

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee**  
**August 5, 2009**  
**(Minutes subject to review and approval)**

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, August 5, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Bill Ehr.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**  
**Committee members present: Sups. John Meyers, Phil Mrozinski, Dan Oleson, Tom Mueller, Greg Parman, Ron Benish, Mark Masters and Bill Ehr. Excused/absent: John Lind.**  
  
**Also present: Health Director June Meudt, Social Services Director Darin Smith and Veterans Services Director Ted Mynyk.**
3. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the August 5, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

**Commision on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center**

County Board Chairman Mark Masters handed out a letter from ADRC Director Judy Lindholm updating the committee on the agency. The ADRC has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the federal government to be utilized towards outreach for low income and Medicare eligible individuals. The grant monies need to be utilized between June 2009 and June 2011. It is anticipated that the grant will be used to pay for 50 additional hours of employee time as well as a portion of the administrative overhead.

It was also announced that the ADRC has now began completing functional screens for the elderly and physically disabled. This will allow for the family care waiting list to grow substantially prior to the freeze date on January 31, 2010.

**Veteran Affairs**

## **2008-2009 Annual Activity Report**

Ted Mynyk reviewed annual activity report included in agenda packet. Highlights included approximately \$883,000 in benefits provided to Iowa County veterans or their families that were directly accessed through the Iowa County Veterans Services Office. He also noted that the actual amount of benefits that were received by Iowa County veterans from the Federal Veterans Administration in fiscal year 08 were approximately \$5,401,000. This number reflects dollars received by Iowa County veterans and their families including pension, compensation, loans, insurance benefits and medical payments.

### **Health Department**

#### **Office Space Update**

June Meudt discussed the current plan of moving to the Schmit building upon the lease being worked out. She reported that the optimal time for her move would be in late August and she is currently working with Mark Caygill on how the move will be facilitated. The current lease for the building in which she is presently located is scheduled through October 2009 and discussions are underway to determine the viability of terminating that lease early if an opportunity to move earlier presents itself. The reasoning behind the August move date is due to the fact that regular influenza vaccines will be beginning in September of the current year and the novel influenza vaccine related to the H1N1 virus will be arriving to be dispersed at a later date. Sup. Mueller volunteered the use of a semi trailer to assist in the moving process if needed.

#### **H1N1 Virus Mass Clinic – Limited Term Staffing Request**

June Meudt reported on the status of her limited term employment request for the county health department. Currently the health department utilizes a limited term secretary in the fall which was previously approved and built into the annual budget. This position assists with the influenza clinics and data entry associated with the vaccine requirements. The current request is to recruit and train 4 additional LTE nurses to use at clinics held throughout the county as necessary. Presently, the county has 2 individuals that are utilized as LTE nurses for assistance in this area which limits the options available when scheduling clinics.

**Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the Iowa County Health Departments request to recruit four additional LTE nurses to be placed in the pool of nurses utilized when there is a need for assistance in this area. Motion carried.**

### **Social Services Department**

#### **State Budget Update**

Darin Smith reported that the latest figures released by the Department of Health Services, the Department of Children's Services and the Department of Corrections indicate an approximate \$94,000 reduction in revenue for this county. This figure is significantly less than the Governors original budget proposal which was estimated to have an approximate \$200,000 impact. The department has been working with the purchase of service vendor agencies to lessen the costs associated with their programs to help in alleviating the impact of the state funding cuts.

### **General Relief Program Termination & Indigent Burial Update**

Darin Smith reported that the General Relief Program was discontinued on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Previously the program had been utilized to pay for indigent burials that were not covered by medical assistance. As discussed at the previous meeting the funding for this program no longer exists in the county and a decision needs to be made as to whether or not to allocate levy to pay for this expense. The cost for each burial and body preparation is approximately \$2500 and there are on average 3 situations each year where funds are necessary. Tim Helmberger, Corporation Counsel, has looked into this matter and has determined that the county has no obligation to provide this service. The committee discussed that this will cause hardships for local funeral homes should the county not agree to fund these as there are no other options available. Committee members felt that while legally this was not the counties responsibility morally and ethically we needed to develop an option for these scenarios. Sup. Mueller suggested we look into alternatives that may be available such as donating the body to medical schools if that is allowable. The committee requested that the department develop a policy in which we make every attempt to have family or relatives fulfill this obligation and as a last resort utilize county funds. This policy will be reviewed by committee prior to implementation.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

Darin Smith went over the financial report included in the agenda packet. One correction was made in regards to the quarter to date column relating to Orion Family Services which was incorrectly entered as \$54,614 instead of \$44,614

### **Department Report**

Darin Smith reported that during discussions with Unified Community Services it was agreed upon that there would not be an up front charge for any type of juvenile assessments. UCS is still planning on implementing a \$220 up front cost to any other persons required to have an assessment at their facility. This matter is being reviewed for potential fiscal impact to the county and will be brought to the Administrative Services Committee once estimates are available.

### **Unified Community Services**

**No Report**

### **Other**

Sup. Ron Benish distributed an assisted living market study completed by WIPFLI CPA's & Consultants in regards to Bloomfield Manor. Committee members will look over and Bloomfield Manor Director, Barb Linscheid will be available for the September committee meeting to answer any questions.

- 8. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at County Board Room.**

9. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. John Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.**

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director

Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary

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