

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
February 7, 2011

1. **The Health and Human Services Committee met in Room 1001 of the Iowa County Health & Human Services Building at 303 West Chapel in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Health & Human Services Committee Chair Ron Benish.**

2. **Roll call was taken.**

Committee members present: Sups. Ron Benish, Dave Bauer, Bill Grover, Daniel Nankee, John Meyers, Greg Parman, Phil Mrozinski, Jeremy Meek and Robert Pilling.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Iowa County Health Department Director June Meudt, COA/ADRC Director Judy Lindholm, Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Director Barb Linscheid, Unified Community Services Director, Neal Blackburn and Iowa County Administrator Curt Kephart.

3. **Reading of the certification of open meetings notice.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Grover, second by Sup. Meyers to approve the February 7, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Nankee, second by Sup. Meek to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open Session – Comments from Audience/Committee Members:** Supervisor Grover requested that the Director of Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation be present at these meetings to provide any necessary updates. Chairman Benish spoke in regards to the matter and requested that Director Linscheid be present if there were pertinent issues within her department to be discussed.
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

Nothing Reported

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

Director Judy Lindholm presented on the possibility of Iowa County housing a Language Enriched Exercise Plus Socialization (LEEPS) for the Southern region ADRC's. The position is grant funded for a minimum of a 3 year period and would serve Grant, Green, LaFayette and Iowa counties. It is part of a pilot project designed to work with individual clientele that have been diagnosed with Alzheimers disease. *Motion by Sup. Mrozinski, second by Sup Parman to house the ADRC LEEPS position in Iowa County as per exhibits I & II as handed out by Director Lindholm. Rent reimbursement will be established consistent with current costs of space in the Health & Human*

Services building. This motion will automatically sunset in 3 years or at the termination of the grant funding. Motion carried.

Health Department

Director June Meudt presented motion which allows her to sign state/county contracts in regards to public health programs. *Motion by Sup. Mrozinski second by Sup. Grover to approve Health Department Director signing state/county contracts. Motion Carried.*

Director Meudt requested the approval to apply for a grant to begin a voluntary accreditation process. The process will involve putting together a strategic plan, policies and a quality improvement plan. The funding amount will be \$11, 600 for the period of time through September 2011. *Motion by Sup. Parman, second by Sup. Pilling to approve the grant application. Motion Carried.*

Information shared in regards to a Public Health Legislative Breakfast which is occurring on February 11, 2011 at 9:00AM in the Richland County Board Room.

Unified Community Services

Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn gave an update on the purchase of the Crisis Diversion bed from Cornerstone Foundation. The bed has not been utilized to date but is ready for when it is required. The bed includes 24 hour staffing when occupied and is designed to keep people out of the more costly mental health facilities such as Mendota or Winnebago. Director Blackburn also gave a personnel update on his agency which included the retirement of a therapist and a supervisory promotion of a staff member.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Director Barb Linscheid reported that annual quality assurance survey was positive and no major deficiencies were reported. Sup Bauer requested a written copy of the survey and findings be presented to the committee at the next meeting. Director Linscheid updated the committee on the status of the new boiler project and reported that it is up and running and a significant improvement. Director Linscheid reported that as a result of Bloomfield also being a rehabilitation center the need for private rooms is increasing. She has had residents turn down her facility due to the desire for private rooms and this will impact her ability to keep the daily census at an optimal level. She reports that the Bloomfield Committee has been discussing this issue and looking at ways that this may be addressed.

Social Services Department

Social Services Director Darin Smith updated the committee on the status of the Supportive Home Care program changes. Due to the impact the additional income will have on elderly clientele options other than direct reimbursement to clients are being explored. Changes will be going into effect on 3-1-11.

- 8. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Room 1001 in the HHS Building.**
- 9. Motion by Sup. Meyer, second by Sup. Nankee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**
Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director