

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee

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 Wednesday September 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. Bill Grover, Daniel Nankee, Phil Mrozinski, Steve Deal, Ron Benish, Doug Richter Dave Bauer, Robert Pilling and Jeremy Meek.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, ADRC Interim Manager Rebecca Wetter, Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn, Bloomfield Health Care and Rehabilitation Interim Director Dave Sorbel, Iowa County Health Department Director June Meudt, Iowa County Veterans Services Officer Jeff Lindeman and County Administrator Curt Kephart.
3. **Reading of the certification of open meetings notice.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Deal, second by Sup. Mrozinski to approve the September 7, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Nankee, second by Sup. Grover to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 meetings with the following modification: Page 4 change Sup Steve to Sup. Deal, Pg. 6 change ¼% to 1.6%. Motion carried.**
6. **Open Session – Comments from Audience/Committee Members:** Supervisor Meek discussed the need for a person to be visible and available to assist clients when they enter the HHS building. Supervisor Meek discussed the appropriateness of having pop machines in a Health & Human Services Building.
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

VSO Jeff Lindeman reported that he is working on getting the Veterans Services Commission back into compliance with requirements. They have gotten off on the timeline for replacing members so a recruitment initiative has been underway. He reports that currently 7 individuals have expressed an interest in serving on this commission. Mr. Lindeman also reported that the welcome home ceremony for the 469th went well and was greatly appreciated by the returning soldiers.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

Iowa County Social Services Director Darin Smith reported that Leslie Eder has resigned her position as Information and Assistance Specialist. The position is part of the ADRC Grant Dollars and is currently contracted through Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development board. The county is currently looking into whether to continue the contract process or whether to modify the position into a county non-represented position.

Transition still running smoothly and Interim Manager Rebecca Wetter is continuing to increase her knowledge in the program areas. A recommendation for the long term plan regarding the ADRC/DSS merger has been finalized and will be presented to this committee and administrative services next month. The plan will include having Ms. Wetter continue on as ADRC manager and a shifting of staff between units to create a pure adult services unit including the ADRC. There will be a recommended increase in responsibilities for some staff members as well as the management team and a possibility of redefining certain job roles, synchronizing office and work hours and reviewing functions to determine duplicated services. An organizational chart was handed out and a discussion of what the modified agency will look like was facilitated by Mr. Smith. There was some discussion of relocating offices which will likely occur at a later date as we look at staffing and efficiencies. The proposed plan has been discussed with the regional ADRC staff as well as the Greater Wisconsin Area Aging Resource and has been supported by both entities.

Health Department

Iowa County Health Director June Meudt updated the board on the status of immunizations in Iowa County and reported that we have reached the 100% plateau for school age children. They are currently working on getting the rates for younger children up to the levels deemed acceptable. Director Meudt indicated there is a flu vaccine provider clinic coming up where all local providers of the vaccines will meet to look at the best ways to insure access to everyone interested. Ms. Meudt handed out the activity reports for the past month and noted an increase in communicable disease cases as well as several other areas. There is a legislative breakfast for health issues scheduled Friday September 9, 2011 from 9:00-11:00AM in Richland Center

Unified Community Services

Director Neal Blackburn reported that he is currently involved in the budgeting process in Grant County and feels that his agency has had a good year and are fiscally stable at the present time. Mr. Blackburn also reported on the public hearing held jointly between Unified Community Services and Iowa County Department of Social services on August 24, 2011.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Interim Director Dave Sorbel went over a committee report he had prepared for the meeting. Within the report Mr. Sorbel presented for discussion the prospect of providing televisions for each of the resident rooms. The board indicated approval of looking into this proposal and getting numbers as to the cost. Funding for this project would likely come from the Campbell Fund Trust. Mr. Sorbel reported that they have recently had Vance Forrest from Aegis Insurance put on a training in regards to Iowa County's Harassment, Retaliation and Discrimination policy. The results of the operation assessment are currently being completed and will be presented to the HHS Committee at a special meeting scheduled for September 14, 2011 in the

Community Room of the HHS Building. The report will be presented to the full county board at the September 20, 2011 meeting.

Social Services Department

Social Services Director Darin Smith gave an update on the income maintenance situation and requested that the Health & Human Services Chairman sign a letter of intent indicating a willingness to join the consortium headed by Rock County. **Motion by Sup. Mrozinski, second by Sup. Grover to approve the Chairman of Health & Human Services Committee signing a letter of intent. Motion carried.**

Mr. Smith also updated the committee on the progress of the organizational effectiveness workgroup that is currently working with the ADRC/DSS transition.

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Community Room in the HHS Building.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Bauer, second by Sup. Richter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director