



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 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; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

**Committee Members Absent:** Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative.

**Staff Present:** Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Ashley Barrette, Support Services Supervisor; and Denise Pozzani, Administrative Assistant;

**Others Present:** Bill McCarty, League of Women Voters. Carol Pozzani, mother of Denise Pozzani.

**Approval of Agenda:** Citizen Representative Williams moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of September 12, 2018:** Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Supervisor Brown commented that she attended a WCA meeting on Child Protective Services and Human Trafficking.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** Supervisor Schulz requested an agenda item on the process to reunify children.

Ms. Luster advised at the next HSD Board meeting on October 10, 2018 she will present the 2019 HSD Budget. Ms. Luster advised she will send budget information to the Board members before the meeting.

Chair Knudson advised the HSD Board meeting on October 24, 2018 will be held at the YSC (Youth Services Center).

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Kleven moved three contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Ms. Mooren provided information about each of the three contracts. Ms. Luster responded to questions about high risk cases placed at a facility out of state. Ms. Mooren responded to questions and will look into adding more information about the location of facilities to the cover sheets. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

**Review of Bills:** Chair Knudson advised the courthouse is still having issues with the billing system and are not able to run reports, but hope to have a report for the next meeting.

**September HSD Employee Impact Award Recognition:** Ms. Luster introduced Denise Pozanni the September HSD Employee Impact Award recipient. Ms. Pozanni is the Administrative Assistant for the Beloit Community Support Program (CSP). The CSP serves individuals with serious and persistent mental illness who are getting very intensive services every day from that team. For many of those clients that team of support is their primary social support. She is a very important element of that team and the support they give. She is on the front line and often assists with de-escalating consumers and other challenging tasks. Ms. Pozanni creates birthday cards for each and every CSP consumer and makes sure they are signed by all staff and mailed on time. For some consumers this is the only celebration they receive. She takes endless calls from clients for various reasons even if someone is just feeling lonely or needing support. Ms. Pozanni never complains and never has a negative attitude. She is a great candidate to receive this award and we are very lucky to have her.

**Update on Beloit Area Community Health Care Center (BACHC):** Ms. Luster advised we have been in various stages of transition throughout the last year which she has shared with the HSD Board. Next week BCC (Beloit Counseling Center) clients will start receiving services at the BACHC clinic. We are continuing to provide prescriber services, and Kate McLeod our Nurse Practitioner will serve BACHC clients. We have worked very hard to make a smooth transition. Some clients have been having joint meetings with our staff and BACHC staff to make a connection and ease into the transition. The initial focus will be on the core group of eighty to ninety current BCC clients to transition over to BACHC. BACHC will not take additional clients during the transition. Once the BCC clients are established at BACHC, the next plan will be to open the door for behavioral health clients to be referred from the BACHC medical and dental clinic. Following then to the broader community.

BACHC is a federally qualified health center and will be the service delivery entity, and these are BACHC clients. BACHC will be able to bill Medicaid at a higher reimbursement rate, lowering BACHC's costs for services, which has made this expansion possible. This is a very important partnership and we are supporting their operation because we want expanded access in Beloit. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

**Director's Report:**

- **Budget Update** – Ms. Luster advised she will provide a presentation on the 2019 HSD Budget at the next HSD Board meeting. She explained that Mr. Smith asked for some modifications already which have been completed and he will let her know by the end of the week if he has any others. The AMHS pay grid changes will be in the budget if it passed by County Board Staff in October.
- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised tomorrow one youth from Shelter Care will transition to Derrick's House. Future admissions will be going to Derrick's house.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised there is a two day WCA meeting coming up which Mr. Horozewski and Mr. Schwarz will attend. There are about ten counties attending. Counties who are interested to potentially open a SRCCY are attending to recommend changes to the legislation; such as asking for more funding and more clarification on other issues. We still do not have a natural partner for an SRCCY relationship.
- **Follow-up Response from Public Hearing Feedback** – Ms. Luster provided information about her follow up to each of the speakers at the public hearing.

Ms. Luster advised she reached out to Dorothy Harrell after the public hearing. Ms. Harrell will be part of a panel at our all staff meeting in October. One of their concerns was there may not be enough staff to accommodate the need of the School Based Diversion program. We are hiring two CCS positions to cover the School Based Diversion Program and the Board has signed the resolution previously. The other concern was in terms of decreasing

law enforcement in School Based Diversion. We are tracking data to see which students are diverted and other elements. We have discussed with law enforcement that our goal is to divert youth from arrest.

Chief Moore talked about how the Behavioral Health Flag project is working. No follow up was needed.

Regarding Mr. Pfeiderer's comments. He asked to continue the donation of funds to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Ms. Luster advised that the donation policy changed last year and all donations must go through and be approved by the County Board. Ms. Luster did connect with Mr. Smith and there was a request by Family Services for \$10,000 as has been historically donated. There was no reason to believe it would be reduced. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 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 Aegerter motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Fell with unanimous approval at 5:08 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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