



APPROVED MINUTES
Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM
Community Room HHS Building

**Iowa
County
Wisconsin**

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bruce Paull at 5:00 PM

Roll Call was taken:

2 Member present: Supervisor Bomkamp, Supervisor Clerkin, Supervisor Lindholm, Supervisor Meek, Supervisor Meyers and Supervisor Paull. Supervisor Benish was excused.

Others present: ADRC/DSS Director Tom Slaney, Health Director Jenny Pritchett, Veterans Service Officer Jeff Lindeman, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Children and Families Manager Michele Klusendorf and Nancy Anderson.

Approve the agenda for this meeting:

3 Sup. Lindholm moved to approve the May 6, 2015 meeting agenda. Sup. Bomkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting:

4 Sup. Clerkin moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. Sup. Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Lindholm abstained.

Comments or reports from the audience or committee members:

5 Nancy Anderson, Chairman of the Iowa County Homeless Coalition, told the committee she was here to raise awareness of the homeless coalition. They have operated a homeless shelter in Dodgeville for the last ten years. The shelter can house a single family or an individual and the stay is limited to a 90 days. Since October 2014, they have turned away 33 people requesting the shelter due to occupancy. Mentors are used to assist families regain housing on their own. Supervisor Lindholm asked what is the makeup of our homeless population. Ms. Anderson indicated we have a higher percentage of families with children than the statewide average. Supervisor Meek asked what do you do with the homeless when the shelter is full. Ms. Anderson replied those families or individuals are referred to other counties. In most cases, those other counties are full also. The need for shelter space has risen lately. The coalition is working with Southwest CAP to develop a better system of tracking data on the homeless population. The mentors utilize UW Extension staff to provide budgeting education and Southwest CAP can provide grants for first month's rent and security deposits for the homeless. Supervisor Lindholm questioned if enough low income housing is available in Iowa County. Ms. Anderson stated that low income housing is limited. Ms. Anderson reiterated her intention today was to raise awareness of their coalition and the need for resources.

6	<p><u>Discussion and possible action on revising Iowa County Ordinance # 600.26 (An ordinance regulating or prohibiting smoking in and around county buildings, property and in county owned vehicles) to include electronic cigarettes.</u></p> <p>Health Director Jenny Pritchett passed out copies of the existing ordinance, the proposed changed ordinance and an article on E-Cigarettes. Director Pritchett stated this issue was brought up at the March Health Committee meeting. The Health Committee supported the changes to include e-cigarettes in the ordinance. E-cigarettes are not regulated at this time and they pose a risk management issue to the county. Director Pritchett stated the changes were proposed to be proactive with the issue of electronic cigarettes. Motion by Supervisor Meek to approve the revision of Iowa County ordinance # 600.26 to include e-cigarettes in section #1 of the ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Clerkin. Motion carried.</p>
7	<p><u>SUN Program:</u></p> <p>No report</p>
8	<p><u>UW Extension:</u></p> <p>Supervisor Paull gave an update from the UW Extension meeting held recently. The SNAP budget will remain the same next year. Deb Ivey gave a report on her work with the 4-H Leadership Association. Supervisor Lindholm participated in a group that met with the legislators to discuss the potential budget cuts to the UW System.</p>
9	<p><u>Veteran's Service Office:</u></p> <p>VSO Jeff Lindeman indicated that his department will be under budget this year due to the retirement of VSO administrative staff.</p> <p>VSO Lindeman included a letter in the committee packet about annual VSO grants available to counties. The letter outlines proposed changes in the grant process to counties. The administrative rules have not been finalized for the grant, so some uncertainty exists in what expenses will be allowable. VSO Lindeman will keep the committee informed as this new process gets clarified.</p>

10	<p><u>Health Department:</u></p> <p>Health Director Jenny Pritchett passed out her director's report.</p> <p>Director Pritchett informed the committee this is National Nurses Week.</p> <p>The Communicable Disease Activity reports some respiratory viruses still exist in the state along with a few Norovirus outbreaks across the southern region. No current outbreaks in Iowa County.</p> <p>Spring school immunizations will be completed this week. The focus has been on adolescent immunizations (Tdap, meningitis and HPV).</p> <p>Statistics were provide on the Public Health contact through April 2015</p>
11	<p><u>Unified Community Services:</u></p> <p>No Report</p>
12	<p><u>Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation:</u></p> <p>Supervisor Paull reported the average census is 58 for the month.</p> <p>A representative from Bloomfield will attend wakes/funerals of residents.</p> <p>The new social worker is working out fine. She has a lot of new ideas.</p> <p>The committee is concerned on how long the hiring process takes. They will consult with the Employee Relations Department to see it can possibly be shortened.</p>
13	<p><u>ADRC Update:</u></p> <p>No report</p>
14	<p><u>Social Services Department Update:</u></p> <p>ADRC/DSS Director Tom Slaney indicated the Social Services Department appears to have a budget surplus at this time. Out of home care placements have increased lately which may affect that surplus projection. The department has been experiencing very low rates out of home care rates recently.</p> <p>Social Services administration has requested and obtained approval to refill the Social Worker position vacancy created when Jeff Lindeman was made full time. This half time position will be converted to a full time position. The staffing plan includes an additional half time position vacancy we are combining with the vacant juvenile justice position to make the full time position. The funding for the additional half time position will come from the Coordinated Service Team (CST) contract, so no additional county funds are needed. We currently contract CST services from Lutheran Social Services. We believe the recruitment of a full time position will be more successful than the recruitment of a half time position.</p>

	<p>Director Slaney reported the WHEAP (energy assistance) program has seen an increase in the volume since April 15th. The utility moratorium ends April 15th, which creates a lot of individuals facing disconnect notices. The crisis intervention services (disconnect relief) are available through September 30, 2015. The regular energy assistance program ends on May 15th, 2015.</p> <p>Director Slaney shared some staff recognition/compliments received from state program supervisors with the committee.</p>
15	Next meeting date set for June 3, 2015 at 5:00 pm.
16	Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Clerkin, seconded by Supervisor Bomkamp at 6:15 pm. Motion Carried.
	Minutes by Tom Slaney