

	APPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 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 5:03 p.m.
2	<u>Roll Call:</u> Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Joan Davis Members Present Remotely: Kimberly Alan, Justin O'Brien Members Excused: None Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Valerie Hiltbrand, Cecile McManus, Ruth Schriefer, Bruce Paull, Debbie Siegenthaler, Jeff Lindeman, Mel Masters, Lynn Perkins
3	<u>Approval of the August 4, 2021 Agenda:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Davis to accept the meeting minutes. Aye: 4; Nay: 0. Abstain: 1. 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>Nankee-</i> He stated that Bloomfield is planning to increase their residents to 40 and that they are anticipating having their Fall Festival depending on where Iowa County is sitting with Covid-19 cases and safety guidance at that point.
6	<u>Second Quarter Financial Reports:</u> Report was submitted in Committee Packet for their review. Nankee asked representatives from each Department about their finances and 2022 Budgets.
7	<u>ADRC Update:</u> Hiltbrand gave report. Janet Butteris, Adult Services Social Worker, is retiring this coming Friday. Our current Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) will be replacing her and taking over the role mid-August. The DBS position has been posted for recruitment. We also currently have an open Information & Assistance (I&A) position open due to the fact that our previous I&A filled our open Elder Benefit Specialist position in July. We are fortunate to have support from neighboring counties to continue meeting our clients' needs. We have some Senior Farmer Market Vouchers left available to residents who are lower income and aged 60 and over. If you know anyone that could benefit, send them to the ADRC. There are changed dates for Mind Over Matter and Stepping On prevention programs. Please contact Hiltbrand at the ADRC for date changes. We are currently working on our Aging Plan. It is currently being reviewed by GWAAR. Then it will go to the ADRC Board, the HHS Committee and a Public Hearing will be held. The final version will be approved by the ADRC Board and then come to the HHS Committee for final approval. There will be a drive-through Health and Wellness Expo on September 24th at the Ley Memorial Pavilion, Harris Park. We have posters available if anyone would like to distribute them. We are working closely with Keith Hurlbert in Emergency Management to ensure it goes well. There will be free boxed lunches for the first 150 participants as well as a bag of free resources. Agrace will be hosting parking lot bingo and podcast poker in the Hidden Valley Church parking lot. Help spread the word as we want it to go well so that residents know that resources are still available to them. There was discussion on the transportation programs.
8	<u>Health Department Update:</u> Siegenthaler gave report. The Health Department has been busy with vaccinations and she is proud of their efforts. Iowa County is fourth in the state behind Dane, Door, and Bayfield counties. Our vaccination rate is 59.8% as of today and 72.2% of adults over the age of 18 have had their first dose. The Delta variant is causing an increase in cases. New mask guidance from the CDC was discussed. Due to Iowa County now being in the substantial category, it is recommended that masks are worn indoors by both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Siegenthaler is working with local schools prior to back to school to ensure we

	keep our kids safe. She and Hurlbert are working on an After Action report about Iowa County's response to the pandemic. Kari Bennet, Public Health Nurse, is retiring on September first and we will be refilling her position. Siegenthaler discussed the need to extend Special Project and the Community Coordinator/Education positions through December 31, 2022. Rolfsmeyer asked how many vaccines are averaging at our Wednesday night clinics. It varies each week but the average is about 30. Residents like the every Wednesday night clinic and rely on it. Rolfsmeyer asked about the potential for booster shots. The CDC is not formally recommending them at this time. LTE Covid-19 staffing was discussed. O'Brien thanked Siegenthaler and Hurlbert for all they do.
9	<u>Seniors United for Nutrition (S.U.N.) Update:</u> McManus gave report. All of their congregate sites are open and there has been an increase in the last month for rural deliveries. She then discussed the open Dodgeville Meal-Site Manager position. Nankee commended McManus for their July Steak Cookouts that were hosted. Donation opportunities were discussed.
10	<u>U.W. Extension Update:</u> Schriefer gave report. She introduced Lynn Perkins as their new Area Extension Director. Perkins will cover four counties: Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette. Perkins explained her background to the board. Schriefer discussed programs she facilitated through Zoom this past year and the benefits they provided to the community. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the Master Gardeners Program. Schriefer will look into it. Davis asked how citizens can access information on these programs. Schriefer discussed advertising and outreach sources utilized.
11	<u>Veterans Office Update:</u> Lindeman gave report. He pointed out that transportation for Veterans to their appointments is an issue across the county and that rides for Veterans to their appointments has increased. The Vets are glad that the building is open and foot traffic has been increasing. He discussed the proposed state legislation around reallocation of Veteran's Service Office funding throughout the state. Nankee inquired about the caregiver stipend mentioned in the newsletter. Lindeman stated that it is a new program that the VA plans to expand and as a caregiver of a Veteran, you could be eligible to receive a stipend from the VA.
12	<u>Wednesday, September 8, 2021:</u> Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
13	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to Adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.