

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee**  
**August 6, 2008**

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 6, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Ron Benish.
2. Roll call was taken.  
Committee members present: Sups. Dan Oleson, Greg Parman, John Meyers, Mark Masters, Phil Mrozinski, Tom Mueller and Ron Benish. Excused/absent: Bill Ehr and John Lind.  
  
Also present: Neil Blackburn, Judy Lindholm, Ted Mynyk, Darin Smith and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Sup. John Meyers, second by Sup. Tom Mueller to approve the amended agenda for this August 6, 2008 meeting. Motion passed.
5. Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2008 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.
6. Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.
7. Department/Agency Reports

**Veterans' Affairs Office**

**Activity Report**

Ted Mynyk, Director was present and distributed updated activity report. Highlights were given. Sup. Tom Mueller commended the department for the great services and the compassion exhibited by staff.

Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to have the Veterans Activity report given on an annual basis. Motion passed.

**Bloomfield Manor**

## **State Inspections Report Presentation to August 19 Board Meeting**

Randy Terronez noted that Barb Linscheid will be making a presentation to August 19 Board meeting regarding the deficiency free state inspections report. Sup. Ron Benish commented on the great achievement.

## **Social Services**

### **Public Hearing on 2009 Department and Unified Community Services**

Darin Smith gave background on state required annual public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain community input on needs and future activities that both agencies could be providing. Neil Blackburn of Unified Community Services also provided background information. The department has undertaken a variety of measures to encourage attendance. Any and all Board members were encouraged to attend the 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28 public hearing in the Board Room.

### **2007 Annual Report**

Darin Smith distributed document to Committee members and reviewed highlights. The County's General Relief program was reviewed. The program funds were a result of remaining W-2 grant funds that the State allowed Iowa County to use for services to low income clients. The Department has been providing various emergency relief services (rent payment, medical care, etc.) to primarily single adults - clients who do not qualify for any other program. The funds have been carried over from year to year. It is projected that the carryover funds will be depleted in 2009.

The 2007 Annual Report will be included in August 19 regular Board meeting under Correspondence and Darin will be present to answer any questions.

### **Clearview/Dodge County Facility Participation Resolution**

Darin Smith and Neil Blackburn reviewed agenda enclosure which has also been approved by corporation counsel. Funds have been requested in the 2009 budget for this activity. Neil Blackburn also provided background. 21 other counties have clients at the Dodge County facility.

The "membership" fee is \$5,000 per participating county and is due by September 30. Funds would come from the Social Services Department budget.

The proposal is modeled after a similar facility in Lacrosse County. Social Services has one client at the Dodge County facility. The client is currently private pay but his funds will be used next year at which time the client will go to MA coverage. Unified has two or three clients. Neil Blackburn noted that without these types of facilities, the clients would be placed in a much higher cost state institution such as Winnebago or Mendota.

Participation in the Clearview Facility would require a Board member to service on a board. Sup. Ron Benish agreed to serve if appointed.

**Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller second by Sup. John Myers to concur with the Social Services Director recommendation to approve the Resolution Approving a Concept Advanced by Dodge County for Establishing a Non-Stock Corporation which requires in part a \$5,000 one time membership fee; and forward to the full Board.**

### **Commission on Aging**

#### **Position Description Revision**

Randy Terronez and Judy Lindholm reviewed agenda enclosure. The position formerly held by Betty Walsh has been vacant primarily as a result of the hiring freeze due to the Highway budget deficit. At the time the freeze was lifted, Bud Trader and Randy Terronez determined the specialist position should be a department assistant position (lower wage rate). Judy Lindholm commented that with the addition of the ADRC staff early next year, some of the more specialized duties can be absorbed by other staff.

The County per union contract has posted for the position and an employee from Planning and Development has been tentatively selected and is scheduled to start next Monday.

**Motion by Sup. Greg Parman second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the vacant Commission on Aging position description from an Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator (AFSCME Courthouse Range 3) to Department Assistant (ASFCME Courthouse Range 7); and forward to the Administrative Services Committee. Motion carried.**

### **Seniors United for Nutrition**

#### **Computer Replacement Request**

This item was brought up under last month's Administrative Services Committee. The agency's current computer has outlived its usefulness and a request has been initially brought before the Administrative Services Committee. The costs would be split 50-50 with Lafayette County and would amount to \$730 for Iowa County's portion. Judy Lindholm provided background on agency noting that it is in the best interests of the County to keep SUN operational. Program costs for a county-run senior nutrition program are significantly higher than through a non-profit. Judy noted that Lafayette County approved their 50% contribution at their meeting today.

**Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the contribution of \$730 subject to Lafayette County doing likewise for a replacement computer for the SUN program and forward to the Administrative Services Committee. Motion carried.**

### **Other**

#### **SW Community Action Agency Presentation**

Due to scheduling conflicts this will be scheduled for the September Committee meeting.

## **Strategic Planning**

A headcount was taken of members. Sups. John Meyers and Phil Mrozinski will not be able to attend. A questionnaire will be sent to each Board member unable to attend.

## **2009 Budget Overview and Scheduling Budget Review Sessions**

Randy Terronez gave a brief update. The Committee agreed to schedule the budget review session for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28. It was noted a short break will be taken while the Social Services Department and Unified Community Services hold the state-required public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

## **Boscobel Facility Closure Update**

Neil Blackburn provided the Committee with an update. For the short-term, Unified has made an agreement with the Lacrosse facility. All law enforcement agencies have been given a detailed policy and procedure communication. Discussions continue on the long term solution.

## **Senior/Low Income Energy Assistance**

This agenda item was requested by Sup. Bill Ehr. Darin Smith distributed data on the Department activity in this area. All funds from various grant sources are allocated to needed clients. Sup. Ehr's concern apparently centers on the need to get the word out to seniors – low income populations of the availability of the energy assistance programs. Unfortunately according to Darin Smith, this may create an unfilled demand when funds run out – unless the County wishes to allocate levy funds.

## **Hodan Center/Tom Schraeder**

Update given on Tom's condition and the Small Cities CDBG grant award notification in the amount of \$500,000.

8. **A special Committee meeting for the 2009 budget review was set for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28. The next (regular) meeting date will be Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 6:15 p.m.**
9. **Motion by Sup. John Meyers, second by Sup. John Lind to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator**