**APPROVED MINUTES**  
Health and Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM  
Health and Human Services Building  
Community Room

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<td>Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Benish at 6:00 PM</td>
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| **2** | Roll Call was taken.  
Member present: Supervisor Bauer, Supervisor Benish, Supervisor Bomkamp, Supervisor Clerkin, Supervisor Lindholm, Supervisor Meek, Supervisor Meyers and Supervisor Paull  
Others present: ADRC-DSS Director Tom Slaney, Veterans Service Officer Jeff Lindeman, SUN Director Cecile McManus, ADRC Manager Rebecca Wetter, Bloomfield Administrator Penny Clary, Children & Family Unit Manager Michele Klusendorf, Unified Counseling Services Director Kathy Shannon-Rink, Health Director Jenny Pritchett, U W Extension Community Resource Development Agent Paul Ohlrogge, Supervisor Dan Nankee, Jake Tarrell, Mary Dunn, Donna Clark, Melody Bahr, Carol Thomas, Cathryn Tredinnick, supervisor Carol Anderson, Steve Deal, Corporation Counsel Matthew Allen, Supervisor Ken Plazkill and County Administrator Curt Kephart |
| **3** | Approve the agenda for this meeting.  
Sup. Bomkamp moved to approve the agenda for this August 6, 2014 meeting. Sup. Meek seconded the motion. Carried. |
| **4** | Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting.  
Sup. Bauer moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. Sup. Clerkin seconded the motion. Carried. |
| **5** | Comments or reports from the audience or committee members.  
Jake Tarrell stated whatever the Bloomfield referendum question turns out to be, he hopes that there is a plan for Bloomfield. Please think of the whole picture and give them direction for the future.  
Chairman Benish asked to audience if they would like to speak now or during item 6 of the agenda. Most audience members indicated they would like to participate during discussion of item 6. Chairman Benish asked if the committee would object to audience participation during item six discussions. No opposition was voiced.  
Chairman Benish introduced Kathy Shannon-Rink as the new Director of Unified Community Services. Director Rink gave a brief description of her background to the committee. Everyone at the table introduced themselves to her. |
Discussion and possible action on Bloomfield referendum question.

Chairman Benish passed out three handouts with five possible referendum questions along with a copy of the questions used on a 1984 referendum about Bloomfield.

Chairman Benish introduced a handout with Bloomfield’s mission statement and a referendum question developed by Bloomfield staff and Supervisor Paull. Supervisor Paull indicated only one question was suggested by the Bloomfield group.

Chairman Benish explained the handout with four suggested referendum questions included in your packet had come from different sources. The first two questions were put together by himself, Supervisor Nankee, Bloomfield Committee member Dr. Jack Jinkins and County Clerk Greg Klusendorf. The other two questions were suggested to him by other County Board supervisors.

Supervisor Bauer asked that resolutions # 7-0714 & 8-0714 be considered as directed by the full county board at the July Board meeting.

Supervisor Bomkamp proposed this referendum question. Should Iowa County stay in the nursing home business even if it requires a tax increase?

Supervisor Lindholm would like to reject resolution 7-0714.

Supervisor Meek thinks we should simply state – Should we support Bloomfield without any dollar amount indicated.

Supervisor Lindholm would like to have a dollar amount attached to the question if she were voting on a referendum question.

Supervisor Paull reminded the committee of the issues discussed during the Bloomfield workgroup report at the June 4, 2014 HHS Committee meeting. He thinks the committee forgot about the reasons they supported the recommendation of the workgroup.

Chairman Benish reminded the committee that they need to select a referendum question to go to the full board.

Supervisor Meyers indicated the county only had a limit of $350,000 for debt service payments left after our current obligations. We can’t build a facility for that amount of money. Current debt service obligations go through 2019. We are 100% in the Nursing Home business now. The question should ask if the public is behind the operation of Bloomfield. We need a long range plan.

Supervisor Meek stated we should have a question to see if we are going to stay in the business or not, then develop a plan.

Supervisor Bauer asked to discuss resolutions 7-0714 & 8-0714. Motion by Supervisor Meek, seconded by Supervisor Bomkamp to dispose of resolutions 7-0714 & 8-0714. Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Supervisor Meek to have the resolution question to be “Should Iowa County stay in the nursing home business even if it requires a tax increase?”

