

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
July 2, 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, July 2, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Bill Ehr.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Dan Oleson, Greg Parman, Bill Ehr, John Meyers, John Lind and Mark Masters. Excused/absent: Phil Mrozinski, Tom Mueller and Ron Benish.

Also present: Sups. Diane McGuire, Bob Bunker, Joe Thomas and Peter Berg, Darin Smith, Rebecca Wetter, Neil Blackburn and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. John Lind, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson, second by Sup. John Lind to approve the agenda for this July 2, 2008 meeting. Motion passed.**
5. **Motion by Sup. John Meyers, second by Sup. Greg Parman to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: Sup. Bill Ehr requested the Veterans Office give a presentation at the August Committee meeting..**
7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Social Services

Foster Care Recruitment and Licensing Presentation

Darin Smith introduced Rebecca Wetter who is the County's Foster Care Coordinator and has been in the position for approximately 7 years.

As pointed out at last month's meeting, the need for a strong foster care program significantly reduces placement of children in more expensive out of home and out of county programs.

A video of foster care program training was shown.

The county currently has 16 licensed foster care homes. Nine are inactive. Seven are active and one of the seven was closed due to flood damage.

The program is constantly recruiting for new foster care parents and uses a variety of methods to recruit.

Hodan Center

Grant Application

Agenda enclosure reviewed. A public hearing required by the State Community Development Block Grant program will be held at next Board meeting. Tom Schraeder, Hodan Center Executive Director will be at the public hearing to give a brief overview of the project. Sup. John Lind stated that the agency should know within the next two weeks if it met the pre-qualifying phase.

Motion by Sup. John Lind second by Sup. John Myers to approve the CDBG Citizen participation Plan as required by the State Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and forward to the full Board. Motion carried.

Commission on Aging

Lafayette County Vehicle Use Contract

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Greg Parman second by Sup. Dan Oleson to concur with the County Administrator's approval of the Lafayette County Vehicle Use contract that allows the Iowa County Commission on Aging to utilize Lafayette County vehicles for senior services programs as necessary. Motion carried.

Unified Community Services

Boscobel Psychiatric Facility Closure

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Neil Blackburn gave a presentation on options short-term (in negotiations with a La Crosse facility) and long term. For the long term, a management firm that runs the Cuba City facility may be interested in the Boscobel facility

SW Community Action Agency Presentation

Scheduled for the August 6 Committee meeting.

Strategic Planning

The employee and citizen survey distribution is approximately 2 weeks behind schedule but should be going out in the next few days. The tentative date for the Board is leaning more towards August 23-24 (starting late Friday afternoon, into Friday evening and most of the day on Saturday). Alternative dates into September may be necessary.

8. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, August 6, 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 7:19 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator

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