

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
October 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, October 6, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Health & Human Services Committee Chair Ron Benish.**

2. **Roll call was taken.**

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

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Iowa County Health Department Director June Meudt, Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn and Iowa County Administrator Curt Kephart.

3. **Motion by Sup. Parman, second by Sup. Pilling to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Mrozinski, second by Sup. Grover to approve the October 6, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Pilling, second by Sup. Nankee to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open Session – Comments from Audience/Committee Members:** Health Department Director June Meudt informed the committee of a candidate forum that is occurring on October 18th. It will be held at the House on the Rock Resort from 6:00PM – 7:30PM and will be moderated by Ms. Meudt.
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

N/A

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

N/A

Health Department

June Meudt presented a proclamation naming November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month in Iowa County. Motion by Sup. Parmann second by Sup. Meyers to forward to full county board. motion carried. Chairman Benish recommended this committee take a lead in setting guidelines for requests such as this in the future. Chairman Benish will speak with County Board Chairman Bauer to have members named to a sub-committee to address this.

Unified Community Services

Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn gave an update on emergency detention diversions over the past year. He reported that this year to date there has been approximately a 66% decrease in detentions across Grant and Iowa counties. Also reported was UCS purchasing a crisis diversion bed from Cornerstone Foundation for situations where an emergency detention is not necessary.

Director Blackburn also reported that the family care transition of employees will be occurring on Dec 13, 2010. Iowa County will be losing 5 staff while Grant County will be losing 6 staff. Southwest Family Care Alliance has offered positions to all Unified staff that applied with their agency.

Director Blackburn discussed the possibility of Grant County exploring a move to transition to a human services agency. There is a meeting scheduled for Oct. 7, 2010 for Grant County board representatives and department heads to discuss the process for combining departments and possible obstacles to this venture. If Grant County elects to pursue this option it will be necessary to complete a feasibility study prior to any action being taken. If Grant County decides to combine agencies into a Human Services Department Iowa County will likely need to also combine agencies and create a Human Services Department.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Sup. Ron Benish reported that they are in the process of getting a special projects foundation set up by Wisconsin Foundations Incorporated. He also reports that the current patient census is steady at between 75-77 residents. There have been 4 admissions turned down in September due to the lack of availability of single rooms which are often desired.

County Administrator Curt Kephart reported that there was a technology issue at Bloomfield in the past week where their wireless system was failing. The system is used to monitor medication administration and it was necessary to procure an immediate fix. The information technology department had emergency funds available for this type of situation which was utilized and will be reimbursed by Bloomfield.

Social Services Department

N/A

Other

N/A

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Parman, second by Sup. Pilling to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director

Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary