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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
September 4, 2013
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

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#1	Supervisor Benish called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room at the HHS Building in Dodgeville, WI.	Call to Order
#2	<p>Roll Call – Members Present: Supervisors; Nankee, Benish, Richter, Lindholm, Meek, Mrozinski, Deal and Bomkamp. Supervisor Bauer excused.</p> <p>Others Also Present: Social Services Director Tom Slaney, County Administrator Curt Kephart, ADRC Manager Rebecca Wetter, Bloomfield Administrator Penny Clary, SUN Director Cecile McManus, Bloomfield Staff Karen Oellerich, Rhonda Pitsnogle, Michelle Allaby, Jake Tarrell and Mary Ramsden.</p> <p>Motion by Supervisor Nankee, seconded by Supervisor Lindholm to accept the agenda of the September 4, 2013 meeting. Motion adopted. Supervisor Deal asked to amend the 8/7/13 minutes item #14 to correct the date and place of this meeting. Motion by Supervisor Lindholm, seconded by Supervisor Bomkamp to accept the amended August 7, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.</p>	Present
#3	Public Comment: Supervisor Benish wanted to clarify the committee’s wishes to see financial reports from the departments. At the July 3, 2013 HHS meeting, the committee decided not to require regular financial reports, but for departments to monitor your budgets and bring any budget concerns to the committee as they occur.	Public Comment from Public and Supervisors
#4	Supervisor Benish indicated the SUN program requested tax levy for 2013 and did not expect to come back for a 2014 tax levy request. Due to the federal sequester for 2014 and the state not covering the 2013 sequester losses (as they did in 2013 allocations), the SUN program needs to ask for additional tax levy from both Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Director McManus indicated the funding allocations were reduced in 2014 due to a change in demographics of the aging population in the state (we retained a similar amount of eligible residents, but the amount of statewide residents increased). The SUN program is asking for an additional \$23,000 from Iowa and Lafayette Counties (\$10,000 - Iowa, \$13,000 - Lafayette), while cutting \$11,000 in expenses for 2014. Director Slaney informed the committee that the ADRC would be responsible to run the nutrition program if the SUN program did not run the meal program. If the county chose not to run a nutrition program, the county would lose all Older Americans Act (GWAAR) funding the ADRC receives (Between \$50,000-\$100,000). Supervisor Deal asked for the total GWAAR funding that would be lost compared to the tax levy requested by the SUN program. Motion by Supervisor Mrozinski, seconded by Supervisor Deal to recommend the additional funding request of the SUN program. Motion carried.	

#5	<p>Administrator Clary introduced the Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Reserve Fund resolution along with an itemized list of big ticket expenses (over \$50,000) expected within the next ten years. A list of the anticipated 2014 capital expenses was also presented. Chairman Benish asked where this resolution would go next, if approved by this committee. Administrator Kephart indicated the ASC Committee should be next to review the resolution. Supervisor Lindholm explained the Bloomfield Committee recommended having an upper and lower limit to this reserve fund. Supervisor Deal stated the reserve won't last long with the list of needs over the next ten years. Discussion by various supervisors on the long term viability of the facility needs to be addressed. Supervisor Lindholm said this issue goes beyond helping Bloomfield; it helps the county residents by having a facility close by. Motion by Supervisor Lindholm, seconded by Supervisor Meek to forward the resolution on to the ASC Committee with the recommendation the resolution is forwarded to the full County Board. Motion carried.</p>	
#6	<p>Administrator Clary reminded the committee this issue was postponed at last month's meeting and was to be presented to the Long Range Planning Committee. The Long Range Planning Committee approved the strategic plan with the results of the plan going to a public referendum in 2014. Administrator Clary indicated the Strategic plan would cost around \$42,000 with no timeline identified. The money to pay for the plan would come from the reserve fund. Motion by Supervisor Meek, seconded by Supervisor Deal to approve the Strategic Plan process with the results going to a referendum in 2014. Motion carried.</p>	
#7	<p>Chairman Benish indicated the Administrative Services Committee has already seen this audit. Supervisor Deal asked why it went to ASC before the HHS Committee. Administrator Kephart explained it could go to either committee, but went to ASC first because it was a financial audit. Administrator Clary indicated revenues were reduced due to changes in facility census. Motion by Supervisor Mrozinski, seconded by Supervisor Nankee to acknowledge the HHS Committee received a copy of the 2012 Bloomfield Audit. Motion carried.</p>	
#8&9	<p>Chairman Benish asked ADRC Manager Rebecca Wetter if she had a recommendation to address the recent staff turnover. ADRC Manager Wetter stated she was hoping for a discussion by the committee. Chairman Benish thinks it is a matter of time before we lose some ADRC staff again. Supervisor Deal suggested a county wide wage and classification study should be done and the county would pay for the study with the savings from training of staff by reducing turnover. Motion by Supervisor Deal, seconded by Supervisor Lindholm to forward to the Administrative Services Committee a recommendation that a county wide wage and classification study be completed in the next four months. Motion carried.</p>	
#10	<p><u>UW Extension:</u> No report</p>	
#11	<p><u>Veteran's Office</u> Mr. Lindeman indicated the fall edition of the Veteran's newsletter will be distributed in a couple of weeks to just under 1000 veterans.</p>	

	<p>The Veterans office has seen an increase in healthcare applications. This is probably due to the Affordable Care Act. Veteran's healthcare is considered credible health plan by the ACA.</p> <p>Mr. Lindeman indicated the local funeral home directors would like a presentation on veteran's burial benefits. They will work together to provide this training.</p>	
#12	<p><u>Health Department:</u></p> <p>Administrator Kephart announced the county has a confirmed, accepted offer for the Health Director position. Jenny Pritchett has accepted the position and will start September 23, 2013.</p> <p>A written report was distributed with the HHS packet discussing multiple health related issues.</p>	
#13	<p><u>Unified Community Services:</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
#14	<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 60, with an average census of 62 beds for 2013</p> <p>The appeal of the Center for Medical Services sanctions was denied. They have chosen not to file any further appeals, but to apply for hardship consideration.</p> <p>Administrator Clary presented operation statements through June 2013. This report gave month to date and year to date financial statements for both revenues and expenses. A receivable schedule was also presented.</p>	
#15	<p><u>ADRC:</u></p> <p>A Disability Benefit Specialist has been hired. Nikki Hutson will start September 16, 2013.</p> <p>The "Welcome to Medicare" presentations have started in the community. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/11/2013.</p> <p>On September 26th the "Be Healthy, Be Happy, Live Well: Health Fair" will occur in the HHS building. Many departments will collaborate in this fair with the ADRC coordinating the event.</p> <p>Statistics were presented on the services provided by ADRC staff during July 2013.</p>	
#16	<p><u>Social Services:</u></p>	

	<p>Mr. Slaney gave an update on the Affordable Care Act Kickoff meeting held by the Division of Health Services on 8/20/13. Regional Enrollment Networks (REN) was discussed as a tool to help citizens navigate the Marketplace/Healthcare exchange. A meeting is scheduled for 9/10/13 to further organize the Iowa County REN.</p> <p>Iowa County DSS and Unified Community Services held a Public Hearing on August 14, 2013 at 6:00 PM. No citizens attended.</p> <p>Our Economic Support Consortium continues to gear up for the ACA. We are increasing the staffing of our Call Center to handle questions from current Badgercare recipients that are receiving change in coverage notices around mid-September.</p> <p>The Trauma Care project (a five county consortium) met to discuss program requirements and to identify participants by mid-October.</p> <p>A UW-Madison graduate student started a year-long internship with the Children and Family Unit today.</p>	
#17	<p><u>Other Business:</u></p> <p>None</p>	
#18	<p>Motion by Supervisor Meek, seconded by Supervisor Lindholm, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., and schedule next HHS Committee meeting at HHS Building Community Room on October 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Motion adopted.</p>	Adjourn