



APPROVED MINUTES

Health and Human Services Committee
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 at 5:00 p.m.
Health and Human Services Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street; Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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Item	
1	Chairperson Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	Roll Call: Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis, Kimberly Alan Members Present Remotely: None Members Excused: Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Valerie Hiltbrand, Tom Slaney, Jeff Lockhart, Jacob Tarrell, Bruce Paull, Donna Paull, Sue Storti, Echo Bristol Others Present Remotely: Heidi Tiber, Dave Morzenti
3	Approval of the June 2, 2021 Agenda: Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Alan to accept the agenda. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	Approval of the May 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Davis and seconded by Alan to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Alan requested Mumm correct wording in section 7 from "our" to "are". Motion to amend minutes by Davis and seconded by Alan to accept the amended meeting minutes. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Committee. No action will be taken. B. Paull- Paull informed the committee that Janice, the SUN meal site manager for Dodgeville is retiring. He stated that we need to look into the job description and get it posted as soon as possible as it is hard to get volunteers and meals served are up. The position works Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m., to 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. There was clarification that the position is employed by the SUN program, not Iowa County, and that a SUN representative will need to bring concerns to the SUN meeting.
6	2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (DNR Report) for Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Sewer Plant: Tarrell gave report. The report is submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on an annual basis. There are 10 areas of the report that are graded with an A through F range. We are currently in the fourth year of a five year permit and will have another DNR inspection in 2023 to take a look at the next permit. We have an activated sludge plant at Bloomfield. Tarrell provided an overview of the plan for approval from the committee. We scored an A in the following areas: flow, the quality of the water that leaves the plant, total suspended solids (solids that leave the plant), plant performance, Biosolids (waste that leaves the plant), staffing and preventative maintenance, operator certification and education, financials, sanitary sewer collection systems (includes everything from the nursing home to the sewer plant). We scored an F in the section on phosphorus due to having four exceedances in February, March, April and May of 2020. The DNR gives us a timeframe to decrease our levels. We have made upgrades, including adding a chemical treatment, to decrease our phosphorus levels. Our current limit is 3.6 mg/L. We have been below that limit since adding the chemical treatment last fall. Our limit will decrease this fall to 1.1 mg/L which is a normal level for when the plant is running perfectly. The level can fluctuate depending on the makeup of meals being served at the center as well as chemicals utilized to clean the center. We may need to add a mixing device to mix in the chemical or increase the amount of chemical utilized to get down to 1.1 mg/L. The chemical is costly, and the DNR can fine us for not meeting the 1.1 mg/L level. He is still looking into the best course of action to meet the 1.1 mg/L level and keep the costs realistic. We may need to look into updating portions of the system by 2025. Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to approve the 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report to be submitted to the DNR. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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Presentation of ADRC/Social Services Annual Report:

Slaney gave report. He highlighted areas stating that Child Protective Services cases were down, the ADRC cases were the same, and cases increased in the Economic Support Unit due to Covid-19. We are doing a wonderful job addressing barriers to transportation in rural areas. Our Driver Escorts drove about 62,000 miles to provide non-emergency medical care to Iowa County residents. The City of Dodgeville Taxi drove just over 6,000 miles, which is great for not leaving the city limits. We offered free Rural Taxi rides to residents over the age of 60, which helped boost Rural Taxi rides. There was an 82% increase in FoodShare benefits due to increased cases caused by Federal and State Government waivers to help boost assistance to households suffering from unemployment. The Department started a volunteer database at the beginning of the pandemic that helped provide assistance to get groceries to homebound residents along with other services. We provided free transportation to residents aged 60 and above to vaccination clinics to help overcome barriers to receiving the vaccine. The Energy Assistance Program generally ends on May 15th but was extended throughout the entire year in 2020. Our out-of-home care rates for children are under a handful and our Children and Families Team is doing an excellent job. Alan inquired why the administrative costs increased. Slaney stated that market adjustments to wages accounted for it and indicated that these adjustments help make Iowa County a desirable workplace. Alan asked if decreased need for foster parents and respite providers was due to the pandemic. Slaney stated it was due to the Families First model that we practice, which puts more emphasis on prevention and in-home therapy to keep kids safe in their homes instead of utilizing foster care. Alan stated that at the Bloomfield meeting, there was discussion on the cost of transportation and wanted to make sure the cost was not deterring residents from utilizing transportation services and seeing their doctors. She wondered if Bloomfield could utilize the ADRC's transportation services. Slaney stated he will look into this.

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ADRC Update:

Hiltbrand gave report. The HeART (Healthy Aging in Rural Towns) Coalition is partnering with the SUN program to reach homebound residents to inform them of community resources to ensure they receive assistance they may need as well as offering a referral to the ADRC and/or Habitat for Humanity. The ADRC will be able to offer them information and assistance, options counseling, benefits counseling, and transportation. The grant runs through the end of September. Habitat for Humanity can help pay for small home modifications. They want to make sure residents are aware of all the resources within the community available to them. Davis asked if they work with hospice to determine in-home needs. Hiltbrand stated that the ADRC does receive referrals from both hospice and home health agencies as well as for residents discharging from hospitals and nursing homes.

