



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

Committee Members Absent: Two vacant.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Greg Winkler, BH Division Manager; Bette Trimble, Crisis Supervisor; Shelly Schmidt, Support Services Supervisor; Melissa Meboe, Crisis Program Manager; Wisteria Gunnick, Crisis Social Worker; Darla Boldt, YSC AA; and Michelle Keen, Drug Court/AODA AA.

Others Present: Karl Dommershausen. Bill McCarty. Stephanie Aegerter, County Board Supervisor.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of April 11, 2018: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Submission of Committee Requests: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers requested a future agenda item for an update on Peer Specialists.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Supervisor Thomas moved two contracts to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Ms. Mooren explained that both contracts were contract renewals and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

April HSD Employee Impact Recognition Award: Ms. Luster introduced Michelle Keen. Ms. Keen is the Administrative Assistant at our Treatment Court Services. Selecting Ms. Keen for this month is fitting as today is Administrative Professional's day. Nominations have been coming in often from clients about how welcoming she is, and from staff on how she is a team player. Our treatment court individuals are not voluntarily in treatment and may have very complex needs and challenges, most likely their experiences with public systems may not always have been positive. It makes a big difference to have someone like Ms. Keen there.

Resolution to Recognize Administrative Professionals: The resolution was moved to the floor by Supervisor Fell, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Ms. Mooren explained this is the time of year we formally recognize all support staff. Support staff are in the Administrative Services Division but work throughout all our divisions at all our locations. The staff here tonight are Jodi Parson, Michelle Keen, Shelley Schmidt, and Darla Boldt. We have a lot of great staff. Chair Knudson expressed thanks. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Update on Mental Health and Law Enforcement Collaboration: Ms. Luster advised Mr. Winkler will share information on our Janesville Police Department collaboration and she will share information about the Mental Health flag.

Mr. Winkler introduced Melissa Meboe, Bette Trimble and Wisteria Gunnick. Ms. Meboe explained Ms. Luster and Chief Moore were both committed to working toward a model of embedding a crisis worker at Janesville Police Department. We looked at other states including Kansas, Denver, New York, and Madison where this has been implemented to figure out what would fit our needs in Rock County. Ms. Gunnick talked about her experience so far and how it was enlightening to see what law enforcement does even before the Crisis unit is called. Ms. Trimble added that one of our goals with this program was to provide support through Ms. Gunnick, to possibly intervene earlier in some situations so it wouldn't reach a crisis level. Ms. Gunnick can help link people to services sooner to possibly help avoid hospitalization or out of home placements. Citizen Representative asked about the length of the pilot and working with other police departments in the County. Ms. Meboe responded that the pilot was originally for three months, at that point we will review and analyze to see if it should be permanent and possibly look at expanding to other law enforcement agencies in the future. Ms. Meboe, Ms. Trimble and Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Ms. Luster advised that through the EBDM (Evidence Based Decision Making) initiatives Rock County has been working toward improving information sharing between our Mental Health Division and Law Enforcement. We have implemented a flag in the law enforcement's Spillman electronic system to notify law enforcement when a person has mental health illness. We have 244 individuals from the County system flagged in Spillman. All Law Enforcement agencies in Rock County signed an MOU that they are committed to using the flag. We have had two community forums in collaboration with NAMI on this. We want to get private agencies involved next. Ms. Luster will share data soon but advised there has been a decrease of interactions per individual with law enforcement on several cases. Our goal is to continue growing and develop collaboration all across Rock County.

Director's Report:

- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised there are no updates for Shelter Care. We are patiently waiting to hear back from the State.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised next Thursday WCA is conducting a Juvenile Justice State Forum in Wisconsin Rapids. Ms. Luster, County Administrator Smith and Mr. Horozewski will be attending. The purpose is to receive information from the State and for counties to have conversation. Our goal is to find the best option for our youth. The administrative rule has not been published yet, which makes it challenging not knowing exactly what the expectations will be for new facilities.
- **Welfare Reform Update** – Ms. Luster shared an article about Welfare Reform. Wisconsin recently passed several legislative changes to add limits or requirements for those receiving benefits. The article discusses changes at the Federal level that are consistent with Wisconsin's emphasis on work requirements, asset limits, and drug testing for benefit recipients. As she receives updates she will share more information.

Ms. Luster advised there is a serious child neglect case in the news. She cannot discuss details but wanted to acknowledge it. Chair Knudson advised Board members to defer all questions to Rich Greenlee in Corporation Counsel.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:06 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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