

**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 14, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
Room K
Rock County Job Center, Janesville**

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. on August 14, 2013, in Room K at the Rock County Job Center.

Present: Board members present: Chair Brian Knudson; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; William Grahn, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; and Marvin Wopat, Supervisor. Staff present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sandy Brown, Child Protective Services; Lance Horozewski, Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services; Sara Mooren, Fiscal Operations; Kate Flanagan, Mental Health and AODA; Carla Haigh, Economic Support Services; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Long Term Support; Patrick Singer, Technology, Records and Quality Management; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; and Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary.

Chair Knudson welcomed everyone to the annual Public Hearing for the Rock County Human Services Department. Chair Knudson introduced the Human Services Director, Charmian Klyve. Chair Knudson introduced the Board members present. He stated that the Board and staff are here to listen to concerns as we plan for fiscal year 2014. The role of the Board at this Public Hearing was to listen, not to debate issues or make comment. Speakers for the evening were asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes.

Division Manager individually introduced as follows: Lance Horozewski, Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services Manager; Patrick Singer, Technology, Records and Quality Management Manager; Kate Flanagan, AODA/MH Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller, Sara Mooren, Fiscal Operations Manager; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Long Term Support Manager; Sandy Brown, Child Protective Services Manager; Carla Haigh, Economic Support Services Manager.

Chair Knudson introduced J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair. Ms. Klyve introduced Mr. Boutwell, Deputy Director and Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary.

Supervisor Knudson introduced the speakers in the order they signed in:

Speaker #1 – Jean Randles, HealthNet of Rock County – Ms. Randles expressed thanks for the funding that HealthNet has been receiving. HealthNet serves the low income and completely uninsured people in the Rock County community. She explained HealthNet services include therapy, doctor visits, complete chronic care, mental health care, general healthcare, primary medical care for children, eye care, medications and dental care. The dental clinic is in high demand and has had to limit new enrollments because of fiscal limitations. Because of challenges to provide continued mental health care they will be partnering with Genesis. She asked the Board to please consider the community's need for HealthNet services. She thanked the Board for the previous, current and future support of HealthNet.

Speaker #2 – Stephen Schroeder, Citizen – Mr. Schroeder explained he is a Rock County resident and a retired IRS employee. He is working with AODA people in his free time. Forty years ago he was an employee of General Motors. At that time 5th floor at the Health Care Center had an Alcohol and Drug program with a 30 patient capacity. Right now Rock County does not have a Detox or AODA facility. We need a facility in Rock County. Money is needed for a Detox/AODA facility in order to intervene before offenders get multiple drunk driving offenses.

Speaker #3 – Lynn Jones, Community Action – Ms. Jones spoke on behalf of Community Action and Brighter Futures. Community Action has teen parent programs to build parenting and employment skills. Results have shown over 90% of clients avoid recurring pregnancies. Annually over 75 households are served. Support is provided to help young parents move forward in a positive direction and to finish school and obtain careers. She added they work with young parents to develop better relationships and use models to help them move forward in a positive manner. She is concerned there could be a change in Brighter Futures funding and wanted to express the importance of the funding for the teen parents in the community.

Speaker #4 – Cynthia Collins, Citizen – Ms. Collins is a recovering alcoholic and expressed the need for a Treatment Center and for post treatment housing. Treatment Centers are needed all over the county. A lot of people are in need of treatment and AlcoCare is closed. Funding is needed for half way houses. AlcoCare brought patients to AA and gave support to clients. Please support getting half way houses and detox treatment centers for Janesville. She expressed thanks for HealthNet because HealthNet saved her. Many people need the medication and mental health services that HealthNet provides.

Speaker #5 – Carol Holterman, Citizen – Ms. Holterman advocated to get an AODA Treatment Center in Rock County. She is a member of Al-Anon and MADD. She would like the issues of homeless teenagers addressed because there are many living on the streets with no place to go. As a member of MADD she would like people to receive assistance for alcohol abuse to help stop drunk driving. She strongly encourages funding be used for an AODA treatment center in Rock County.

Speaker #6 – Beth Tallon, YWCA of Rock County - Ms. Tallon is the Public Relations Director for the YWCA. She speaks at the YSC to educate youth on domestic violence. Brighter Futures funding is used for parenting classes and for domestic violence case management for women. In 2012, the YWCA served 139 women in the shelter, 143 children, and 60 single mother households. The YWCA uses funding for childcare programs and before and after school programs. She thanked the Board for their support and hopes for continued support.

Chair Knudson again invited any others present to speak. He thanked the speakers for coming and sharing their comments. He explained this is not the only forum to express concerns, anyone can contact any Board member at anytime. The Board wants to hear input from the community. The HSD Board meeting is held at 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at the Rock County Human Services Department in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. He welcomed people to attend. There were no further requests to speak.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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