

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 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 4:59 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, Mel Masters, John Meyers Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Steve Deal, Bruce Paull, Donna Paull, Valerie Hiltbrand, Echo Bristol, Tom Slaney
3	<u>Approval of the January 5, 2022 Agenda:</u> Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Davis to accept the agenda with proposed changes. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	<u>Approval of the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes:</u> Motion by Davis and seconded by O'Brien 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>Rolfsmeyer-</i> He sits on a committee with Paula Tran, the Wisconsin State Health Officer and Division of Public Health Administrator, and he sent a copy of a Resolution to commend and support the Iowa County Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He shared her response commending our County and Health Department. <i>Davis-</i> She shared that S.U.N. is still in need of a Dodgeville Meal Site Manager. Cecile has been filling the role in addition to her other responsibilities. The Financial Administrator retired at the end of December, causing an opening in the office. There is also a need for a Highland and Avoca Meal Site Prep Center. Other counties run their Meals-On-Wheels programs through their ADRC. Slaney stated that most counties handle their meal programs through their ADRC's and that Iowa County is one of the rare counties who contract those services out to a third party organization. <i>Paull-</i> He shared that Hidden Valley Church has nominated the S.U.N. Program to be their monthly serving focus for January, 2022. For the whole month, people can make donations to the church that will be given to the S.U.N. Program. <i>Nankee-</i> He spoke with Cecile today, and she shared that the Linden site is short one of their main volunteers. S.U.N. is accommodating the loss of the Highland and Avoca Meal Prep Site by getting more meals from UW-Platteville into Linden to be packaged and distributed. The Highland Lions are working on getting more S.U.N. volunteers in Highland and have donated to the S.U.N. Annual Appeal. He also shared that he attended an Ag and Extension Committee meeting in Darlington this past December, and we are short one Ag Agent and recently filled the open FoodWise position. Nankee also shared that this time of year is hard on Veterans. <i>Rolfsmeyer-</i> He stated that at the Ag and Extension Committee meeting, there was an introduction on what UW-Extension plans to do with new State Ag positions. The State received extra money and decided to fill eight new positions that will be regional in nature. These regional Ag Educators will support local Ag Educators with the goal that Extension becomes the vehicle for the University of Wisconsin to provide more outreach services. He felt this was a good thing and that it will benefit Iowa County. Meyers shared the change in the agriculturalist from 20 years ago to today, and he felt that Extension took that to heart. <i>Nankee-</i> He highlighted articles from both the Iowa County <i>News & Views</i> and the Grant County <i>News & Views</i> .
6	<u>Report on SWCAP from Supervisor Rolfsmeyer:</u> Rolfsmeyer gave report. He shared SWCAP's background history; including the fact that they are part of a network that covers the entire State of Wisconsin (WISCAP). The agency is growing quickly and it covers a

	five county region in Southwest Wisconsin. They are currently working on refugee resettlement of the Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy, the Darlington Migrant Housing program to provide 32 units of affordable housing to migrant workers, WI Emergency Rental Assistance program to provide rent and utility assistance to those facing financial hardships due to COVID-19, expansion of Dodgeville Dental Services to serve more low income residents, and food programs to provide food to low income residents.
7	<u>Discussion on Badger Care Cliff Elimination Resolution:</u> Slaney presented on the resolution. Badger Care currently has an eligibility threshold that will cause clients to lose their health care benefits if they earn an income greater than the threshold; called a Benefit Cliff. Thus, causing a built in disincentive for clients to work more hours or earn a higher income for fear of losing their health care benefits. This resolution asks our legislature and the governor to eliminate the Benefit Cliff and to develop a sliding fee schedule. It would be better for clients to transition their benefits rather than abruptly end them. He noted that he did not research whether Badger Care receives federal funding and if the State would need a waiver to make the changes or not. Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to move the Badger Care Cliff Elimination Resolution to the full County Board. Aye: 5, Nay: 0: Motion carried.
8	<u>Aging and Disability Resource Center Update:</u> Hiltbrand gave report. The new Disability Benefit Specialist started on Monday. Lafayette County is currently short-staffed, so we will continue to assist them when needed. We have a need for volunteer drivers for the Driver Escort Program to help transport clients to non-emergency medical appointments. The Rural Taxi now operates on Tuesday and Thursday instead of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The City Taxi now operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of Wednesday and Friday. We are still monitoring COVID-19 trends with regard to running the bus again. We continue to work with the Veterans' Service Office to provide transportation for Veterans through our Driver Escort Program. In November and December, we received feedback from clients thanking our staff for the services they provided. It helps to know that we are making a difference in people's lives. Our Elder Benefit Specialist assisted over 230 clients with Medicare Part D coverage. They have had an increase in clients needing assistance with retirement benefits both in Iowa County and in the Region as a whole. The ADRC assists with youth in transition and helped with a virtual Disability Mentoring Day in conjunction with Lafayette County, local businesses and colleges. There will be more Community Conversation forums similar to the one held on holiday stress to provide an outlet for residents to discuss and support each other. The Dementia Stabilization Unit had their first client, and it was a successful trial run. We are awaiting further clarification and are ironing out the details on how we can get an Iowa County resident into the facility. Davis inquired on how one can find out more on the Community Conversation forums. Hiltbrand stated that we will advertise them on Facebook and in the <i>News & Views</i>. Davis asked whether we get a stipend when helping other counties. Slaney stated that we do not because we are part of a region, so we coordinate and help each other out. Davis said that the City Taxi service is a great service for residents. Slaney shared that the City of Dodgeville subsidizes the City Taxi and had enough budgeted for a third day. There was also an increased need for the City of Dodgeville to have an additional day. He shared that it is hard to balance the effects of social isolationism and safety when determining whether to begin operating the bus again. Mumm stated that the Rural Taxi will now take residents to locations within 5 miles of the Iowa County line.
9	<u>Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Update:</u> Bristol gave report. She shared the current census and that they applied for help through the State staffing agency. They implemented a temporary shift differential increase to help with staffing. She is looking into adding a couple of hospitality positions that will help lighten the CNA's loads by assisting with the set up and clean up so that they can focus on direct patient care. There is a need to incentivize staff who are full time and pick up hours but do not receive the shift differential. She is working with Employee Relations on how we can hire the Ft. McCoy refugees to be CNA's at Bloomfield. SWTC has offered to provide CNA training. Bloomfield had their booster clinic in November. She is working on accounts receivable, as well as employee morale and retention. The transition to the new billing system was seamless and the Medicare rate is increasing. The nursing home recently received ARPA and Provider Relief Funds in December. There is currently an open Scheduler position that Bristol and a nurse have taken on in the interim. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the grievances shown on the 4th Quarter Trends. Bristol stated that the grievance was due to short staffing. Nankee asked about the Activated POA referenced on the 4th Quarter Trends. Bristol stated

	that Activated POA and Guardianship is when someone else has the decision-making authority. Davis asked about when we switched to the Waystar platform. Bristol said that when we switched the PCC (Point-Click-Care), we found out that we needed a clearinghouse for billing and decided that it would save money to bring the billing in-house than to continue to outsource it. She shared that since the information is in one place, it can help with ensuring the proper authorizations are in place. Nankee brought up the UW System COVID-19 Student Health Care Worker Initiative article from the <i>Dodgeville Chronicle</i> .
10	<u>Wednesday, February 2, 2022</u> : Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
11	Motion by Alan and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to Adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.