



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Terry Fell, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; and Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Amy Evans, Jail Re-Entry Program Case Manager; Jennifer Cummings, Crisis Stabilization Supervisor; Sherry Gensler, JCSP RN; Pete Johnson, JCSP Social Worker; Heidi Lammon, JCSP Social Worker; Sarah Lancour, JCSP RN; Ashley Peterson, JCSP Case Manager; Nancy Story, JCSP Social Worker; Jill Housker, JCSP Social Worker; Shawna Mills, JCSP Supervisor; Jessica Dubois, JCSP Social Worker; and Erin Champion, JCSP Social Worker.

**Others Present:** Ruth Kolpack, JOB; Bill McCarty, LWV; Captain Brent Deremer, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Michael Bell, INOR; and Eunice Glas, JOB

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

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of February 13, 2019:** Citizen Representative Kleven moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Williams. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** Supervisor Schulz requested an overview of group homes and CBRFs in regard to who monitors them and what is monitored. Overview to be presented at a future meeting. Citizen Representative Williams inquired about a previously requested item regarding information about school based MH services. Ms. Luster provided that this would likely be slated for April.

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved six contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Ms. Mooren responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**February Employee Impact Recognition Award:** Ms. Luster presented Pete Johnson as the February HSD Employee Impact Recognition recipient. Mr. Johnson was in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Johnson is a Janesville Community Support Program Social Worker who was nominated by his supervisor. Ms. Luster referenced Mr. Johnson's nomination and highlighted his willingness to go above and beyond for both his clients and co-workers. Specifically, he helps problem solve obstacles in creative and impressive ways: he helped a client navigate the local bus routes so he could visit his mother at a nursing home in Beloit. Now the client is able to make the trip independently. His dedication and compassion for others is commendable.

**Report on Jail Re-Entry Program:** Amy Evans, Case Manager with Behavioral Health's Jail Re-Entry Program facilitated a PowerPoint presentation about the program and highlighted statistics that reflect the program's success. She began by explaining that the program was initially federally funded by a \$250,000 grant that was aimed at reducing recidivism of inmates with mental illness and focusing on criminogenic needs and risk factors (June 2014 – September 2016). Eighty-nine clients were served during the grant period. When the grant ended, the program was funded jointly by HSD and the Rock County Sheriff's Office. A total of 121 individuals were served through the program in 2017; 203 in 2018. 2019 is on track to surpass previous years, having served 103 individuals already to-date. A new grant is currently in place to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to inmates with criteria that include mental health and/or substance use disorders. Referral and screening processes are in place for MAT and inmates are linked to community resources to continue services upon their release. Ms. Evans responded to questions. Additional input to responses was provided by Ms. Luster, Ms. Cummings, and Captain Deremer.

**Director's Report:**

- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised that there has been no movement on formal changes in the legislation. We learned today that the legislature will not be on the floor to pass any changes until after the end of March. The deadline to submit grant applications to build new facilities is the middle of March per the current legislation, but there has not even been a grant committee formed. She shared that there was a conference call with the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) this morning during which it was learned that the grant committee would likely be formed soon. WCA is asking which counties plan to apply for the grant to build an SRCCCY and she indicated that she intends to advise WCA that HSD is not in a position to pursue the grant at this time because we don't have a partner, we don't have the volume, and we don't have a way to sustain a facility with our six clients as an average daily census. We currently do not have a pathway for a facility that meets the requirements of a regional model.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 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 Aegerter motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Brown with unanimous approval at 5:26 p.m.

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Kathleen Wellnitz, Secretary

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