

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2011**

Present: David Bauer, Ron Benish, Steve Deal, Bill Grover, Jeremy Meeks, Philip Mrozinski, Dan Nankee, Robert Pilling, and Douglas Richter.

Others Present: Curt Kephart, Neil Blackburn, Tom Slaney, June Meudt, and Barb Linscheid.

Called to order by Chairperson Ron Benish at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: quorum present.

Certification of Open Meeting Law was done.

Approval of June agenda by Bill Grover/Phil Mrozinski. Carried.

Approval of May minutes by Steve Deal/Jeremy Meeks with change of correct date. Carried.

- 1) New member Doug Richter from Arena was introduced.
- 2) Review of Capital Reserve Fund Guidelines:
  - a) Purpose – no changes
  - b) Funding the account – no changes  
the bullets in any particular order? No, per Steve Deal.
  - c) Accessing funds – no changes
  - d) Criteria for prioritizing – no changes

Motion to approve guidelines by Phil Mrozinski/Dean Nankee.

Discussion on “prioritizing” the criteria for use of funds. Motion Carried. The recommendation will be taken to Long-Range Planning.

- 3) Identify Capital Projects and Rank in importance
  - a) Barb Linscheid provided a list of projects from 2011 – 2021 for Bloomfield. No other agency presented any projects. This will be sent to Long-Range Planning.
- 4) Agency Updates:
  - a) Veterans Affairs – nothing
  - b) ADRC – nothing
  - c) Health Dept.
    - i) Dave Bauer moved to extend the position of the Health Educator position from August 2011 to August 2012. Second by Phil Mrozinski. Carried.
    - ii) Presented the “Alcohol Management Guidelines” which will go out to all municipalities.
  - d) Unified Community Services:
    - i) Crisis Diversion Bed program located in Dodgeville was updated by Neil Blackburn. Neil will be asking to end the program. Three people were served and two had to have Emergency Detention (ED) eventually. Neil presented statistics on ED which showed a decrease in numbers. Projected eighty-five in 2011, which is a reduction of

- 215 ED's over the six-year average (2003 – 2008). The partnering with law enforcement has been positive. Clients are also being served appropriately.
- ii) There was a question regarding the closing of two state juvenile corrections facilities. Tom Slaney said Iowa County has not had to place anyone for 15 years into one of these types of facilities. The facilities are not being used to their capacity either. Neil stated that Iowa County has worked with the prevention side which keeps children out of these facilities.
  - iii) Unified is facing a crisis in that in 22 months, 88% of the staff could be retired.
- e) Bloomfield Healthcare:
- i) Barb Linscheid has retired as administrator as of June 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee thanked her for her service to Iowa County.
  - ii) Curt Kephart provided a recommendation to the board regarding hiring and asking the board to make a decision on the future of Bloomfield.
  - iii) No one on the staff is currently licensed to be a long term care administrator. A licensed administrator must be hired in 120 days.
  - iv) Suggestions:
    - Put into place a three member advisory team and hire a part-time interim director.
    - Hire a contracted full-time interim administrator (see information from Curt on names and costs)
    - Would Barb stay until we hire another administrator?
    - Steve Deal discussed the need to have someone out of the area to assess the situation and help the board decide on the future of the facility as well as possibly help us hire a new administrator.
    - How long will it take to hire someone? Possibly 60 – 90 days.
    - Concern with promoting someone inside as interim and then demoting them to their original job.
    - Curt recommended a committee to help with interviewing an interim director.
  - v) Motion to set up a small committee to work with Curt to interview and recruit an interim administrator from the list presented by Curt Kephart by Steve Deal/Phil Mrozinski. Carried.
- f) Bloomfield Healthcare Update:
- Census is currently 74
  - Is now a "5 Star Facility". This is the highest rating a facility can get.
  - Revenue looks to be over expenses for the first quarter of 2011.
  - Balloon fest was a success
  - Retirement Open House for Barb will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Chapel at Bloomfield.
- g) Committee appointments for interim interviews:
- Steve Deal, Ron Benish, Jeremy Meeks.
  - Curt will get staff from Bloomfield to be on this committee also. The plan is to do as soon as possible.
- h) Social Services Department:

- Income maintenance was kept in counties by State Finance. They did utilize most of the program that was proposed as an alternative to the governor's original plan.

5. The next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Bauer/Bill Grover. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt