

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

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**MINUTES OF THE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
July 3, 2013
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2013-7

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| #1 | Supervisor Benish called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Health & Human Services Building at Dodgeville, WI. | Call to Order |
| #2 | <p>Roll Call – Members Present: Supervisors, Nankee, Benish, Richter, Lindholm, Meek, Deal and Mrozinski. Supervisor Bauer and Bomkamp excused.</p> <p>Others Also Present: Social Services Director Tom Slaney, County Administrator Curt Kephart, ADRC Manager Rebecca Wetter, Family Living Agent Ruth Schriefer, Bloomfield Administrator Penny Clary and Interim Health Directors Ann Thompson and Kari Bennett.</p> <p>Motion by Supervisor Nankee, seconded by Supervisor Lindholm to accept the agenda of the July 3, 2013 meeting. Motion adopted. Motion by Supervisor Deal, seconded by Supervisor Lindholm to accept the May 8, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion adopted.</p> | Present |
| #3 | Public Comment: Supervisor Benish asked the committee if they would like to meet at Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center next month and invite the full board. | Public Comment from Public and Supervisors |
| #4 | Dr. Peter Mullin has agreed to be considered for the Health Department Medical Director position. The Health Committee has unanimously recommended his appointment. Motion by Supervisor Mrozinski, seconded by Supervisor Meek to recommend Dr. Mullin's appointment as the Health Department Medical Director. Motion Adopted. | |
| #5 | Supervisor Benish presented a resolution on the Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Reserve Fund. The fund is just over 1 million dollars. It comes from profit from services provided and does not contain any county tax levy. Supervisor Deal felt the full County Board needs to make this decision, not the Bloomfield or the HHS committees. Supervisor Benish stated it will go before the full County Board. Supervisor Lindholm asked if there was a better way to phrase the first whereas statement. She also felt that the Bloomfield Committee needs to have the ability to make choices for repairs and updates without asking permission every time. Administrator Kephart asked if the Bloomfield Committee has identified what a reasonable reserve amount is. And that leaving future expected repairs out of the budget creates a structural deficit. This reserve should be used as a catastrophic safety net. Supervisor Richter asked if Bloomfield was planning or budgeting for these long | |

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| | <p>term needs. Administrator Clary indicated they have created and submitted a long term plan for maintenance needs during the previous budget process. Supervisor Lindholm asked if we could marry the maintenance plan with the resolution and show a purpose for these funds. Supervisor Mrozinski was concerned we are setting a precedent and maybe this resolution should be tweaked to address the concerns of the committee. Supervisor Benish said the fear of this fund being raided brought this issue to the table. Supervisor Deal asked who oversees and what is the Campbell fund used for? Administrator Clary indicated that the Campbell fund is restricted for resident enrichment and enhancement purposes only. Supervisor Nankee likes the idea of the resolution being tied to what it will be used for or earmarked. Motion by Supervisor Nankee, seconded by Supervisor Deal to send the resolution back to the Bloomfield Committee to rework the resolution and to bring back to this committee with inclusion of clearer intentions of how it will be used. Motion carried.</p> | |
| #6 | <p>Supervisor Benish had asked the committee to consider presentation of department financial reports at these meetings. Discussion followed in regards to frequency and timing of the reports. Motion by Supervisor Mrozinski, seconded by Supervisor Meek to not have quarterly financial reports and leave it to the discretion of the Department Heads to monitor and give budget status reports as needed. Motion carried.</p> | |
| #7 | <p>Supervisor Benish introduced a resolution urging Wisconsin to use Federal Medicaid funding to improve Badger care. Supervisor DeLain had asked this committee to consider this resolution. Thirteen other counties have passed a similar resolution. Director Slaney gave a brief description of the difference between the Governor's plan and the Federal plan guidelines. Motion by Supervisor Lindholm, seconded by Supervisor Mrozinski to pass this resolution on to the full County Board. Motion Carried.</p> | |
| #8 | <p><u>UW Extension:</u></p> <p>Ms. Schriefer provided information on the UW Extension's Child Care Provider Project: Eighty three percent (83%) of parents with children under 6 years of age in Iowa County work outside the home. The Child Care Provider Project has partnered with the Children's Librarians in Barneveld, Cobb, Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Montfort. This project uses reading to build early skills in math, science, engineering and technology. Twenty people participated in this training at the HHS facility.</p> | |
| #8 | <p><u>Veteran's Office</u></p> <p>Mr. Lindeman submitted a written report to the committee. The report highlighted efforts to reduce a backlog of disability claims, summer newsletter distribution and no requests for Veterans Relief in first half of the year.</p> | |
| #9 | <p><u>Health Department:</u></p> <p>The Health Committee is recommending Dr. Peter Mullin as the new Medical Advisor for the department.</p> <p>The Health Department has been investigating a salmonella outbreak at a local</p> | |

