

MINUTES
Iowa County – Health and Human Services Committee
April 6, 2011

1. **The Health and Human Services Committee met in the Community Room of the Iowa County Health & Human Services Building at 303 West Chapel in the City of Dodgeville on Wednesday April 6, 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. Ron Benish, Bill Grover, Daniel Nankee, John Meyers, Phil Mrozinski, Dave Bauer, Steve Deal, Robert Pilling and Jeremy Meek.

Committee members excused: None

Also present: Social Services Director Darin Smith, Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Director Barb Linscheid, Unified Community Services Director, Neal Blackburn, Iowa County Administrator Curt Kephart and Iowa County Board Supervisor Ed Weaver.

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

4. **Motion by Sup. Mrozinski, second by Sup. Nankee to approve the April 6, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.**

5. **Motion by Sup. Grover, second by Sup. Meyers to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting with indicated changes in the Bloomfield report. Motion carried.**

6. **Open Session – Comments from Audience/Committee Members:** Supervisor Grover reported on human services day at the capital in Madison. Attending from Iowa County were Sup. Grover, Sup. Nankee, County Administrator Kephart, Unified Community Services Director Blackburn and Social Services Director Smith. Meetings were held with Rep. Marklein and staff from Sen. Schultz's office in regards to human service concerns within the state.

7. **Budget Repair Bill Impact Update** – Matter was referred back to HHS committee for a list of pros and cons in regards to resolution sent to full county board last month. Discussed that the resolution was simply dealing with the concept of taking decision making authority out of the full legislative body and placing it in the hands of the DHS Secretary and joint finance. Supervisor Grover indicated he would be comfortable taking the lead in outlining this to the full county board this month.

8. **Proposal for 303 West Chapel Property** – Community Action Program staff Jean Sewell presented to the committee a proposal to utilize the county owned home at 303 West Chapel as a transitional housing resource. The proposal would include locating a family to reside in the home while working them toward self sufficiency. It would be anticipated that they would stay there fo a maximum of 2 years and be paying toward the costs associated with the home within a period of six months. Neighborhood residents in attendance spoke in support of the concept. *Motion by Sup. Meek, second by Sup. Meyer to forward the proposal to the economic development, extension and property committee with a statement that the health & human services committee is in support. Motion carried 8-1 with Sup. Bauer voting against.*

9. **Department/Agency Reports**

Veteran Affairs

Reported that an internal posting was made available and Jeff Lindeman was selected to replace Ted Mynyk. Jeff will be working half time as the Iowa County VSO with the other half of his duties continuing as a Social Worker with the Iowa County Department of Social Services.

Commission on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center

Rebecca Wetter, SW Supervisor, has assumed interim primary responsibility for oversight of the ADRC/COA programs due to the retirement of Judy Lindholm. Update on SUN program financials by Chairman Ron Benish. Currently the program is serving a greater number of citizens in LaFayette County than Iowa County and creating some fiscal difficulties for them. Iowa County currently has approximately \$120,000 in certificates of deposit designated toward future usage of the program.

Health Department

Director June Meudt reported that there were currently 2 external applications submitted for the vacant nursing position. The Iowa County Health Department annual report was handed out with a request to forward to the full County Board. *Motion by Sup. Mrozinski second by Sup. Grover to forward health department annual report to the full county board. Motion Carried.*

Presented letter requesting that legislators do not co-sponsor raw milk legislation. The health committee last year sent a letter to legislators opposing the sale of raw milk due to health concerns associated with this practice. Director Meudt is requesting approval to send the same letter this year due to the fact that legislation is once again being introduced. *Motion by Sup. Meyers second by Sup Mrozinski to approve sending the letter on behalf of the Health & Human Services Committee. Motion carried 7-2. Sups Grover and Meeks voting against.*

Unified Community Services

N/A.

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation

Bloomfield Health Care & Rehabilitation Director Barb Linscheid reported that last weeks HHS meeting at BHCR was greatly appreciated by the staff and residents. Discussed the possibility of having some of the regular HHS committee meetings at BHCR and indicated she would be supportive of that. BHCR has recently taken over the donated medical equipment program for the county and

Ms. Linscheid reported that things were going well with the transition. Director Linscheid updated committee on the nursing home scholarship program which will hopefully give BHCR a pool from which to fill future nursing vacancies. *Motion by Sup Meek, second by Sup. Pilling to approve the nursing home scholarship program pending Corp Counsel approval of contract language. Motion Carried 5-3 with Sups. Deal, Grover and Meyers voting against.*

Social Services Department

Social Services Director Darin Smith gave an update on the proposed budget bill and its impacts on the Dept. of Social Services. Within the bill is a section which will effectively remove all income maintenance services from the county level and create a statewide enrollment center for individuals to access these services. Discussed the impact on the local residents who utilize these programs as well as impacts to other programs should individuals struggle enrolling for income maintenance assistance. Reviewed and discussed similar county reaction across the state and the possibility of drafting a resolution opposing this. *Motion by Sup. Pilling second by Sup. Meyer to have the Social Services Director draft a resolution opposing the transfer of IM services to the state and forward to the full county board. Motion Carried.*

- 8. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Room 1001 in the HHS Building.**
- 9. Motion by Sup. Meyers, second by Sup. Grover to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Minutes by Darin Smith, ICDSS Director