



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the hybrid meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; and Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor attended in-person. Shirley Williams, Supervisor; Pam Bostwick, Supervisor; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor attended virtually.

Committee Members Absent: Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Katherine Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Bette Trimble, Crisis Program Manager; Tracy Mayer, Behavioral Health (BH) Clinician; Shannon Dewey, Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Case Worker; and Becky Huber, Prevention Coordinator.

Others Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Patrick Singer, I.T. attended in-person. Randy Terronez, County Administrator Assistant; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Annette Mikula, HR Director; Rich Bostwick, County Board Chair; Rick Richards, County Board Supervisor; Tom Herger; Jeff Klenz; and Tim Tollefson attended virtually.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Luster asked to remove agenda item #7. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on September 22, 2021: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Podzilni. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: Mr. Klenz provided comments in favor of the resolution for housing sexual offenders in a location closer to the jail and not in residential areas. Mr. Hergert provided personal concerns regarding the placement of a sexually violent offender near his home, and he would like a location that would not be close to homes and properties to house offenders.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers asked about moving the November 24, 2021 HSD Board meeting to another date or to cancel the meeting due to Thanksgiving. Chair Knudson suggested to discuss this as it gets closer to decide if it should be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 or cancelled depending on pressing issues.

Supervisor Williams announced the celebration recognizing the existence of the Beloit NAACP since 1919, marking 102 years of existence. The Beloit branch is the first official branch in the

state of Wisconsin. She announced that the Freedom is not Free fundraiser will be held November 11, 2021. Dr. Darrell Williams will be the keynote speaker. This will be a virtual banquet. Please call 608-364-1861 or email NAACP@gmail.com to register.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved two contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Mooren provided details regarding the contracts. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Resolutions and Committee Action:

- **Resolution Establishing Housing for Sexually Violent Offenders *** – Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Mr. Richards echoed the concerns and thoughts of Mr. Klenz and provided more detail regarding the four locations in the resolution.

County Administrator Smith provided specific details on all four of the proposed locations that were provided as options. He explained the state laws which prohibit placement in certain areas which includes not by youth or elderly depending on the circumstances of the offender. County Administrator Smith responded to questions regarding the location options in the resolution, recidivism, and another location near the airport. Discussion took place regarding rules of the individuals placed in housing, isolation and integrating individuals back into the community. Discussion continued regarding the Kuffer's Pit location. County Administrator Smith requested direction from the HSD Board as to which location to move forward with for cost analysis.

Supervisor Aegerter moved to amend the original resolution to move forward with the analysis of the Kuffer's pit location and investigate the logistics further working with the Township of Janesville, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. County Administrator Smith clarified the changes stating language to line #15 of the resolution would be changed from option 4 to option 3. Lines #17 and #18 would be changed to duplex housing between Public Works and Kuffer's pit. The amendment was approved as follows: Supervisors Knudson, Aegerter, Schulz, Williams, Podzilni and Citizen Representative Hoffman and Weaver-Landers voted in favor. Supervisor Bostwick opposed. Citizen Representative Reyes absent. Approved.

Supervisor Aegerter moved the amended resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The amended resolution was approved as follows: Supervisors Knudson, Aegerter, Schulz, Williams, Podzilni and Citizen Representative Hoffman and Weaver-Landers voted in favor. Supervisor Bostwick opposed. Citizen Representative Reyes absent. Approved.

- **Discussion and Possible Action of the 2022 Human Services Budget** – Ms. Luster explained that the County Administrator's proposed HSD budget included a few updates which were provided at the last HSD Board meeting by Ms. Mooren. Ms. Luster reminded that the HSD budget levy request was reduced due to added ARPA funding as a revenue source in key areas for additional Child Welfare funding to offset increased expenditures in adult out-of-home placements; and to fund the cost of the new bilingual screener position. Also, one Peer Specialist position was deleted out of the budget a few weeks ago. The reallocations of twenty-four Psychiatric Tech positions were removed from the budget. This was due to the County Administrator advising he will be requesting an overall wage study in 2022 for all positions which would consider those types of reallocations and reclassification requests. The

recommended total HSD tax levy increase is less than 1%. Ms. Luster responded to questions regarding the ARPA funding and hospitalizations utilizing Winnebago.

Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved to accept the 2022 HSD budget and submit to the County Board, seconded by Citizen Representative Hoffman. The 2022 HSD Budget was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Reports and Update:

- **Report on CIRT** – Ms. Huber provided a power point presentation. She explained the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) members are selected by peers for peer-to-peer support. This group started about seven years ago to help staff with morale. HSD staff work with clients who come in at the lowest point in their lives and this can affect staff when working with clients daily. This is not therapy or treatment but rather a system that helps to support staff to handle stress. CIRT members are required to attend a three-day training and booster trainings. Ms. Dewey explained that she tracks data for an end of the year summary to validate the number of staff and incidents that received support. Ms. Huber added that they have collaborated with law enforcement, shared wellness information, and trained with them. She explained that they have provided presentations to other counties to help expand this concept.

Report on FCAC – Ms. Mayer advised at the last meeting the CPS Assessment worker shared how the group was coming together. The CPS Supervisor shared that I.T. was working on the website. Another CPS Supervisor shared that they were moving forward with the car seat training monthly schedule. The group discussed the membership turnover and how to maintain members. County Administrator Smith advised that he sent an email regarding FCAC and he will be updating when he can. He advised more information will be sent out.

- **Update: COVID Related Departmental and Community Needs** – Ms. Luster advised there has not been anything specific that has changed for Covid related issues. She asked the Board to consider removal of this item as a standing item and if there were something substantial to share in the future, she would add an agenda item.

Committee Requests:

- **Requests for Future Agenda Items or Information:** Supervisor Williams asked about suicide in the county and the number of suicides before and after Covid, and central themes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **November 10, 2021** at 4:30 p.m. - hybrid meeting via zoom and in-person at the DWRC, Boardroom, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schulz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Williams with unanimous approval at 6:03 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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