



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor (in at 4:36 p.m.); Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

**Committee Members Absent:** Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

**Staff Present:** Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Lance Horozewski, Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division Manager; April Heim, Division Manager; Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Penny Nevicosi, Juvenile Justice (JJ) Supervisor; and Lorie Perry, Foster Care Coordination Worker.

**Others Present:** Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director. Bill McCarty, League of Women Voters.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Aegerter moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of January 9, 2019:** Citizen Representative Williams moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Supervisor Brown advised that at the Homeless Intervention Task Force meeting she informed legislators that the Dane & Rock County 211 programs are not as robust as Milwaukee's 211 program.

Supervisor Aegerter advised the Homeless Count event was going to be held this evening. She provided details of the event and highly recommended attending.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** Ms. Luster advised we will arrange a HSD Board meeting at both the Care House and the Family Exchange Center in the near future.

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Supervisor Thomas moved forty-one contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Ms. Mooren explained all the contracts were renewals except for one new BACHC doctor contract. Ms. Luster and Ms. Mooren responded to questions about doctors' rates and benefits. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

**January Employee Impact Recognition Award:** Ms. Luster advised LaSonda Hahn was the January Employee Impact Recognition recipient but she was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Hahn is an Economic Support worker who was nominated by her supervisor. Her supervisor received a call from a caller who contacted her to tell her of LaSonda's amazing customer service. This is a stellar example of excellent customer service and demonstrates how speaking to someone in a helpful manner can make a difference in someone's life.

**Resolution to Recognize January 2019 As Human Trafficking Awareness Month:** Supervisor Aegerter moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Ms. Nevicosi presented the resolution. Supervisor Brown suggested spelling out the acronym RCAHTTF. Ms. Nevicosi stated the acronym stands for Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Nevicosi distributed brochures. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

**Facilities Master Plan Update:** Mr. Sutherland explained General Services has been working on the Facilities Master Plan and working on prioritizing projects. He will be presenting information at the next Finance meeting on Feb. 5, 2019. He explained why it makes sense for the first priority to be the Human Services Department (HSD). They are looking at different options for the best location to serve clients and looking at what makes sense financially. They are still in the very beginning stages of the process. A couple options include the old Rock Haven site or expansion of the Job Center for the Janesville location. They are also looking at the remodeling the Eclipse Center for the Beloit location. He provided information on both a 10 year plan and the 15 year plan. He reiterated that we are just in the starting stages and still looking at all options and the cost variables. Mr. Sutherland responded to questions. Ms. Luster provided data from a consumer feedback survey about a new building and a map revealing the highest concentration of clients.

**Update on CPS:** Mr. Horozewski and Ms. Schiffman provided an update on Child Protective Services data from calendar years 2017 & 2018. Multiple areas discussed included the following; children in Rock County CPS by Race/Ethnicity, permanency outcomes and children reentering foster care comparison between the State and other counties, poverty data and average daily costs for CPS and JJS placement settings. Mr. Horozewski and Ms. Schiffman responded to questions.

Mr. Horozewski distributed a glossary of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) terms. Mr. Horozewski explained the reunification process in detail and responded to questions.

Mr. Horozewski introduced Lorie Perry. Ms. Perry, is Rock County HSD's Family Find Specialist. She explained that Family Find engagement is a program that links children with extended family. It has been found that children not connected to family have higher risks as adults. Ms. Perry has been helping to search and find placement and connections for children since September. Ms. Perry provided a few success stories of finding successful placement with

family members through Family Find. Mr. Horozewski advised all Child Protective Services (CPS) workers will be trained for Family Find.

**Director's Report:**

- **Update Regarding Bank Fraud Matter** – Ms. Luster advised the fraudulent checks that were cashed were not our checks and we reported the matter to the bank right away. There have been checks in Texas and Florida, using our Community Support Program (CSP) account number. The bank has refunded all the charges to the account.
- **Update Regarding Impact of Government Shut Down** – Ms. Luster advised she previously forwarded the Board members an email with information about the Food Share program funding. Ms. Heim advised that Economic Support (ES) processed February benefits early due to the shutdown. Ms. Heim responded to questions.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised that there are proposed changes to the legislation that would extend the timelines and possibly provide more flexibility to “Grandfather-in” our ACTIONS program. We are waiting on more pieces and will keep the Board updated.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 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 Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Fell with unanimous approval at 6:05 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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