



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 5:00 PM
Health and Human Services Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street; Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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- 1 Meeting was called to order by Chair Nankee at 5:00 PM
- 2 Roll Call was taken:
Members present: Nankee; Benish; Bomkamp; Paull and Thomas.
Others present: Bierke; Slaney; Hottmann; Greeneway; Hiltbrand; Lockhart; Gould and Oellerich.
Barry Hottmann was introduced as Community Educator at UW Extension office.
- 3 Approve the agenda for this April 4, 2018 meeting:
Motion by Supervisor Benish to approve the agenda for the April 4, 2018 meeting.
Seconded by Supervisor Bomkamp. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
- 4 Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting:
Motion by Supervisor Paull to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Benish asked for clarification of Bloomfield's hours per patient staffing in the March minutes.
Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
- 5 Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken. Slaney made HHS committee aware of WI HHS organization's Spring conference on May 15-17 at Elkhart Lake, WI. With upcoming county board elections, he is unsure who will be on board. Room reservations are to be made by April 18. Slaney distributed the information and asked that committee members contact him if interested. Bierke mentioned that on April 19, County board committee appointments would be announced. Nankee reported on the SWCAP Southwest Wisconsin Behavioral Health partnership meeting at Folklore Village that included a five-county area. The day was spent on behavioral health. Slaney, also, commented on the March 15 meeting, which included community organization and making changes in communities especially those with a shortage of behavioral health services. A grant was received for seven years in an attempt to improve accessibility & acceptability. Nankee mentioned the Marsh Country Health Alliance, in which, Ron Benish serves on the committee and updated the committee. Nankee commented that the alliance is a pay to play. If you join, the alliance provides beds for mental health and are paid for when you use them. The membership fee is \$5000 and costs incur as you have residency. Benish reported the Marsh Country Health Alliance board meets twice a year. Slaney stated that Unified and Social Services share a membership. The individuals that use the services have high needs. Benish shared historical information as the new nursing home was not using beds and decided to go beyond the services offered and have a wing for mental needs and found a need for their mental health service. Slaney said the model has been used regionally, such as, Lakeview for high need cases. Nankee commented that the General Government committee would be considering the DON pay grade to exceed midpoint up to the maximum for vacant recruitment. Paull commented on social media, as well as, recent postings and felt comments were very professional from staff members. Greeneway commented on Facebook posts and public relation issues.

6	<p><u>Resolution on Bloomfield's Staffing to Occupancy Adjustment Plan.</u> Greenway distributed information regarding cost per patient day for nursing homes. Over the last five to six years, the average daily census is declining. In order to be financial stewards, he is working on bringing costs of operating in line with census by using standard benchmarks for staffing and resources. Currently, Bloomfield is averaging about 50 residents/day and staffing per trends. Greenway explained the per patient day information and labor costs in comparison with other government facilities. The resolution is based on industry benchmark staffing levels. Benish made a motion to approve Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center's staffing adjustment plan. Motion second by Paull. In discussion, Benish brought up staffing levels and asked where the Bloomfield committee has been as far as sitting down and working on the staffing. Greenway said Bloomfield committee does not have financial oversight. Benish shared his concern with current county setup and allowing county department heads to do their job. Bierke explained most of this has already been put into place. The county board does approve the number of positions the county has and the county positions are in the budget. Benish feels that policy needs to be changed and corrected. Discussion ensued on the county policy. Paull has been on Bloomfield committee for 4 years and shared his concerns with nurse manager positions. Greenway announced the current DON is taking a position as Administrator at another facility. The other nurse manager is taking another position. Nursing positions and workload will be reviewed. Additional changes will be reviewed when a new DON is hired to prevent undo changes. Bierke said the staffing adjustment plan will be a permanent change and encourages discussion. Benish feels that the Bloomfield Administrator should have the ability to reduce staff but patients should receive best possible care with minimum staffing, which should be the manager's decision. Slaney added staffing has been addressed through the budgeting approval process. Paull commented on the activity department impact for dementia residents. Benish hears the concern about resident care and feels the Bloomfield Commission needs more oversight. Nankee questioned the permanency of the resolution and is it a permanent reduction? Bierke said Bloomfield is currently staffing for greater than 50 and as the need increases, staffing would increase. Overall, there is less demand for nursing home beds and staffing for 50 would bring the budget more in line. Thomas asked if quality of care would be reduced. Greenway said that responsibility would be reshuffled. In addition, programs such as SUN and the HELP programs may be reined in. Bomkamp asked for clarification on nursing home trends. Nursing homes are heavily regulated and more people are choosing assisted livings. Greenway noted nursing home beds in Wisconsin are declining and that affect is carrying through to Bloomfield. Benish called for the vote and the motion to approve Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center's resolution regarding Bloomfield Staffing Adjustments and send to county board. Aye: Benish, Bomkamp, Nankee and Thomas. Nay: Paull Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.</p>
7	<p><u>Follow up discussion on March HHS motion to address Grant County's stance on providing meals and taxi service to Iowa County.</u> A letter from Grant County chair was reviewed. Benish felt strongly about the issues and personally talked to Grant County Chair Keeney and he believes the two counties should cooperate. However, the Grant County committees feel strongly regarding taking care of Grant County people. Slaney has talked to the ADRC staff regarding boundaries and pointed out confusion between programs and agencies in the two counties. Bomkamp commented on the cost of the meals. Paull feels county taxi could help but could not leave city limits. Gould commented on the 5310 grant to service rural Iowa County and Mineral Point. One of the stipulations of the grant is the van cannot be used to directly compete with someone. Therefore, the grant was not written to serve the city of Dodgeville. There is a possibility that Lift or Iowa County may keep the service running. Thomas asked how much turnover Grant county may have in County Board. No comment on the question.</p>

8	<p><u>ADRC:</u> Hiltbrand announced a couple of upcoming prevention programs, in cooperation with the Health Department. On April 10, classes for Stepping On program at the Barneveld Library & Healthy Living with Diabetes at Lands' End. Also, on the evening of April 10, there will be a Dementia Questions program at the Walker House in Mineral Point presented by Linda Wetzel Hurley from the ADRC board. The program will be a general dementia overview and they have 25 reservations. On April 26, there will be a Tech Basic class at Barneveld Library on internet safety. The volunteer appreciation event will be held at the Walker House this year. At the end of April, a Medicare presentation will be held at the Dodgeville Library. In May, there are many outreach events. Aging Advocacy Day will be May 16 at the Capital, if any committee members are interested. In the past the virtual Dementia tour has been done. This year, a Dementia Live training event will be offered to the Mineral Point Rescue Squad on May 16. Trainings have been positively accepted thus far. Again, this year, Iowa County will receive Senior Farmers Market vouchers for those that are Food Share eligible and over age 60. Nankee recognized the volunteer tax program that is a help to seniors. In June, Caregiver Community Listening sessions will be held in the community room. May is Older Americans Act month with the theme, Engage at Every Age. The News and Views April 20 publication will feature five volunteers. The ADRC Facebook page is a regional page with many followers – 1,018 people reached with 95 post clicks. Nankee stated if anyone had anything on SUN Facebook; please share ideas with Cecile McManus. Lastly, with ADRC month and Older Americans month, Hiltbrand recognized her staff and support programs.</p>
9	<p><u>Unified Community Services:</u> Lockhart commented that Unified utilizes ADRC often and is a pleasure to work with that agency. Unified's annual report was distributed to committee members as a reference document. Committee members are free to contact Lockhart with questions. Lockhart stressed the unpredictability in mental health – this week saw two individuals with risk of expensive hospitalizations with one diverted to less expensive option and the second they are still working on. Lockhart sees the budget stable. Unified's emphasis in 2018 is the SAMSHA grant from AODA treatment to individual counseling. Intensive outpatient groups have been found to be just as effective at one-seventh of the cost. Nankee stated in Wisconsin Counties association they learned that 62% of people in jails have a mental illness. Grant County criminal justice committee is looking at this statistic and coming up with options. Drug court helps individuals who meet criteria helps with costs also, an important program. Lockhart reviewed the programs provided by Unified Community Services. Lockhart is looking in the future with Unified having a combination of AODA and mental illness. Benish inquired at budget numbers from 2016 to 2017. Lockhart responded, the difference has to do with emergency services department. Previous year there were severe cost overruns. Unified made a concerted effort to make changes to reduce hospital costs. Paull asked what the response time is for wait lists. Lockhart stated wait times remain at about one week.</p>
10	<p><u>UW Extension:</u> Hottman reported this is his seventh week at UW Extension. He has spent a lot of time building relationships and project work with county government, including the County Board orientation on April 9. The county government open house is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. The CLA program's second board meeting will be in Platteville. Hottmann will be teaching classes in May/June. Hottmann will be involved with the Homeless Coalition and will assume a role on their board. Hottmann will, also, be involved in the SWCAP garden project and educating people coming into food pantries. Another area of involvement is the Iowa County bus tour. Soon, he will be meeting with the Mineral Point and Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce. Hottmann will see Youth Conservation Day involvement in the coming year and will use the Iowa County Extension website to communicate with clerks. Economic Development ideas include Community garden project in Dodgeville; youth education in financing and working with schools; EMS/Fire grants a possibility. COWS (County Officials Workshop) is May 15 with the closest in Richland Center. In addition, has a broadband call scheduled for tomorrow and a possible boot camp; would like to pull in people who commute to Dodgeville and keep them in this area.</p>

	MHTC recently received funding for rural broadband. Hottmann will be restructuring and conducting a needs assessment to determine direction of overall organization.
11	Next meeting date May 2, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.
12	Adjournment. Motion by Benish to adjourn. Motion second by Bomkamp. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.
	Minutes by: Karen Oellerich Reviewed by Bruce Paull, Secretary

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