

ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Virtual - YouTube

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 14, 2021.

Present: Board members present: Chair Brian Knudson; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Supervisor; Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; Pam Bostwick, Supervisor; and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Staff present: Kate Luster, Director; Jenna Singer, Comprehensive Community Services; Mark Stevens, Business Services Manager; Maria Delgado, Economic Support Division Manager and Lead Southern Consortium; Nancy Koene, CPS Division Manager; Julie Butz, Children's Long Term Support Program Manager and Birth-3 Program; Bette Trimble, Crisis Intervention Program Manager; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Ryan Trautsch, Youth Justice and Youth Services Center Program Manager; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Kofi Abaidoo, Coordinator of Quality Improvement; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Adult Protective Services Division Manager; Amy Cottingham, Community Services Program; and Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager.

Chair Knudson welcomed everyone to the annual Public Hearing for the Rock County Human Services Department 2022 Budget. Ms. Luster the HSD Managers.

Chair Knudson introduced the speaker:

Speaker #1 – Jane Golberg, Director Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change – Ms. Golberg advised Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change is a Substance Abuse Prevention coalition and state certified prevention agency. She expressed how grateful they are for the County's support with the implementation of prevention services that they do throughout the county. Substance abuse prevention services are critical especially after the past sixteen months. The Covid19 pandemic has created a negative effect on mental health, increased substance abuse, and has created new barriers for individuals who are already struggling. A well rounded prevention program promotes the health and safety of individuals and communities by reducing the likelihood, delaying onset and slowing the progression of substance use disorders. The addition of the Coordinator for Prevention and Engagement has been extremely beneficial in our prevention efforts and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the County.

Chair Knudson suggested pausing the meeting until 6:15 p.m. to give others who may possibly want to join the meeting a chance to log in. The meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m. and there were no further requests to speak.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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