



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 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; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative (out at 5:29 p.m.); Terry Fell, Supervisor; and Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative (in at 4:44 p.m. out at 5:28 p.m.).

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller, and Liane Felton, FFT CST Supervisor.

**Others Present:** Mary Buelow, Deb Thielen, William McCarty, and Nancy Stabb, League of Women Voters. David Pluymers, Public Health Assistant Director. Kelly Klingensmith, Public Health Community Health Education Coordinator.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Dommershausen 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 September 27, 2017:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Supervisor Garrett advised she and Supervisor Schulz attended a Health Equity Alliance for Rock County (HEAR) community breakfast this morning. She introduced Mr. Pluymers and Ms. Klingensmith from the Public Health Department. Ms. Garrett shared handouts from HEAR and from the WCA Conference. She highlighted specific information about opioid treatment and Methadone.

Ms. Klingensmith advised at the HEAR breakfast the results from the Community Health assessment were released. Over the past year, the Public Health Department sent out surveys asking what the health concerns are in Rock County, conducted interviews and spoke with special interest groups in the community. With this data HEAR and partnering agencies plan to focus on key areas to improve overall health in the community. In Rock County the main areas of focus are health equity/literacy, Behavioral Health, obesity and oral health. The information collected is on the Public Health website or contact Ms. Klingensmith for more information.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** Ms. Luster reminded the Board members to contact her or Division Managers if they have any questions. The Board meetings are not the only mechanism for communication and if anyone would like follow up on items or more details she invited the Board members to contact her or Division Managers between meetings.

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved two contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren advised both of the contracts were amendments and advised the Board of the changes. Supervisor Thomas added that the Marsh Country Health Alliance amendment was changing language to ensure all the counties are doing things the same. He advised that Andy Phillips works with the State to make sure we are in compliance and the amendment was necessary so that counties placing individuals make sure they have a payor source. Chair Knudson thanked Supervisor Thomas for representing Rock County on the commission. Citizen Representative Williams asked about the Marsh Country rate. It was given in the narrative but under rate category on the cover sheet it read varies in cost. Ms. Mooren agreed that could be clearer. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Review of Bills:** Mr. Zuehlke presented the bills and responded to multiple questions from both Supervisor Garrett and Citizen Representative Williams.

**Report on League of Women Voters:** Ms. Buelow, from the League of Women Voters (LWV) introduced the LWV members in attendance. She explained the LWV is a non-partisan group that researches issues to see where participation can make a difference. The LWV conducted studies and interviews to find out more about Behavioral Health in Rock County. They looked at the issues that can arise when an individual with mental health and/or alcohol and drug issues collides with the criminal justice system. Evidence Based practices can help to have better outcomes. She distributed the LWV Behavioral Health position statement. Managing co-occurring disorders is challenging. When someone needs treatment the least restrictive option is usually best and an individual who has mental health issues does not resolve issues in jail. She found drug court to be a positive treatment paradigm not a punishment paradigm. The idea of harm reduction is that some people are not ready for treatment, keeping them alive with naran can keep families coherent, providing the opportunity to make a connection to treatment at some point. The LWV wants to encourage continued funding for behavioral health in Rock County.

Chair Knudson complimented the LWV for taking interest in Behavioral Health. Supervisor Dommershausen suggested defining the funding needed, to help move forward. Supervisor Fell explained the training being done for Law Enforcement. Ms. Buelow is aware of CIT. Crisis De-escalation is a great program. The CIT is a great step for Law Enforcement and the community.

Ms. Luster recognized the LWV for their comprehensive work. She advised she is involved with Rock County Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM), and she will bring back information at a future meeting from the HSD perspective.

**Update on Holiday Needs Committee:** Ms. Felton advised that Ms. Day who was the leader of the Holiday Needs Committee for many years has changed roles, but will still be teaching and training others on what all was involved. We opened up the committee and we have eleven members. We have some great ideas on coordinating the requests as they come in from families and how to organize the incredible response from donors within the community. We now have our own phone line to answer questions and take donations. We widened our donor list and donor letters were sent out already this year, a few weeks ago. We still have two quilter's guilds contributing beautiful quilts. We sent out applications in the CYF and BH Divisions to start connecting with families for the Christmas season. Some previous volunteers who have been volunteering for years are no longer able to volunteer, so we are trying to get more volunteers in the Santa Workshop. We are looking for volunteers from December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> to help organize and deliver packages to workers. The workers deliver the gifts to the families. The families appreciate this so much. There are other agencies that do this, but our families may not even be able to access those agencies and we coordinate with other agencies so there is not duplication. This is a great connection for the CPS worker and families. It helps build a bridge with the Department and the families we serve. Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers asked for the contact information. Ms. Felton will send out contact information to the Board.

**Director's Report:**

- Budget Process Update – Ms. Luster advised she will be in attendance tomorrow when County Administrator Smith submits his budget.

Ms. Luster advised the Shelter Care conditional use permit was approved by Beloit City Council. Derricks' House, LLC is taking the next step to obtain the license for a shelter care facility. Early next year we are anticipating the transition to take place. The key barriers have been overcome. Ms. Luster advised they will have an open house in the future and the Board will be able to tour the facility.

- Discussion of Potential Opioid Litigation – Ms. Luster distributed a copy of "Combating the Opioid Epidemic" which was distributed by WCA, about the litigation on behalf of county government. The resolution will be going to the full County Board tomorrow evening. Counties are pursuing this window of opportunity to sign on this resolution against the pharmaceutical companies and if funds are granted Rock County will be included in the reimbursement. Supervisor Schulz asked about the doctors who write the prescription. Ms. Luster advised Counties are holding pharmaceuticals accountable for the costs communities incur as a result of the opioid epidemic for their role in creating the opioid epidemic. Supervisor Thomas responded that it appears that pharmaceutical companies are included because of how they market opioids to doctors. They are making billions of dollars because the doctors receive incentives to write the prescriptions.
- Tour of Rock County HCC – Ms. Mooren provided a floor plan and explained the layout of the HCC staff and future moves.

Tour of the Rock County Health Care at 5:34 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:** Citizen Representative Williams motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:46 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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