

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
January 6, 2010

1. **The Health and Human Services Committee met in the County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Bill Ehr.**

2. **Roll call was taken.**

Committee members present: Sups. Phil Mrozinski, Dan Oleson, Greg Parman, Mark Masters, Ron Benish, John Meyers and Bill Ehr. Excused/Absent: Tom Mueller and John Lind.

Also present: Sups. Brad Wells, Eric Anderson, Carol Anderson, Joe Thomas, Social Services Director Darin Smith, Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn, COA/ADRC Director Judy Lindholm, Bloomfield Manor Director Barb Linscheid, Bloomfield Manor Committee Member Jim Griffiths and ADRC Regional Director Mary Mezera.

3. **Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. John Meyers, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the January 6, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

N/A.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

Judy Lindholm reports that the waiting list is now frozen as they wait for the 4-1-10 start to Family Care in Iowa County.

Health Department

N/A

Unified Community Services

Neal Blackburn reported on the current Family Care status. Iowa County is still scheduled to begin serving clientele on 4-1-10. The district itself continues to struggle financially and is making changes in an attempt to remain fiscally viable. Mr. Blackburn reported they are currently losing approximately \$100,000 per month which is significantly less than was occurring in late 2009. As a result of the shortfalls providers have been asked to take substantial cuts in rates and this is being met with some resistance. One of the current major providers in Iowa County has not been able to negotiate a rate with the district and it appears as if this will not occur. As a result of this Unified will not be able to contract with them for services and is concerned that the disruption for the target population may be difficult to adjust to. Concerns were expressed that if there are not sufficient resources to utilize due to no contracts being in place an inordinate number of emergency detentions could result. Director Blackburn stated this matter is being addressed and he is required to sign off on all emergency detentions so there will be some controls in place.

Bloomfield Manor

Supervisor Ehr initiated a discussion on mechanisms available to utilize for the care and maintenance of funds that have been donated to Bloomfield Manor nursing home. Discussion centered around the possible formation of a foundation to administer these funds as well as actively fundraise. Currently seeking a legal opinion as to what type of arrangement needs to be made in regards to these funds and to insure that donated funds are not under the control of the County Board. The current funds are stipulated to be utilized for the resident's enjoyment, entertainment and recreation. Jim Griffiths announced that there is a meeting in regards to the possible foundation development scheduled for 4:00PM January 20th at Bloomfield Manor. Supervisor Ron Benish will look at drafting a resolution to temporarily protect these funds until the correct legal mechanism for long term governance is established.

Social Services Department

Darin Smith gave an update on the SW Supervisor vacancy and reported that there have been 4 applicants to date for the position. Resumes will be reviewed with personnel director and interviews will be scheduled for later in January. Once dates are established an email will be sent to HHS committee members to see if any members of the committee wish to be part of the interview process.

Discussed Marsh Country Health Care Alliance resolution in regards to continued ability to place residents at the current Clearview Nursing Home. Currently Iowa County has 2 residents placed in this facility both of whom are long term cases one of which is under the control of UCS and the other placed through DSS. Due to rising costs and insufficient reimbursement from MA cases Dodge County has developed a consortium for counties with residents who wish to continue placing individuals in this facility. Counties joining the consortium will be expected to remit a one time fee of \$5,000 for initial membership and an annual fee to be determined based on a rolling 5 year census and percentage of that census from each county. If we do not join this consortium the clientele typically placed here would possibly need to be housed in state institutions at a substantially higher rate. Motion by Sup Benish, seconded by Sup Mrozinski to join the consortium. Motion carried.

Annual resolution presented to designate the Director of the Iowa County Social Services Department as the individual to sign State/County contracts with the Department of Health Services,

the Department of Workforce Development, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Administration and the Department of Children and Families. Motion by Sup. Benish seconded by Sup Oleson to designate director of DSS to sign contracts. Motion carried.

Other

N/A

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at County Board Room.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director

Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary