

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE  
Held on August 6, 2001**

**Members Present:** Robert Fyrst, Carole McGuire, Gail Rutkowski, Echnaton Vedder, Judy Wilcox

**Members Absent:** Regina Rhyne (exc.), Ruth Ann Schoer (exc.)

**Staff and Others:** Barbara Bailey, David Wandel

**Call to Order:** At 5:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sup. McGuire moved and Sup. Vedder seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of 7/25/01 and 7/30/01. Motion approved 5-0.

**Chair's Report/Announcements:** Sup. Rutkowski reported on the WAHA board meeting held to do conference planning. Sup. Wilcox reminded members there will not be a meeting of this committee until August 27, 2001. Sup. Fyrst reported on Celebrating Families event on Saturday.

**Committee Report:** Veteran's Services Commission meeting report by Sup. Fyrst.

**Per Diem:** Sup. Rutkowski moved and Sup. Vedder seconded a motion to approve the following per diem: August 1 for Sup. Fyrst at Veterans Services Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

**Colonial Club Presentation: Program for Educating Seniors about Medication Usage:**

Barbara Bailey of the Colonial Club introduced David Wandel and explained his role in establishing this program at the Colonial Club. Wandel provided a history of how the program first was developed in Chicago six years ago. Medications are a huge problem with older people – sometimes they have to make choices to eat or take medications, and there is a lack of coordination of medication for the elderly. It is our role at the Colonial Club to enhance the lives of the elderly as much as possible. “Senior Meds” is name of program; a pharmacist will give a presentation to small groups of seniors. After the initial general session with group, the pharmacist will meet individually and confidentially with each person and produce a written record for the person to take to his or her own pharmacist or doctor. The Colonial Club plans a kick-off in the fall and they hope to reach all of Dane County with this program.

Sup. Rutkowski suggested including the Nutrition Committee of the Area Agency on Aging in their planning. The Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing acknowledged the effectiveness of such programs. UW Hospital and the School of Pharmacy are major supporters. Walgreens is also a partner, as well as a local pharmacy in Sun Prairie. The Colonial Club expects to train volunteers to carry out this program. Sup. Wilcox suggested Sup. Hanneman and Sup. Mike Blaska be informed of this program since they represent the Sun Prairie area. She also suggested gathering quantifiable information so that when applying for grants, this information will be available. Sup. Rutkowski suggested information and materials be available in Spanish. Members suggested contacting Independent Living and Meals on Wheels for outreach purposes. Sup. Wilcox will put together a letter of support for the program.

**Adjournment:** Sup. Fyrst moved and Sup. Rutkowski seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Recorded by Eleanor Harris