



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the virtual meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Supervisor; Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative; J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; Pam Bostwick, Supervisor; and Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor.

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

Staff Present: Katherine Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Bette Trimble, Crisis Program Manager; Becky Huber, Coordinator of Prevention and Community Engagement; Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator; Mark Stevens, Business Services Manager; Tricia Stilen, Sub Care Worker;

Others Present: Patrick Singer, I.T. Terri Carlson, Risk Manager. Jane Golberg, Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change. Debbie Fischer. Jen Braun.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of June 23, 2021: Supervisor Williams moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Podzilni. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Reyes moved the contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Williams. Ms. Mooren highlighted two contracts which were revenue contracts. Ms. Luster introduced Ms. Huber who provided details regarding the Epiphany contract which will focus on a county wide evaluation to inform prevention resources and strategies.

Review of Bills: Mr. Stevens responded to questions regarding the US Bank and PSG entries.

Resolutions and Committee Action:

- a. **Resolution to Recognize Janet Hemauer** – Supervisor Bostwick moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Ms. O’Connor presented the resolution and noted that Ms. Hemauer was not able to attend. Ms. Hemauer has served the citizens of Rock County over 30 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. She began her career in 1991 in Child Protective Services (CPS) Ongoing. She transitioned a few years later becoming one of the founding members of the Substitute Care Unit and remained until her retirement. Ms. Hemauer served many years as a foster parent trainer, ensuring that new foster families had the knowledge and resources they needed. She also had a strong passion for developing ongoing trainings working with biological children in foster homes. Her ability to be positive and cheery led to her being known as a “ray of sunshine.” The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review and Discussion of Preliminary HSD 2022 Budget Projections: Ms. Luster advised she presented the 2022 HSD pre-budget to the Joint Committees the evening before, which at this point are projections. She proceeded to provide highlights from that presentation which included:

- Vision and Mission
- Leadership and Organization
- Revenue
- Expenditures
- Expenditures by Program
- Budget Overview by Program
- 2022 Pre-budget estimates
- Personnel costs
- High cost areas trending down and areas that could trend over budget
- Personnel request
- State Budget updates
- 2022 Key Initiatives
- Ongoing Strategic Priorities
- Last year accomplishments
- Child Welfare System change
- Challenges and Opportunities

Reports and Updates:

- a. Semi-Annual Report – Ms. Luster advised there were a total of six individuals to report for the last six-month time period who attended trainings over \$1,000 and provided details.
- b. Update: COVID Related Departmental and Community Needs – All buildings are open to the public. Continuing to serve clients and customers as requested and needed. Staff are continuing to be accommodating and flexible.
- c. Update: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center – Mr. Stevens advised the building project is on target with all anticipated work. Currently, working on safety and signage. The landscaping is completed. Furniture installation has started. The Ribbon Cutting is planned for August 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- d. Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) Position Regarding Changes to the B-3 Program Evaluation Process –The State recently changes the criteria being utilized to audit and rate the performance of Birth-3 programs. This change was not clearly communicated to counties prior to implementation. Many Counties who have historically scored well have ended up with low ratings, which has contributed to

concern and questioning among stakeholders in those counties. This led to WCHSA asking DHS to stop all Birth-3 audits until there is collaboration and further communication. The Department of Health Services (DHS) has agreed to halt audits. Our provider, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), is not scheduled until September for their audit. Ms. Luster will keep the Board members posted. She wanted to keep the Board members informed and will email the WCHSA letter to them.

Committee Requests:

- a. Review of Committee Requests to Date – Chair Knudson advised Ms. Luster to hold the agenda list until more changes can be done. He did change the HSD Board Agenda structure to mimic other committee agendas.
- b. Requests for Future Agenda Items or Information - Supervisor Schulz asked about how HSD is making referrals to Community Action and how can HSD stop people from losing their home. Ms. Luster verified the question to confirm what Supervisor Schulz was asking. Supervisor Schulz was asking for the eviction risk for HSD clients and is HSD making sure clients have awareness.

Supervisor Bostwick asked for the number of open CPS positions. She stated the answer can be emailed to all the HSD Board members.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **July 28, 2021** at 4:30 p.m. – via Zoom

Adjournment: Chair Knudson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:50 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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