



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

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in the 3RD Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/APS Division Manager; Karol Rosman, CSP Social Worker; Greg Winkler, BH Division Manager; Darcy Toberman, ADRC I&A Specialist; Kaj Anderson, CSP Social Worker; Nadine Westby, CSP Supervisor; Nancy Story, CSP Social Worker; and Jennifer Venable, CSP Social Worker.

Others Present: Bill McCarty.

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 March 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: Ms. Luster reminded that Mr. Boutwell is hosting a retirement party at a separate location after the meeting.

Submission of Committee Requests:

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved seven contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren advised five contracts were amendments adding new rates, and two were contract renewals. The contract was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

March HSD Employee Impact Recognition Award: Ms. Luster announced that Katie Christiansen was the March Impact award winner, but she was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Christiansen is an ES worker that assists people who are walking in for help. Several ES staff recognized Ms. Christiansen as going above and beyond for clients. In particular, she helped a homeless individual who did not understand his benefits. She coached him on what he needed to access benefits and how to better interact with Job Center staff as a whole. She went as far as organizing a birthday lunch for him because he has no family locally. Ms. Christiansen makes the Job Center a more welcoming and hopeful environment.

Resolution to Recognize Kaj Anderson: The resolution was moved to the floor by Supervisor Fell, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Mr. Winkler presented the resolution and stated he was honored to talk about Mr. Anderson's career. Mr. Anderson has created a legacy partly due to his longevity but even more due to his genuine, charming personality and endless desire to help others. Mr. Anderson has served the citizens of Rock County for 40 years. Mr. Anderson started in 1978 as a Counselor at Beloit Counseling Center. In 1980 he worked in a hospital based day treatment program, and in 1983 to 1996 he worked in three jobs which focused on helping the youth of Rock County. In 1996 he began working in the CSP Program where he remained as a respected team member until retirement.

Mr. Anderson stated that he appreciated what everyone has done for him throughout the years and especially the support his colleagues have given him through his health issues. He talked about when he first met Chair Knudson. Chair Knudson expressed many thanks and described how Kaj has been an amazing influence on his life. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution to Recognize Rock County Social Workers: The resolution was moved to the floor by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. Ms. Thompson and Mr. Winkler presented the resolution. Ms. Thompson emphasized Rock County has excellent staff and some are retiring but we have attracted some excellent new workers as well. She introduced Darcy Toberman a new worker in the ADRC. She added, aside from the ADRC staff there are the APS staff. The APS staff have been working very hard also, and have had an influx of difficult cases.

Mr. Winkler agreed with Ms. Thompson and stated that there are many social workers throughout the CYF Division and BH Division that are doing incredible things and making good decisions. Supervisor Dommershausen and Chair Knudson conveyed thanks. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Report on NAMI: Ms. Stevens explained NAMI contracted with Rock County HSD for the PATH program. NAMI has had contact with 125 individuals from July 1, 2017 to the present and of those has enrolled 50 individuals into case management services. NAMI is fully staffed now and very busy with participants and working on the PATH grant which is due April 6th. One of the biggest challenges is not being able to find low income housing for participants. The subsidized homeless shelters have waiting lists. Most participants with MH and substance abuse issues have a hard time managing funds, and some landlords will not accept tenants who have had evictions. Sometimes the challenge is the housing is not safe and suitable, and it is a struggle to get landlords to fix things. Ms. Stevens responded to questions.

Resolution to Recognize Dawn Juhl: Supervisor Thomas moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Ms. Mooren presented the resolution in the absence of Mr. Singer. Ms. Juhl was not in attendance. Dawn Juhl has served the citizens of Rock County for over 24 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. She began her career in 1993 as an Administrative Assistant in CPS. In 2008, Dawn was promoted to Support Services Supervisor. In 2014 she transitioned to Support Services Coordinator after a Department reorganization. In 2017, Dawn transitioned back to Support Services Supervisor. Dawn has shown a variety of skill, knowledge and compassion for the individuals she supervised and the consumers she has served. Her work ethic and dedication to ensure that support service were provided in an efficient and welcoming manner will be missed. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Director's Report:

- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised we are still waiting for the State to give us a date of their walk through of Derrick's House.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised the Juvenile Correction bill passed in special session. It is similar to the information presented to the Board previously, but the

Senate version modified a three points which she stated. Lincoln Hills will be closing, and we have to decide if we will apply for a grant to be a provider or partner with another county. We are waiting for the next steps and timelines. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 11, 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 Fell with unanimous approval at 5:07 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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