



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, in room D/E at the Rock County Job Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Timothy Zuehlke, Controller; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC & APS Division Manager; Greg Winkler, BH Division Manager; Amanda Lake, Outpatient Services Program Manager; and Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager.

Others Present: Nancy Stabb, Neil DeuPree, Linda Reinhardt, Janesville League of Women Voters. Judy Vaughn, citizen.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of July 26, 2017: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Schulz announced Sheila DeForest is leaving. Ms. DeForest was a Foster parent and previously a foster child herself. Her party is Wednesday, August 17, from 5:30-7pm at the Rotary Center.

Submission of Committee Requests: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved one transfer to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren explained funds were budgeted in 2017 for computer licenses, but we would like to transfer funds to purchase scanners to get electronic health records into the system. The transfer was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Report on Bills: Mr. Zuehlke stated there was nothing out of the ordinary to highlight, and there weren't any questions.

Suicide and Substance Abuse Trends and Agency Response: Mr. Winkler provided a handout on the number of Rock County suicides from 2003 to 2015 and explained the Medical Examiner's office data for suicides after 2015 was not available to us. There was an upward trend in suicides within Rock County between 2013 and 2015. Rock County HSD reports a death whenever we suspect suicide of an open client. Rock County HSD Behavioral Health has approximately 5,000 clients, and we have averaged approximately two reportable suicides per year. Mr. Winkler

explained we are currently using a systematic way to screen and assess all clients and are continually training staff on specific treatment for people at risk. Citizen Representative Williams advised she is interested in how we are working outside of the HSD client base. Mr. Winkler explained the Zero Suicide initiative is a collaboration of HSD and outside agencies. Supervisor Garrett clarified that there were 30 suicides in all of Rock County in 2015 and two were within HSD. Supervisor Fell advised he listened to a report from the Medical Examiner's office on Monday and they provided 2016 information, perhaps Mr. Winkler could connect with the Medical Examiner's office. Supervisor Garrett suggested Mr. Winkler and the Medical Examiner could report together to the HSD Board in the future to provide additional information.

Mr. Winkler reviewed the second handout about Rock County opiate overdoses from calendar year 2006 to 2015. There has been an upward trend in deaths both in Wisconsin and Rock County. He provided details of what we are doing in response to the increase. There is a significant issue with a treatment gap which means we have funds to pay for services but not enough physicians to prescribe medications. Mr. Winkler responded to questions and explained there is a resolution next on the agenda to create two positions to help with this.

Citizen Representative Williams asked for clarification and stated her original question was about any correlation between opiate overdoses and suicides. She asked if overdoses are counted as suicides. Mr. Winkler responded that the overdoses are considered accidental deaths not suicides. She requested more informational data on client's demographics such as history of jail, city or rural residence and economic status. Mr. Winkler advised there is no direct data that suggests there is a relationship between opiate overdoses and suicides. Ms. Luster advised there is a complexity of factors and there may be increased risk of suicide with increased drug abuse, the drivers are likely similar.

Supervisor Garrett clarified that through the Zero Suicide initiative we are trying to achieve zero suicides within HSD and overall we are trying to lower suicides in all of Rock County. She is interested in data regarding the two suicides within HSD opposed to all of Rock County on gender, age, jail history, trauma history and opioid connection. She would like to know more about the cases and connections. Ms. Luster advised we will bring back an agenda item to talk about what has been requested.

Resolution Accepting State Targeted Response Opioid Crisis Grant Funds and Amending the 2017 Budget to Create .4 FTE RN Project Position and 1.0 FTE AODA Case Manager Project

Position: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Dommershausen. Mr. Winkler introduced Amanda Lake the Outpatient Services Program Manager. Ms. Lake worked on the application to apply for the State Targeted Response Opioid Crisis Grant. Ms. Lake explained the 21st Century Cares Act provided Wisconsin with \$1.8 million for this grant. Counties in need had to apply to receive funds. Rock County's need is very large and we requested about \$503,000 but we were rewarded about \$124,000. They based the grants on the counties that applied and the county's need. Our need primarily is in regards to more physicians who can prescribe medications. These funds are targeted to create access to medications. The resolution we will be presenting next on the agenda is to create a position for an AODA Therapist and a part time RN position to help with our need to prescribe medications. Ms. Lake responded to questions about people getting off the waitlist, accessing services, measuring success and if the grant will continue into the future. Ms. Lake advised it is difficult to find physicians who are willing to prescribe medications but the Heroin Task Force is working on this. We are talking with Sauk County because they are working on creating a pool of physicians who will prescribe medications as well. Ms. Luster responded to questions about nurse practitioners and social workers providing assistance and the CCS program. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Resolution Supporting Access to Health Care: Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Supervisor Schulz explained the resolution went to the Staff Committee and they requested changes to whom the resolution is sent to. The changes have been made. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Director's Report:

- Budget Process Update – Ms. Luster advised we submitted the 2018 HSD proposed budget yesterday. The total available County levy is \$800,000 HSD proposed \$349,637. Next, the HSD Division Managers and Ms. Luster will meet with County Administrator Smith for two days in September to review the proposed HSD Divisional requests and make final changes.
- HSD Diversity Training – It is a priority for HSD and for County Administration to provide Diversity training for staff. Ms. Luster is working with Marc Perry from Community Action to not only provide trainings but on a broader level consultation to create a Diversity and inclusion plan. The training plan includes: three two hour sessions for all Senior Management with Mr. Perry to discuss our vision and organizational desires; and to see where HSD is as an organization on Diversity IQ and climate. Following the Senior Leadership meetings Mr. Perry will have two trainings with all HSD Supervisors to solidify what Senior Leadership discussed and gauge how to move forward. Following the Supervisors' meetings all staff will be mandated to attend a three hour Competence Continuum with Mr. Perry. County Administration is using our efforts as a pilot for the entire County. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Garrett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers with unanimous approval at 5:40 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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