

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee**  
**January 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, January 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. Greg Parman, John Meyers, Mark Masters, Ron Benish, Dan Oleson, Phil Mrozinski and Bill Ehr. Excused/absent: John Lind and Tom Mueller.**  
**Also present: Judy Lindholm, Barbara Linscheid, Darin Smith, Dan McWilliams and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.**
3. **Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the agenda for this January 7, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. John Meyers to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meetings. Motion passed.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**

**7. Department/Agency Reports**  
**Social Services Department**

Strategic Plan Update

Darin Smith updated the Committee on the department's strategic planning process and distributed handouts of client survey data. The survey data shows a very high degree of satisfaction with the department. The off-site staff retreat has been moved from late January to February 5 at Stonefield. Paul Ohlrogge has been facilitating this activity.

Long Term Planning Committee Appointment

This item was mistakenly placed under Social Services and should have been a Unified Community Services item. Item referred to Committee on Committees.

Functional Screening for Youth

Darin Smith introduced Dan McWilliams to the Committee who is the Supervisor of Adult Services. This program operates as a Waiver which normally is handled by Unified Community Services. In 2004, the state began funding a Children's Waiver program targeted to 3 categories of youth: severely emotionally disturbed, developmental disabled and physically disabled.

Last year, it was discovered that Unified was performing screening but placing them on a waiting list as they were not offering programs for these categories of youth. A family of a qualified client complained to the state and the County Social Services Department began investigating participation in the program.

Three staff have been trained (Dan, Shelly Klopp and Kelly Butteris) to perform functional screens in order to determine client eligibility. Once eligible, clients can receive services up to \$30.60/day in services not previously funded. The clients are those that the department is already involved with so the program expands the amount of services available. The department is currently serving 3 clients in this waiver program.

Committee members thanked Dan for the informative presentation and the expansion of services to qualified Iowa County families.

#### Community Leadership Program

Darin informed the Committee that he and Dan are participating in the 2009 program. Judy Lindholm and Barbara Linscheid among many other county staff that have participated in the program.

#### Commission on Aging

##### ADRC Update/Resolution to Contract with SW WI Workforce Development Board

Judy Lindholm and Randy Terronez updated the Committee on the utilizing the Workforce Development agency for staffing the ADRC function. This method of staffing the program was chosen due to various management considerations. The department has been contracting with SW Community Action Program for a clerical position for many years.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish second by Sup. Greg Parman to approve the proposal to utilize SW WI Workforce Development for staffing of the ADRC and forward the resolution to the Administrative Services Committee. Motion passed.

## **Bloomfield Manor**

### **Smoking Room Proposal**

Sup. Ron Benish noted that he is a member of the Bloomfield Manor Committee and was recently restructured to pay particular focus on “patient welfare and care”. He has been asked by members of the Bloomfield Manor Committee to make a plea for a change to the recently adopted Anti-Smoking Ordinance adopted at the December County Board meeting.

Sup. Benish noted the new regulation will endanger patients by requiring the smokers to go out in very poor inclement weather. He cited last Sunday’s ice storm. A possible compromise would be to allow the indoor smoking area to continue until 2012.

Barbara Linscheid noted that there are currently 5 residents who smoke and a majority prefer to go outside. 2 of the 5 need staff assistance.

It was noted that for all practical purposes, there is only a few times a year that the inclement weather forces the smokers to use the indoor smoking room.

Discussion given on establishing a more sheltered outside area (e.g. covered walkway).

Sup. Bill Ehr suggested the Bloomfield Manor Committee proposing an amendment for consideration by this Committee to possibly recommend to the full Board.

Various Committee members expressed their views opposed to such a proposal with the exception Sups. Ron Benish and Bill Ehr.

### **Other**

Randy Terronez distributed invitation to Leo Klosterman retirement event.

Sup. Mark Masters informed Committee that the January 20 Board meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. with a series of economic development related presentations and the normal business scheduled for approximately 7:00 p.m.

Sup. Bill Ehr noted that Sen. Russ Feingold will be hosting a Town meeting in Highland this Saturday.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator