

UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 6:00 PM
Iowa County Health & Human Services Building- Community Room
303 West Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Beals (Chair), Nancy Howard, Justin O'Brien, Gary Ranum, Mike Tiber, Janelle Carroll, Steve Obershaw, John Beinborn. Zoom: Amy Kite. Quorum present.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joan Davis & Dawn Kendrick

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Freeman, Nate Dreckman, Robert Keeney, Kayzia Teal and Robin Rosemeyer.

Open Meeting Law Certification: Meeting Notice was sent to six newspapers, including Grant County Herald Independent; as well as two radio stations in Grant and Iowa Counties. It was posted in four public locations (two offices of Unified Community Services and both County buildings), and on the Grant County, Iowa County, and Unified Community Services' websites. Notice given that meeting will be conducted in person and via electronic videoconferencing. *Verified by Robin Rosemeyer.*

Agenda: Motion by Chair, Carol Beals, to remove items # 6 (Payment of Bills) and item #9 (Update and discussion regarding Audit results for 2023 and 2024) from agenda due to Finance Director, Jessica Munson, being absent.

Steven Obershaw moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting as printed after removing two above items; Motion seconded by John Beinborn; Motion passed unanimously.

January 2026 Minutes: *Gary Ranum moved to approve the January 2026 Meeting Minutes as published; Motion seconded by Justin O'Brien; January Board Minutes were approved by all members in attendance.*

Introduction of new UCS Director, Sue Freeman: Sue Freeman introduced herself and shared her background and what brings her to UCS. She stated that she is excited for the opportunity. Board did introductions and welcomed her.

Reports:

- Director's Report: Sue Freeman provided information on a space assessment that is currently happening by a UWP student at the Dodgeville site as well as information regarding a client and program funding issue.
- Staffing Report: The staff report was included in the packet from Angi Gerndt, HR
- Financial Report: No financial report.
- Chair Report: No chair Report.
- Reports from other Board Members: No reports.

Institute Supplement Payment: Members discussed the request of \$53,112 from Grant County general fund for the Institute Supplement Payment. The requested \$53,112 is for three clients in which UCS pays the first \$40,000 followed by Grant County responsible for up to \$30,000 per client.

Member Steven Obershaw made the motion to take the funding request to the Grant County Executive Board for approval; motion seconded by John Beinborn; the Board unanimously approved the funding.

Resolution to Withdraw from the Wisconsin Employer's Group Life Insurance Programs: UCS and Grant County have offered employees two different/separate life insurance policies. Currently UCS employees get one times their salary with a cost associated to UCS for \$1000; moving to Grant County's life insurance would be \$15,000 term life with no cost to UCS. After board discussion, it was decided that the Unified staff currently enrolled in the WI Employer's Group Life Insurance would be contacted by agency management to discuss the plans and differences before moving forward.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: *At 7:01 PM Mike Tiber made motion to adjourn; Motion seconded by John Beinborn and passed unanimously.*

Adjournment pursuant to the next Unified Community Services meeting, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM - Grant County Administration Building, County Board Room.

Robin Rosemeyer, recorder