The ADRC is currently collecting surveys and having conversations to put together the 2022-2024 Aging Plan. The first draft is due by the end of July to the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, and the final draft will be submitted to the HHS Committee later this year. The HeART Coalition has helped the ADRC gather data from conversations they have had with residents aged 60 plus. The Regional ADRC is putting up billboards in Lafayette, Grant, and Iowa counties to reach out to residents who have not been vaccinated yet to let them know to contact the ADRC for assistance. The goal is to reach residents who are homebound that have been unable to receive the vaccine. They will work with the Health Department to provide assistance with transportation, educational materials, and determining if the residents have other needs that we can help them with. Davis asked if the vaccine can be brought to residents in their homes. Hiltbrand said she has talked with the Health Department and that the logistics would need to be worked out. She is keeping in contact with the Health Department regarding residents that are truly homebound. She also provided transportation updates from January through April of 2021. The City Taxi provided 1,040 trips for a total of 2,312 miles; 10 of which were free rides to vaccine clinics. The Rural Taxi provided 265 trips for a total of 4,279 miles; 20 of which were free rides to vaccine clinics. Ridership is increasing for the Rural Taxi. The Driver Escorts provided 787 trips for a total of 25,859 miles; 14 of which were free rides to vaccine clinics. There were also 49 trips for a total of 4,594 miles organized for the Veteran's Service Office through the Driver Escorts. The new bus has arrived. The new name is the ADRC Care-A-Van. We will hire a driver once we get the Covid-19 safety logistics worked out. Davis asked what services the Care-A-Van will provide. Hiltbrand stated that in the past, it has been trips out of the county three days per week.

9	<u>Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Update:</u> Bierke introduced Bristol, the new Administrator, and handed the floor over to her to give the report. She stated that we have a great team at Bloomfield, and that she is spending time getting to know residents, staff, county policies, Bloomfield policies, reporting requirements and compliance requirements. Bloomfield is starting salon services back up on Thursday, June 3, for the first time since the pandemic. She is focusing on recruitment and retention of staff and needs to fill the Director of Nursing and MDS Coordinator positions. She wants to look at staffing to ensure we are staffing appropriately for our needs. Nankee inquired about the census. Bristol stated that it is currently 37, but she would like to see it at 40 plus residents. She would also like to see our Medicare and Managed Care numbers increase. We will need more staff to care for more residents. Davis asked about the requirements to become the Director of Nursing. Bristol stated the need to understand and be up-to-date on the regulations as well as management experience to be able to manage the nursing team. Nankee asked about her background. Bristol explained her education and experience, highlighting that in her last position, she gained knowledge and experience on how to run a facility cost effectively.
10	<u>Unified Community Services Update:</u> Lockhart gave report. They have five programs that require State certifications and passed three this past month. They are searching for a new electronic health record system. The mental health demand has increased in the wake of Covid-19. The waitlist has increased from two weeks to six to eight weeks within the last month. There is a shortage of mental health and AODA providers. The State is encouraging the use the peer supports, individuals that are in recovery themselves for mental health, substance abuse, or both. They have hired two peer support workers this week, have a third person studying to take the exam in July and would like to get a fourth person certified. A short snippet of the Iowa County Substance Misuse Prevention Committee's video, <u>The Road to Recovery</u>, was presented. Lockhart said it gives you a great look at the work being done, the process, and what it's like to be in their shoes. Nankee inquired about peer support. Lockhart stated that he received a grant and that the peer support workers work 20 hours per week. They can be described as in between a therapist and a person in recovery. Wisconsin is the leader in peer support and was one of the first states to expand from mental health into substance abuse peer support. There is training with the State and one must pass a test to become certified as a peer support specialist. Davis stated that the Dodgeville School District had a professional development day in which they viewed <u>The Road to Recovery</u> and had a panel consisting of those from the video to discuss further. She was unable to attend, but stated that her coworkers said it was a powerful experience and were moved by it. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the electronic health record. Lockhart stated that the government requires health care records to be electronic to ensure information is shared between providers. There are a lot of them on the market, but counties have specific reporting requirements to the State that is only supported by a smaller pool of programs. B. Paull shared that the Iowa County Substance Misuse Prevention Committee needs more leadership and encouraged Supervisors to check it out.
11	<u>Social Services Department Update:</u> Slaney gave report. He stated that <u>The Road to Recovery</u> video was going to be viewed by the Department of Social Services team at their July all-staff meeting. He discussed the Family First, Federal legislation that will need to be implemented by October 1, 2021. We are in a good position to be in compliance with this legislation as this is the model we are currently practicing. It requires us to work with the families first by implementing in home services before putting kids into out-of-home placement. Davis inquired whether other counties reach out for guidance. Slaney stated they do. Tim Collins has been hired as the new Children and Family Unit Manager, and is in the process of refilling the Lead Worker position that he vacated. There were three total applicants, and we are hoping to get interviews scheduled as we have been short staffed. There is currently one vacancy in the ADRC Unit for the Elder Benefit Specialist position. There were 13 applicants with many promising candidates. Janet Butteris, Social Worker, is retiring in August. She has 42 years of experience with Iowa County. Her first 21 years were with children and families and last 21 years were with adults. He discussed updates with the O'Rourke Dementia Stabilization Unit stating they are hoping to have it up and running this fall. He discussed the Milwaukee County Youth Crisis Stabilization Facility and how they are looking to open it up to the rest of the state as there are not a lot of facilities out there for children compared to adults. The new ADRC Bus has arrived and we are evaluating when we can resume services safely as it is hard to social distance and have enough riders to be cost

	effective. Alan inquired about the Families First legislation. Slaney discussed the benefits he has seen it provide to children and their families since it has been implemented at Iowa County.
12	<u>Wednesday, July 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 Alan and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to Adjourn. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.