

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
September 2, 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, September 2, 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 Lind, Phil Mrozinski, Dan Oleson, Tom Mueller, Greg Parman, Ron Benish and Bill Ehr. Excused/absent: Mark Masters and John Meyers.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn and Bloomfield Manor Director Barb Linscheid.
3. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Tom Mueller to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the September 2, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

No Items

Commision on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

No Items

Health Department

No Items

Social Services Department

Indigent Burials Update

Darin Smith distributed a proposed policy/procedure in regards to county assisted burials for indigent residents. The policy states that prior to an individual qualifying for county assistance in regards to burial all other possible payment options must be explored first. These include relatives,

medical assistance, veterans services, etc. If all other options are exhausted the County will reimburse the funeral home a maximum of \$1,500 for funeral expenses and \$1,000 for burial costs. These are the amounts set for medical assistance burials and are the minimal costs incurred by funeral homes for providing these services. Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Tom Mueller to approve the implementation of the proposed policy. Motion carried.

In-Home Therapy Team Request for Proposal

Darin Smith reported that the request for proposals in regards to the contracted In-Home Therapy teams has been completed and decisions have been made in regards to the vendors receiving contracts. Vendors have been notified and the process of contracting for these services will occur over the next 2-3 months.

Dane County Secure Detention

Darin Smith informed the board that Dane County has offered Iowa County the use of their Secure Detention facility for placing juveniles at a rate of \$125/day. Iowa County currently contracts with Lacrosse County at a rate of \$165/day. Committee discussed the advantages of this option including cost and proximity. A contract with Dane County allowing this option to be utilized is currently being reviewed by the Corporation Counsel and upon his approval will be entered into with Dane County.

Unified Community Services

Court Ordered Assessments

Neal Blackburn presented UCS's new policy in regards to charging individuals a flat fee of \$220 up front prior to doing any type of assessment including court ordered assessments. A distinction was made that this does not include assessments for the intoxicated driver program nor will it be in effect for Juveniles. It was also noted that if an individual is determined indigent or the paying of the fee would create a significant financial hardship for that person the fee could be waived with director approval.

Family Care Update

Neal Blackburn updated the committee on the status of the Family care program and the intention that UCS handle all of the case management duties for Iowa County. UCS is currently in the process of working out a case management rate with the Southwest care Management District and anticipates that will be completed in the near future. Discussion surrounding the need for the full county board to approve UCS as the designated agency to provide this service. Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Lind to recommend to the full county board that UCS be designated as the Case Management Agency for Iowa County. Motion carried.

Unified Board Community Member

Neal Blackburn reported on the request to identify a new Iowa County community member to serve on the Unified Board of Grant & Iowa County. This matter was presented to the Committee

on Committees with an individual named but was sent back to the full Iowa County Board for further discussion. Discussion surrounding process and other possible nominees.

Bloomfield Manor

Annual Audit Handout

Barb Linscheid handed out and went over 2007/2008 audit of Bloomfield Manor. The audit was conducted by Johnson & Block and will be gone over in greater detail next month in a report to the full county board.

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Barb Linscheid handed out and went over the 2nd quarter financial report for Bloomfield Manor. Committee discussion over census projections for 2010 as well as revenue and expenditure controls used when census is down.

Other

Discussion surrounding budget process and what this committee would like to see in regards to individual department budgets. Board members should have proposed budgets within next 2-3 weeks and would like all department heads reporting to Health & Human Services Committee to attend the next scheduled meeting on October 7, 2009 to answer any questions that may arise.

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at County Board Room.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Lind to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director