

MINUTES

Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee January 5, 2011

1. **The Health and Human Services Committee met in Room 2001 of the Iowa County Health & Human Services Building at 303 West Chapel in the City of Dodgeville on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Health & Human Services Committee Chair Ron Benish.**

2. **Roll call was taken.**

Committee members present: Sups. Dave Bauer, Ron Benish, Bill Grover, Daniel Nankee, John Meyers, Jeremy Meek and Robert Pilling.

Committee Members Excused: Sups Greg Parman and Phil Mrozinski.

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Iowa County Health Department Director June Meudt, Social Services Business Manager, Thomas Slaney and Iowa County Administrator Curt Kephart.

3. **Reading of the certification of open meetings notice.**

4. **Motion by Sup. Grover, second by Sup. Pilling to approve the January 5, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.**

5. **Motion by Sup. Nankee, second by Sup. Meek to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.**

6. **Open Session – Comments from Audience/Committee Members:** Discussion regarding the committee agenda request forms utilized for some of the agenda items for this meeting. Chairman Benish wanted committee members to know that these forms were not needed to have an item placed on the agenda but would be included in the packets if they are submitted.

7. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

Veterans Services Director Ted Mynyk has returned to the office effective January 3, 2011.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

N/A

Health Department

Director June Meudt requested the ability to hire a part time health educator position which is fully funded via grants. *Motion by Sup. Bauer, second by Sup. Grover to approve the health educator position. Motion Carried.*

Unified Community Services

County administrator Curt Kephart reported that he has been made aware of some complaints regarding the SFCA offices in Dodgeville. As this is no longer part of any county department the information will be forwarded to Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand as he represents Iowa County on the SFCA Board of Directors.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Sup. Ron Benish reported that the resident census has been very good maintaining between 75-80 residents. Contractors are almost completed with the new furnace installation project with the second furnace scheduled to be up and running sometime during the week of January 10, 2011. They are currently working on filling an Asst. Director of Nursing Position but are concerned that they may not have qualified applicants if offered within the current pay matrix. Sup. Bauer went over the Iowa County policy of hiring outside the matrix which requires board approval if it is to occur.

Social Services Department

Social Services Director Darin Smith presented a resolution authorizing the DSS Director to sign state/county contracts. Any modifications to the standard contracting procedure must be discussed with the committee prior to contracts being signed. This resolution has been approved on an ongoing annual basis in previous years. *Motion by Sup. Pilling, second by Sup. Meyer to approve the resolution. Motion Carried.* Director Smith reported on modifications to the County Supportive Home Care program which are necessary due to a recent appellate court decision. The appellate

court has identified providers for these types of programs as having an employee/employer relationship with the county which involves the risks associated with that relationship. Concern over possible liabilities for the county in this area has necessitated the program to be revised to lessen the county's exposure. Within the program, changes have been made to provider selection and to the reimbursement for services rendered removing the county from directly reimbursing providers.

Motion by Sup. Nankee, second by Sup. Grover to approve the modifications to the Supportive Home Care program. Motion Carried. Director Smith reported that Iowa County has been invited to participate in a regionalization of changes made to income maintenance clientele. Rock County will be operating a regional change center which is funded via a start up grant from the State of Wisconsin for a minimum of 6 months. During that time frame Iowa County will evaluate the usefulness of the program and identify and impact on workloads. At the termination of the start up grant funding Iowa County will make a decision as to whether to remain involved or end the program.

Other

An update was given on the status of the new HHS building. Discussion over lighting which is on after hours including computer screens. Staff will be advised to turn off computers when they leave at night not simply log off. Majority of lighting remaining on is not controlled by switches and is automatically set to be on or off based on safety regulations. Window treatments for the Social Services windows were discussed and Sup. Bauer advised to get bids from local providers prior to making any decisions.

- 8. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Room 1001 in the HHS Building.**
- 9. Motion by Sup. Meyer, second by Sup. Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director