

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
June 4, 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, June 4, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Bill Ehr.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Ron Benish, Tom Mueller, Dan Oleson, Greg Parman, Bill Ehr, John Meyers, John Lind, Phil Mrozinski and Mark Masters.
Excused/absent: None.

Also present: Sup. Diane McGuire, Darin Smith, Judy Lindholm, Neil Blackburn and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Lind to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the agenda for this June 3, 2008 meeting. Motion passed.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Social Services Update on Costs Savings of Community-Based Programming

Darin Smith reviewed agenda enclosure. The County's investment in community programming has paid off in reduced out-of-county placement costs. The County began this effort back in the 1980's and ramped up in the 1990's. The Family-based approach deals with the family as a system instead of the prior philosophy of dealing only with the child. Unlike other counties such as Grant that provide a variety of direct services, Iowa County contracts with private providers such as Lutheran Social Services, Unified Community Services, etc. He pointed out the need for additional male mentors. Community-based programming includes the mentoring program, electronic monitoring, independent living and In-home family Therapy.

Studies show that out-of-home placement programs are not as effective as in-home services. Darin provided the Committee with updated 2007 data for the graphs included in the agenda packet.

Sup. Bill Ehr suggested showing the foster care video and this will be scheduled for a future Committee meeting.

The range of costs for caring for children in placement per month are:

Foster Care	\$400
Treatment Foster Care	\$3,000
Group home	\$5,500
Institutional	\$8,000

Iowa County has been fortunate in both starting the road to community-based programs very early plus having good (lucky?) experience in not having children with serious needs requiring more expensive care.

Sup. Diane McGuire also commented on impact of Teen Court on keeping potential clients out of the human services system.

Hodan Center Grant Application

Randy Terronez reviewed status of project. The pre-application will be submitted by the July 1st deadline. The County, on behalf of Hodan, will be processing the Community Development Block Grant application with no costs to the County. Subject to the State accepting the County's pre-application, the County (Hodan) will be submitting the full application later this summer.

Family Care Proposal - Southwest Family Care Alliance Agreement and Resolution

Neil Blackburn, Unified Community Services Executive Director, Commission on Aging Director Judy Lindholm and Social Services Director Darin Smith were present and reviewed agenda enclosures.

In regard to the capitated rate, the regional body had a target of \$3,016 per member per month. The amount was revised to \$2,792. The state's commitment is \$170 short. However, the State has approved additional financial assistance to cover this difference for the 1st year (an additional \$390,000).

Discussion given on the "risk corridor" rate. In the event that costs exceed revenue by greater than 2%, the state will cover the loss. The regional entity was requesting the amount to be 1%.

Grant County has decided not to approve the agreement based upon lack of specific written commitment from the State on the capitated rate. Language provided by the state was termed "too vague".

Discussion given on differences between Grant and Iowa County in the areas of service delivery, use of Unified Community, view on Family Care and "what ifs".

It was noted that while the County is being requested to adopt the enclosed resolution/agreement, the Family Care program implementation isn't scheduled until 2010.

Discussion given on the process for Iowa County to withdraw from the regional entity.

The Committee consensus was that the Iowa County wants to be involved in the process.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Tom Mueller to approve the Southwest Family Care Alliance Agreement and forward to the full Board. Motion carried.

Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Resolution

Judy Lindholm distributed proposed resolution that the County Board needs to adopt in order to be a full participant in the regional Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) consortium. Discussion followed. Based on the pilot projects experience, clients that deal with ADRC – only 15% are referred onto Family Care. The vast majority are of clients referred to an ADRC are not deemed to be in need of Family Care services.

It was noted that Judy Lindholm re-checked with the ADRC and that Sup. Ron Benish would be qualified to serve on the ADRC governing board. Subsequently he was appointed at the May 22 Board meeting.

Discussion given on transitioning the Commission on Aging Board into the ADRC Board.

Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the ADRC resolution which authorizes the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Iowa County and the selection of the Iowa County Board representative on the Regional Governing Board and forward to the full Board. Motion carried.

Agency Presentation-Unified Community Services

Neil Blackburn distributed information on the agency. The six major program areas are: Community Programs, Emergency Services, Long Term Support, Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Support Services. He pointed out the declining state commitment as a percent of the agency budget. In 1996, the state was funding 31% of the agency operations. In 2006 state support decreased to 18%. The agency due in large part to lack of adequate state funding has had to rely more on fees. The fee/other category grew from 29% in 1996 to 35% in 2006.

Concern expressed by Unified is that the state isn't funding the "core" services and is promoting the expansion of new services (i.e., Family Care).

Neil updated the Committee on the Boscobel Psychiatric facility closure. His agency provides a significant volume of clients and funds to the facility. The closure came as a complete surprise and is a huge loss to the ten county service area. He noted that nearby facilities such as Mendota does not accept Medicaid payment, which is the type of clients that Unified deals with. Unified is attempting to negotiate with a La Crosse based facility.

Sup. Mark Masters offered to use the auspices of the SW Regional Planning Commission as a means to develop a short-term and/or long term plan to deal with this issue.

Strategic Planning

Randy Terronez reviewed agenda enclosure and noted that he will be requesting a late Friday afternoon-evening and all day Saturday commitment from Board members either the 3rd or 4th week of August.

- 8. **The next meeting date will be Tuesday, July 2, 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

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