Supervisor Bauer doesn’t support closed ended questions at this time. He supports this question because it states there may be a tax increase. There is no way to educate the public by November if a dollar
amount is attached.

Supervisor Clerkin stated if you don’t attach the money part on the end, then why ask the question?

Supervisor Meyers said if the resolution passes, there would be a need for another referendum down the line.

Administrator Clary believes it needs to have Bloomfield’s name included.

Supervisor Benish called the vote on the motion. Three – Ayes, four Nays. Motion defeated.

Motion by Supervisor Lindholm, seconded by Supervisor Meek, to have the referendum question of “Should Iowa County continue to financially support Bloomfield in its commitment to provide high quality rehabilitation and nursing care to its residents?”

Supervisor Meek made a motion to amend and strike “high quality”. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Supervisor Meek made a motion to amend and change “its residents” to “the citizens of Iowa County”. Seconded by Supervisor Lindholm.

Donna Clark asked if this limits Bloomfield to take Iowa County residents only. They do have residents from other counties.

Mary Dunn asked the committee. Where do the average Iowa County citizens that need this service go?

Vote on the Amendment to the motion. Changing “its residents” to “the citizens of Iowa County” Four – Ayes, 2 – Nays. Motion to amend carried.

Vote on the amended motion. (Should Iowa County continue to financially support Bloomfield in its commitment to provide high quality rehabilitation and nursing care to the citizens of Iowa County?) Five – Ayes to 2 – Nays. Motion Carried.

Corporation Counsel Matt Allen offered to craft a resolution for the committee to present to the full board. The committee accepted his offer.

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SUN Program Update:

SUN Director Cecile McManus indicated they were doing OK financially half way through the year. The SUN program would be asking for some tax levy again this year. They received a slight increase in State/Federal funding but keeping the request the same as last year for now. They requested $20,640 from Iowa County in 2014. The cost for raw food and contracted meals have increased this year. The number of meals served is up in Lafayette County is up and meals served are down in Iowa County.

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UW Extension Update:

Community Resource Development Agent Paul Ohlrogge shared a county tourism map project they have been working on. 20,000 maps are being produced and will be delivered soon to Iowa County.
The UW Extension budget was passed out and discussed. A handout with examples of department’s activities that aligned with the county’s mission statement was provided to the committee.

Gene Schriefer, Iowa County Agriculture Agent, has worked with over 50 county farmers on a nutrient management program that is now required as part of the Farmland Preservation Plan.

**Veteran’s Office Update:**

Veterans Officer Jeff Lindeman discussed some changes to his budget. The Veteran’s Relief account is a carryover account and has accumulated an excessive balance. He proposes to reduce the balance down to a one year allocation ($4,000) and return the balance to the general fund. Supervisor Paull asked if the community had knowledge of the Veteran’s Relief program. Veterans Officer Lindeman indicated there has been plenty of outreach through quarterly Veterans Council meetings as well as the veteran’s newsletter. Supervisor Benish ask how many times can a veteran access this fund. Veterans Officer Lindeman stated historically access is allowed once per year in Iowa County. They work with veterans on long term solutions rather than continued use of this fund.

**Health Department Update:**

Health Director Jenny Pritchett reported the department will be hosting a Back to School Immunization event on 9/30/2014 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Iowa County does not have a communicable disease outbreak at this time.

Monthly public health visits/contacts were provided for June

The “Make it 3 to Prevent HPV” Campaign has gotten the attention of both state and federal health professionals. Both state and federal agencies are looking to use this model to promote HPV vaccinations.

Statistics were provided to show the evidence based assessments of vaccinations to reduce preventable diseases. Iowa County Health Department had goals to achieve 60% vaccination levels by age 24 months by 12/31/2014. These goals had been reached by the second quarter in 2014 with vaccination rates ranging from 75% to 89%.

The department had their 140 Review State Survey on August 1, 2014. This review is required to maintain a level 2 health department status and is conducted every 5 years. The department passed this review.

