



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in the 3<sup>Rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Terry Fell, Supervisor; and Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative (in at 4:36 p.m. and out at 5:30 p.m.).

**Committee Members Absent:** Linda Garrett, Supervisor.

**Staff Present:** Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Greg Winkler, BH Division Manager; Ryan Trautsch, CYF Program Manager; Wisteria Gunnick, Crisis Worker.

**Others Present:** County Administrator Smith. County Board Chair Russell J. Podzilni. Jodi Timmerman, Corporation Counsel. Judy Roberts Vaughn, Citizen. Mike Fuller, Citizen. Ashley McCallum, Janesville Gazette Reporter.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Thomas moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Supervisor Thomas requested moving agenda item #11 after item #7. The agenda as amended was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of October 11, 2017:** Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Judy Roberts Vaughn from Janesville expressed her support for Healthnet. Healthnet provides many services for people in the community who have low incomes and do not have insurance. She asked to not cut funding for this valuable program.

**Submission of Committee Requests:**

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved two contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren provided information about both contracts and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**October HSD Impact Award Recognition Wisteria Gunnick:** Ms. Luster introduced Wisteria Gunnick the October HSD Impact Award winner. Ms. Luster explained that Ms. Gunnick is a Crisis Intervention worker who works daily to assess clients and intervenes to help problem solve to stabilize the situation. Ms. Gunnick has been working with a client in our system who has some difficulties and experiences barriers when agitated. Ms. Gunnick engaged with the client and formed a trusting connection. She worked above and beyond for this client and is a great example

of our HSD mission. Ms. Gunnick was very appreciative of receiving the award. She expressed thanks to her Supervisor and Program Manager for the nomination, and stated she was proud to be part of the Crisis Intervention team.

**Discussion of Community Agency Initiatives Policy and 2018 Budget:** County Administrator Smith explained that contribution accounts historically have been found throughout the County budget under individual Departments. In June, it was passed by the County Staff Committee to consolidate contribution accounts and all requests for contributions would go through County Administration. As planned, requests for contributions were submitted and County Administration was reviewing the requests. In September, the State Attorney General in response to Shawno County wanting to donate funds to a local food pantry, were told they could not. Ms. Timmerman advised that Chapter 59 specifically lists the types of agencies that counties can provide donations to. If a type of organization is not listed then donating is not allowable. Discussion entailed the questions from Supervisor Schulz, Supervisor Dommershausen and Citizen Representative Williams about the language in the statute, possible Healthnet contract, contacting legislators, 2019 budget reserve dollars, and HSD clients who receive Healthnet services. County Administrator Smith, Ms. Timmerman and Ms. Luster responded to questions. Mr. Podzilni advised he has talked to Representative Debra Kolste and legislators and WCA are aware of this matter.

**Resolution Awarding Contract for Electronic Monitoring Services:** Supervisor Thomas moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Mr. Trautsch presented the resolution. An RFP was sent out and we received nine responses. A panel consisting of Mr. Trautsch and three others selected 3M Electronic Monitoring, which is our current provider. They are cost effective and provide excellent GPS service. Mr. Trautsch responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Resolution Awarding Contract for Crisis Stabilization Services:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. Mr. Winkler presented the resolution. We have been using the Harper's Place at Rock Valley Community Programs for several years to divert institute stays. This year the contract ended. We sent out an RFP and Rock Valley was the only applicant. We are pleased to continue contracting with Rock Valley. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Discussion of 2018 Recommended Budget:** Ms. Luster reviewed the HSD portion of the County Administrator's budget comments. There is significant consistency from what was provided for the pre-budget earlier this year. Ms. Luster explained each item one by one, and highlighted the high cost areas. Ms. Luster responded to questions regarding discretionary funds, flex funds, Benefit Specialists, and Shelter care. Ms. Luster advised the Board members to contact her with any questions.

**Overview of Federal Healthcare Changes/Proposals:** Ms. Luster advised she was providing this information in response to Citizen Representative Williams' request for federal healthcare proposed changes. No bill has passed on the funding issue for community health centers and it has been pushed off until December. If funding would no longer be given to community health centers Ms. Luster asked Beloit CHS how it would affect them. The funding is about 18% of their total budget, so it would not debilitate them and they would not shut down.

The issue of the federal subsidy ending for market place would ultimately affect HSD and other safety net agencies. Without the subsidy, insurance companies would have to raise premiums. People who could not afford premiums or could not access Medicaid would need to reach out to safety net agencies such as Human Services and Healthnet, which means safety net agencies would have to absorb the influx of clients.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Fell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams with unanimous approval at 5:58 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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