

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
October 27, 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 27, 2010 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. Greg Parman, Ron Benish, Bill Grover, Daniel Nankee, Phil Mrozinski, Jeremy Meek and Robert Pilling.

Committee Members Excused: Sups Dave Bauer and John Meyers

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. **Reading of the certification of open meetings notice.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Parman, second by Sup. Grover to approve the October 27, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Mrozinski, second by Sup. Meek to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 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

N/A

Health Department

N/A

Unified Community Services

Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn gave an update on the purchase of a crisis diversion bed from Cornerstone Foundation for situations where an emergency detention is not necessary. The rental cost for the bed is approximately \$22,000 annually. 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 gave an update regarding the possibility of Grant County exploring a move to transition to a human services agency. There is a meeting scheduled for Nov. 8, 2010 with the city administrator for Lancaster as well as the Mayor of Lancaster. They plan to discuss impacts of moving offices into the city including parking issues prior to deciding if a feasibility study should be done.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Sup. Ron Benish presented a resolution in regards to the State Biennial Budget and how funds are allocated to the county nursing homes. The resolution is requesting that Governor and State Legislature support a change in statute which modifies the way funding is disseminated specifically in regards to monies related to nursing home bed assessment funds and the matching federal funds. Motion by Sup. Pilling, second by Sup. Parman to approve the resolution. Motion Carried.

Social Services Department

N/A

Other

An update was given on the status of the new HHS building and it was reported that Unified Community Services will not be moving into the building. It was determined to be a cost prohibitive alternative and was voted on by the building committee on 10-26-10.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director