

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
October 7, 2009

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 7, 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, Mark Masters, Ron Benish and Bill Ehr. Excused/Absent: John Meyers.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Unified Community Services Director Neal Blackburn, County Health Director June Meudt, COA/ADRC Director Judy Lindholm, Veterans Services Director Ted Mynyk and Bloomfield Manor Director Barb Linscheid.

3. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the October 7, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

Ted Mynyk reported that the CY2010 Veterans Service budget request was for a 4.3% increase in tax levy. The increase was due to his including a sick leave payout in the event he makes the decision to retire prior to the end of next year. Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson, second by Sup. Tom Mueller to forward the Veterans budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

Judy Lindholm reports an overall budget decrease of approximately 1% from 2009 and a tax levy reduction of approximately 12%. Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Ron Benish to forward the COA/ADRC budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Health Department

June Meudt reported a 7.4% reduction in county levy requested for the CY2010 budget. A portion of this reduction is a direct result of a lessening in the amount of rent paid due to the agency being required to change its location. Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to forward the Health Departments budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding general funding requests and whether those items should go directly to this committee or go through the Health Committee first. Process was outlined in which the Health Committee would approve items initially and then they would be moved through either the Health & Human Services standing committee or the Administrative Services standing committee. Director Meudt also reported on the status of the H1N1 vaccine and the clinics scheduled for dispersing the vaccine. As of this time Iowa County has not received any vaccine but shipments started arriving this week in some other counties. Iowa County has been allocated an extra \$80,000 to utilize to help cover the additional expenses associated with the H1N1 flu strain.

Unified Community Services

Neal Blackburn reported a budget request similar to CY2009 in regards to the amount of county levy requested. The operating budget for UCS would not include a previously allocated \$30,000 which was used to reduce the waiting lists in Iowa County due to the pending implementation of family care. Due to family care scheduled to start on 4-1-10 the waiting lists are effectively frozen as of 12-31-09 making the additional funding unnecessary. Director Blackburn discussed a current contingency fund of approximately \$850,000 held by UCS to be used for unanticipated expenditures. Discussion surrounding the possibility of reducing the county levy contribution by \$25,000 followed and will be forwarded to the Administrative Services Committee. Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson, second by Sup. Greg Parman to forward Unified Community Services budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Bloomfield Manor

Barb Linscheid reported an overall increase in her county levy request of approximately 155%. This reflects an increase of \$68,151 from the levy request in CY2009. The reason for the increase in requested county levy is due to the possible upcoming need to replace an elevator within the facility. Director Linscheid reports that the maintenance crew that is responsible for maintaining the elevator has informed her that it will need to be replaced sometime within the next few years and that costs is projected to be approximately \$150,000. Discussion surrounding the contingency funds maintained by Bloomfield as well as endowment funds and whether it would be more appropriate to utilize a funding mechanism other than county levy dollars if the elevator needed to be replaced. Motion by Sup. John Lind, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to remove the \$150,000 elevator replacement cost from the CY2010 budget. Motion carried 7-1 with Sup. Ron Benish casting the opposition vote. Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. John Lind to forward Bloomfield Manors budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Social Services Department

Darin Smith reported a budget request that included an increase in county levy request of 1.5% or approximately \$24,000. The reason for the increase in request was due to state funding cuts which totaled approximately \$125,000 and the need to continue services in those areas. The Social Services

Departments overall budgeted expenses were decreased for the CY2010 by approximately \$101,000. Expenses that were modified included reducing purchase of service contracts related to in-home family services and the elimination of a full time support staff position due to technology advancements. Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Lind to forward the Department of Social Services budget request to Administrative Services. Motion carried.

Annual report handed out for committee members to review and bring any questions back to 11-4-09 meeting. Discussed Clearview proposal from Dodge County to permit Iowa County to enter a consortium allowing for Iowa County residents to be placed in a specialized care facility with Iowa County responsible for costs above MA rates. Will bring the matter back for possible action at 11-4-09 meeting. Reported that Badger Care Core for childless adults has been inundated with applications and will be put on hold by the State of Wisconsin at 12:00PM on Friday October 9, 2009. This program took effect as of July 1, 2009 and was utilized as a resource for participants in the Iowa County General relief program which was eliminated as Badger Care Core took effect. Discussed the Community Connections Free Clinic as a resource for those individuals at this time. Director Smith reported the heating and energy assistance program began taking applications as of October 1 and there have been approximately 200 applicants in the first 4 days. The state is expecting much greater numbers this year due to the economy and the raised income limits for this program. Funds for the regular applications have increased due to expected volume however funds for crisis situations has decreased as those funds were reallocated to regular slots. This may cause difficulties as the season progresses due to a shortfall in funding for emergency/crisis interventions. Iowa Counties' allocation for these crisis funds was cut from \$95,000 in 2009 to \$22,000 in 2010.

Other

Sup. Mark Masters reminded committee members that the Committee on Committees will be meeting next week and will be appointing a citizen member to the Unified Board of Grant and Iowa Counties. Any names that anyone wishes to be considered for appointment should be forwarded to that committee.

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at County Board Room.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director

Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary