

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
March 3, 2010

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, March 3, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Bill Ehr.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**

Committee members present: Sups. Tom Mueller, Greg Parman, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Bill Ehr, Ron Benish and Phil Mrozinski. Excused: Sups. Dan Oleson and John Lind.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Director Barb Linscheid, County Health Director June Meudt and Iowa county Administrator Curt Kephart.
3. **Motion by Sup. John Meyers, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the March 3, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience/Committee members:** Supervisor Ron Benish addressed the committee in regards to the reduction in the per diem from \$35 to \$30 approved by the full county board. Sup. Benish expressed concern over the possibility that this would dissuade others from running for board seats as they are being reimbursed at a lower rate. Sup. Benish also suggested exploring the possibility of reducing the number of members on each committee from the current levels of 7-9 members to 4-5 members which seems to be consistent with most other counties of our size. This would allow the per diem to be moved up to the previous rate and still cut costs as less members would be in attendance at each meeting. Sup. Ehr indicated that changing the per diems at this point was not allowable due to the fact that papers had already been filed for the upcoming terms. If per diems were to be raised back to previous levels it could only be done in 2 years at the expiration of the upcoming board terms. The option of modifying committee size can be done by the committee on committees if they so choose.
7. **County Administrator Introduction:** County Board Chairman Mark Masters introduced Curt Kephart as the new County Administrator for Iowa County. Chairman Masters and Mr. Kephart have been meeting with most department heads over the past 3 days.

8. Department/Agency Reports

Veteran Affairs

Supervisor Ehr reported that Ted Mynyk has requested that Terry Certa be reclassified to a Veterans Services Specialist as a result of her increased duties. Administrative Services will be looking at the matter next week to determine the counties position on this matter. This position was not included in the 2010 budget and the department will be exploring ways to incorporate the wage increase within their current 2010 budget.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

N/A

Health Department

Health Director June Meudt requested that the committee approve a modification to resolution number 8-0909 regarding the use of LTE staff. Director Meudt would like the resolution expanded to allow the use of these LTE staff through the end of 2010 to assist with future immunization clinics. The funding for these positions has already been allocated to Iowa County through stimulus funds. **Motion by Sup. Benish, second by Sup. Mrozinski to extend the authority to utilize LTE positions through 12-31-2010. Motion Carried.**

Unified Community Services

N/A

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Bloomfield Director Barb Linscheid presented a copy of the contract proposed by the Southwest Family Care Alliance (SFCA). She reported that the Iowa County Corporation Counsel has reviewed the document and found it to be satisfactory in his legal opinion. Director Linscheid suggested proposing the following modifications to the contract to SFCA prior to signing: 1. That Iowa County be paid in full within a 30 day timeframe the amount of reimbursement received by SFCA from the Supplemental Payment Program. 2. That Iowa County maintains the right to deny admission to family care clients. 3. That Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation must be reimbursed at an additional rate of \$3-4 per day by the resident or family for private rooms. **Motion by Sup. Benish, second by Sup. Mueller to authorize Director Linscheid to enter into a contract with SFCA with the suggested modifications. Motion Carried.**

Social Services Department

Social Services Director Darin Smith announced the promotion of Rebecca Wetter from SW to SW Supervisor. Ms. Wetter has been the foster care coordinator for the past 3 years and an ongoing child protective services worker for the past 8 years. As a result of the promotion a request was made to rehire the position recently vacated by Ms. Wetter. **Motion by Sup. Mueller, second by Sup. Meyers to authorize the refilling of the vacant SW position. Motion Carried.**

Other

Social Services Director Darin Smith updated the committee on the status of Family Care in Iowa County. Unified Community Services has entered into a contract with SFCA to provide care management services for the residents of Iowa County. Unified has completed the hiring process in regards to the registered nurse position and is readying themselves for the anticipated start date of 4-1-10.

8. **The next meeting date will be Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at County Board Room.**
9. **Motion by Sup. Tom Mueller, second by Sup. Ron Benish to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director

Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary