

**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
Room K
Rock County Job Center, Janesville**

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 2012, in Room K at the Rock County Job Center.

Present: Board members present: Chair Brian Knudson; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; William Grahn, Supervisor; Kathy Kelm, Citizen Representative; Phillip Owens, Supervisor, Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Marvin Wopat, Supervisor. Staff present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sandy Brown, Child Protective Services; Lance Horozewski, Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services; Sara Mooren, Fiscal Operations; Kate Flanagan, Mental Health and AODA; Carla Blackcoon, Economic Support Services; Jennifer Thompson, Long Term Support; Patrick Singer, Technology, Records and Quality Management; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; and Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary.

Chair Knudson welcomed everyone to the annual Public Hearing for the Rock County Human Services Department. Chair Knudson introduced the Human Services Director, Charmian Klyve. Ms. Klyve introduced the Division Managers present: Jennifer Thompson, Long Term Support Manager; Sandy Brown, Child Protective Services Manager; Lance Horozewski, Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services Manager; Kate Flanagan, Outpatient and Adult Community Services Manager; Carla Blackcoon, Economic Support Services Manager; Patrick Singer, Technology, Records and Quality Management Manager; Sara Mooren, Fiscal Operations Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller. Ms. Klyve introduced and recognized Chair Podzilni, County Board Chair who was also present. She then introduced Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director.

Chair Knudson introduced the Board members present. He stated that the Board and staff are here to listen to concerns as we plan for the fiscal year 2013. The role of the Board at this Public Hearing was to listen, not to debate issues or make comment. Speakers for the evening were asked to limit their comments to 3-4 minutes.

Supervisor Knudson introduced the speakers in the order they signed in:

Speaker #1 – Jean Randles, HealthNet of Rock County – Ms. Randles gave the address for the HealthNet Medical services and the new Dental services clinic. She expressed thanks for the funding that HealthNet has been receiving since 2004. She explained for HealthNet to keep providing quality services they need funding to continue and if possible increased. There is an increased need in the community. Only 3% of their funding is used for overhead and the other 97% is used for program services. She requested an increase in funding.

Speaker #2 – Heidi Fearn, Citizen – Ms. Fearn explained she has tried to get into AODA treatment but was told she would be put on a wait list. She has only seen a counselor three times in two months. She needs help.

Her concern is there is a lack of funding to help provide people with services they need.

Speaker #3 – Harry Smith, GM Retiree, Resident of Janesville – Mr. Smith has concerns about AODA funding. He sees a lot of people in the community who need treatment and are not given treatment because they do not have money to pay for it. He explained each person that is helped actually helps an entire family which dominos into a better community.

Speaker #4 – Sue Schumacher, AlcoCare Board Member – Ms. Schumacher expressed thanks for the funding AlcoCare has been receiving since 1970. There is a great need for Drug and Alcohol funding. AlcoCare has reorganized and is trying to diversify funding including expanding into day treatment and potentially social Detox. This will take time. She would be interested in knowing how many JJ and CPS clients are touched by alcohol/drugs. She wants to work together to have more successful outcomes and expressed the need for current funding to continue.

Speaker #5 – James Clark, Milton Township – Mr. Clark received AODA treatment over 24 years ago. He has been a productive citizen of society since then and is very thankful for his treatment. He has talked to police and many others about the number of people in jail with AODA issues. He strongly urged for more funding for AODA services.

Speaker #6 – Jordan Moore, Citizen - Mr. Moore expressed appreciation for the chance to address the Board and for the services he has received for his AODA treatment. He was homeless at one point and in jail for two years but with the treatment, he is now attending college. His concern is that the waitlist for dental health services is two years long and that is too long for people with dental issues. He also is concerned for people who need AODA treatment but are not getting it because there is not enough funding.

Speaker #7 – Joe Hoppenjan, Citizen – Mr. Hoppenjan expressed concerns that there are not enough jobs in the community and that is where the problem is. If there were more jobs for people, then more people would have insurance that would pay for their AODA treatment.

Speaker #8 – Bill Jeske, Citizen – Mr. Jeske received treatment for six years and has been recovered since 1994. He is aware of a lot of people that are turned away because of no insurance. We need work for people in the community and he is so tired of seeing people die. He sees a lot of heroin use. He and people in the AA group are trying to help people but these people need treatment.

Speaker #9 – Mark Flottum, Partners In Prevention – Mr. Flottum teaches parenting skills at the jail. He worked at CESA for 17 years and worked with AODA programs. The grant funding for Partners In Prevention will no longer be given and their funding is going to be significantly reduced.

They need support. About 90% of jail occupants are effected by drugs or alcohol. Any funding would be greatly appreciated.

Speaker #10 – Candy Barrios, Citizen – Ms. Barrios expressed concerns regarding funding for AODA services. She was homeless and was given help through Crisis, PATH and Red Road House. Because of the services she received she is now involved in the community and doing very well. Transitional housing is very necessary for recovery and she stressed how funding for this is so important.

Speaker #11 – Kate Dalton, Citizen – Ms. Dalton expressed concerns that 90% of people that are in jail are parents. So many children are affected in the community because of parents with AODA issues and/or their parents are incarcerated. She stressed how important HealthNet, BAC, transitional housing, Dental and Mental Health services are and to not cut funding from these programs.

Chair Knudson again invited any others present to speak. He thanked the speakers for coming and sharing their comments with the group. He explained this is not the only forum to express concerns, anyone can contact any Board member at anytime. The Board wants to hear input from the community. The HSD Board meeting is held at 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at the Rock County Human Services Department in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. He welcomed people to attend. There were no further requests to speak.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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