**Unified Community Services Update:**

UCS Director Kathy Shannon-Rink gave an overview of the Emergency Services Department of their organization. In 2013, UCS had 21 Emergency Hospitalizations (Mendota or Winnebago) costing $148,457. 2014 year to date, UCS has had 26 Emergency Hospitalizations costing $290,762 (3 high cost clients totaling $140,417).

In 2013, UCS had 249 – Crisis Calls, 2 – Chapter 51 Commitments, 7- Chapter 51 Recommitments, 3- Settlement Agreements and 8- Incapacitated by alcohol cases.
UCS has 3 staff members assigned to this department during the day and are certified under DHS Chapter 34 – Subchapter II. They are planning to be certified under Subchapter III which is Mobile Crisis Services. Mobile Crisis services allow staff to go to the scene of the client crisis if needed. The goal is to divert Emergency Hospitalizations which cost $1200 per day. UCS applied for a grant to cover implementation costs.

Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation Update:

Administrator Clary provided a report on average Daily census and payer source mix. Current census is 58, with an average census of 60 beds in 2014.

They recently had a state review visit that went very well. They received 4 small citations that were easily fixed. The state reviewers complimented the staff on the progress made from last year.

A report on Admission Referrals showed 12 referrals made in July 2014 with the source and disposition of these referrals.

Administrator Clary discussed the June 30, 2014 year to date financial reports. Currently revenues exceed expenses by $62,215 (unaudited).

Administrator Clary indicated they are working on their 2015 budget and anticipate having a county levy request.

Supervisor Meyers asked about the level of the Reserve Fund. Administrator Clary stated she thought it was ½ or less.

ADRC Update:

ADRC Manager Rebecca Wetter informed the board that the 2015 budget request has a zero percent increase.

2014 ADRC financial reports show 48% of the budget was spent in the first half of the year.

Prevention programs continue to be offered through this year. The Yoga Research Program is moving forward with the first participants this fall. We are currently training three leaders for a Healthy Living with Diabetes program that will be offered in the future.

There are still vouchers left for the Seniors Farmers Market. This program provides $25 in vouchers to improve nutrition and support local farmers markets.

The agency provided outreach to the community at the Farmer’s Appreciation event on July 13th.

The ADRC and the Health Department are planning our annual senior fair. The event has been named “Iowa County Health and Wellness Expo” and will be held on Friday, September 26th from 9:00 to 12:00 at Hidden Valley Church in Dodgeville.

Our annual Driver Escort training for volunteer drivers was held on July 31st.

Through the Dementia Care Redesign efforts, the state awarded a grant to a regional ADRC for a Dementia Care Specialist position. This project position is funded through 2015 and serves Iowa, Grant, Green and Lafayette Counties.

The ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin (along with other regional counties) was awarded funding to air television commercials for a period of six months.
Statistics were provided for ADRC activities during May and June of 2014.

Social Services Department Update:

The DSS/ADRC management team provided a handout and a presentation on the impact of Act 10 on staff. Information on the last wages increase provided to most staff (July 2010), increased employee contribution for healthcare costs and required employee contribution to retirement fund was shown on the handout. This resulted in a reduction in take home pay ranging from $3,264.46 to $5,628.00 annually.

DSS Director Tom Slaney passed out the 2013 ADRC/DSS annual report and asked committee members to look at the report after the meeting and bring any questions back to the next meeting or contact him directly at the office.

A preliminary 2015 DSS budget will be submitted to the Finance Department by August 8, 2014. Many revenues and expenses are projections as vendors and state agencies have not finalized 2015 contracts. This version shows a $22,000 reduction in our County Levy request. This was accomplished through a decrease in expenses and an increase in outside revenues.

Midway through 2014, the year to date financial reports show 40% of the budget expended. One vendor contract has shown an increase in projected spending over budget. A meeting has been scheduled with the vendor to address this issue.

UCS and DSS will hold our annual Public Hearing on August 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. This meeting is to gather public input for the 2015 budgets of both organizations. You are welcome to attend.

Next meeting date set for September 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Supervisor Bomkamp at 8:26 pm. Motion Carried.

Minutes by Tom Slaney Approved by Judy Lindholm