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| | <p>restaurant. No food or person has been identified as the origin. Another breakout was reported on Monday, July 1st.</p> <p>A grant for bio-terrorism has been used to purchase tablets to do work in the field.</p> <p>Public Health Officer recruitment continues. Twelve potential applicants are being reviewed. The Public Health Committee has recommended an eight thousand dollar increase to the salary of the Public Health Officer and the Director of Nursing at Bloomfield Manor.</p> | |
| #10 | <p><u>Unified Community Services:</u></p> <p>No report</p> | |
| #11 | <p><u>Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation:</u></p> <p>Ms. Clary provided a report on average daily census and the payer source mix and current position vacancies Current census is at 65, with an average census of 61 beds for 2013</p> <p>There has been no action on the reclassification of the Environmental Services Director position.</p> <p>Balloonfest had a good turnout despite the weather.</p> <p>The IT department is implementing an upgraded phone system.</p> <p>The Center for Medical Services has sent a letter informing Bloomfield the penalties for the three immediate jeopardy citations issued by the state were totaling \$85,000. The state recommended \$5,000 penalties. The state urged us to appeal this penalty and apply for hardship to create an independent review of this decision. An attorney has been hired to help with this appeal.</p> <p>.</p> | |
| #12 | <p><u>ADRC:</u></p> <p>Brittany Rewey has been hired for the Information & Assistance Specialist position and will start July 8, 2013.</p> <p>Ms. Wetter highlighted several health related workshops being offered by the ADRC in the next couple of months.</p> <p>The department has been in the process of coordinating a five year transportation plan along with other counties in our region. Local community forums have been held to gather input from our consumers. Goals will be set for the current Car A Van and Driver Escort programs.</p> | |
| #13 | <p><u>Social Services:</u></p> | |

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| | <p>Mr. Slaney informed the committee that a five county consortium (Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette) was awarded a grant to implement a Wisconsin Trauma Project. This project has a three tiered approach to deal with trauma affected children.</p> <p>An ESS worker has been hired and starts on July 15, 2013 to help with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>Many ADRC and DSS staff attended the July 2nd Affordable Health Care 101 seminar sponsored by the Dodgeville and Mineral Point Chambers of Commerce and the UW Extension. Dr. Aaron Dunn, Kevin Kane and Atty. Tyler Wilkinson were presenters. An overview of the law was provided for local businesses and citizens.</p> <p>Emergency Management met with the Health Dept., ADRC and DSS to discuss the status of the recent flooding emergency and some unmet needs of those affected.</p> | |
| #14 | <p><u>Other:</u></p> <p>The Committee wants to thank Dr. Biere for his service as the Medical Advisor for the past 21 years.</p> | |
| #15 | <p>Motion by Supervisor Nankee, seconded by Supervisor Meek, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., and schedule next HHS Committee meeting at Bloomfield Manor on August 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Motion adopted.</p> | Adjourn |
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