



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, in the Conference room at the Beloit Area Community Health Center (BACHC), Beloit, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; April Heim, ES Division Manager; Ali McCalmont, ES Supervisor; Connie Mageland, ES Specialist; Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager; Geri Heim, CYF Supervisor; and Cassandra Baacke, CYF Social Worker.

Others Present: Julie Sprecher, CEO, BACHC. Bill McCarty, League of Women Voters. Kortney Karnok, MSW student.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of November 14, 2018: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Supervisor Fell moved five contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Ms. Mooren provided information about the contracts. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

November HSD Employee Impact Award Recognition: Ms. Luster introduced Cassie Baacke. Ms. Baacke is an Ongoing CPS Social Worker. Ms. Luster explained on top of Cassie's CPS Ongoing work she spent a lot of time and effort to help us apply for a Family Drug Treatment Court grant for Rock County. This is similar to our other specialty courts but specifically for parents who have addiction issues and need treatment who have open cases in our CPS area. They would give them a separate opportunity to have more support and accountability with a goal to reunify with their children sooner. Cassie has come to Rock County from Milwaukee County and has helped us greatly. Just recently we found out we did receive the grant, and we are very thankful for all the work she has done on this. Ms. Heim added that this is quite an accomplishment since Cassie has never written a grant before, and her work never was neglected with the additional work she spent on this. Mr. Horozewski explained that we had a workgroup for this and it just was not getting off the ground, but Cassie's kept going with this. He explained that he did a lot of this on her own time and her passion shows by her commitment to do this.

Resolution to Recognize Connie Mageland: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Ms. Heim introduced Connie Mageland and her Supervisor Ali McCalmont. Ms. McCalmont explained that Ms. Mageland has worked for Rock County for over seventeen years as a dedicated and valued employee. She began her career in 2001 with Rock County Communication Center as a Telecommunicator with 911. She began her career in Economic Support in 2002 as an Income Maintenance Worker. She transitioned to Childcare Coordinator in 2007 and in 2008 became a supervisor for the W-2 program. In 2012, she started her position as an Elderly, Blind and Disabled ES Specialist. Ms. Mageland has shown a variety of skills and knowledge for the clients she has served. She has shared her wisdom with fellow co-workers and passed her exceptional knowledge on to other staff. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Updates on Federal Legislation to Address the Opioid Crisis: Ms. Luster provided an update about the Federal legislation addressing the opioid crisis as requested by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Luster advised that the SUPPORT – Act bill allocates dollars to States to utilize in a variety of ways to combat the opioid epidemic.

Ms. Luster highlighted some key provisions that may help Rock County. There is a significant provision that Medicaid can be billed for residential treatment of sixteen beds or greater. Currently we are using a block grant or tax levy for this. Wisconsin did already apply for a waiver which just got approved, so it is unclear how this will manifest and if Wisconsin will go with the waiver or this legislation. There may be changes with the new administration and we are waiting to see, but it is still a very positive change in legislation.

There is language in the legislation around best practice for those who are re-entering into the community from the criminal justice system. Language that did not pass was about not cancelling benefits while an individual was incarcerated but rather putting benefits on hold and then starting automatically when the individual was released.

There is language about reviewing drug court provisions around accountability of prescribers, tracking opiates, and tracking over doses. Ms. Luster responded to questions about if this will help with getting help for people sooner.

Director's Report:

- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised Derrick's House is up and running. There is a census of six youth currently.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised the WCA officially sent a letter to the Secretary of Corrections essentially advocating for an emergency rule. Counties want time to be able to view and give feedback on the rule. The Governor and the DCF Secretary were copied on the letter. The counties have a lot at stake and want to respond to the rule before it is finalized. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Tour of BACHC Behavioral Health Clinic Area: Ms. Luster introduced Julie Sprecher, CEO, BACHC. Ms. Sprecher proceeded with the tour of the Behavioral Health area at BACHC at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:07 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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