have been waived. The waived aspects of the programs are to help low-income households get through the pandemic. Our staff has done a wonderful job working remotely and keeping up-to-date on all of the changes to these programs to better help our residents. Davis inquired if there were ending dates on the waivers. Slaney stated that they continue to be extended and that he is unsure of a current ending date. Our Holiday Project served 117 families (187 children, 109 adults, & 37 elderly). The event was spread out over three days to provide proper social distancing. We would like to thank SWCAP for lending us their basement to house the program this year. The O'Rourke Dementia Stabilization Unit in Green County has submitted an application to become CBRF. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding defining standardized admissions procedures. A contract will be the next item to be completed with the four county consortium. This dates back to the Helen EF Case. She had dementia and was sent on emergency detention was then discharged and passed away shortly after. Due to this case, we are no longer able to send individuals diagnosed with dementia to Winnebago under emergency detention and will need to send them to an alternate place. There currently

	are no other places that will take them and we are often at the mercy of other counties as to whether or not they will accept them. So a Green County social worker wrote, applied for and received a grant to convert 6 beds at the nursing home in Monroe. This is intended for stays of 30 days or less and we have received money to cover specialized training for this 6 bed unit. There are specific guidelines in the ruling indicating the services that need to be provided to individuals with dementia. We are the first region in the state that is working on this. Our region consists of Green, Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette Counties. We currently have a signed MOU and received a draft on the contract. They applied for a CBRF license and asked for a waiver. They are more likely to receive a waiver as CBRF than as a nursing home. We are waiting on approval from the State on the CBRF application, before we can open it up. If this works, it will be used as a model for the entire state as the whole state is in the same boat and every region is facing the same issue. Davis inquired if there are available beds, will the unit take residents from other counties. It was originally intended for use by residents of the four county region, but experience will dictate the decision to open it up. O'Brien asked if there was a date set for the opening or has the proposal set that back. There is not a date set for opening as we are still waiting on the licensing. We are about 45 days into the application and Slaney believes the state has around 90 days to act on it. All of the physical adjustments to the facility are complete. They are currently working on décor and are looking for artwork from each county in the region as familiarity is important for patients with dementia.
12	<u>Wednesday, April 7, 2021</u>: 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 Davis and seconded by Alan to Adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.