



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 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; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative (in at 4:40 p.m., out at 5:05 p.m.); Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; and Tim Zuehlke, Controller.

Others Present: J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair. Mike Fuller, citizen.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of June 28, 2017: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chair Knudson announced that the Fast Feet For Families event is coming up on July 22, 2017. He mentioned raffle baskets are still needed if anyone would like to donate. Contact Jodi Parson if you are interested and she will help you connect with either Shilo Titus or Jennifer Wilson.

Chair Podzilni commented that the Beloit City Manager and City Attorney will be meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to possibly expedite moving forward with the casino.

Submission of Committee Requests: Chair Knudson thanked Ms. Luster for the agenda item list. He asked the Board to review the list and contact Ms. Luster if there are any changes needed. Supervisor Schulz requested an agenda item for Second Harvest. She learned recently that they have a program to help people with diabetes. Supervisor Garrett is interested in the educational programs for clients with diabetes.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved one contract to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. Citizen Representative Williams asked about the location of the provider. Ms. Mooren explained the facility was in Tennessee. Ms. Luster advised several counties are seeking residential treatment services out of state because there are not sufficient options within the state. Youth Villages is very successful and has a robust treatment model. There is interest at the state level on this lack of resources for residential treatment and Secretary Anderson met with Youth Villages recently. Ms. Luster advised tomorrow she and other large county Directors are meeting with Secretary Anderson at DCF about how to start a process to possibly replicate the facility in Wisconsin. Supervisor Garrett asked for an update when

there is more information. Citizen Representative Williams asked about the rate. Ms. Mooren responded. The contract was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Mr. Zuehlke had nothing out of the ordinary to report. There were no questions.

Resolution Amending the 2017 Human Services Department Budget to Accept 2016 ADRC Carry-over Funding: Supervisor Fell moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Mr. Boutwell presented the resolution in the absence of Ms. Thompson and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Supporting Access to Health Care: Supervisor Schulz moved to bring the resolution to the table, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. Supervisor Schulz advised after talking to others the resolution was revised. She asked for any questions.

Chair Knudson asked about shared constituency. Supervisor Schulz responded that the resolution will be sent to the offices of Representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives. Chair Knudson and several Board members thanked Supervisor Schulz for her work on the resolution. Supervisor Dommershausen requested sending a copy to the President and Senator McConnell. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Supervisor Schulz asked to send the resolution tomorrow because she heard they may be voting on this tomorrow. Chair Knudson advised the resolution has to pass through the Staff Committee and County Board before it can be sent.

Director's Report:

- **Public Hearing Notifications** – Ms. Luster advised last year the Board asked about the notification of the Public Hearing. This year to be responsive we are providing the letters and list of media and businesses who we have notified.
- **Budget Process Update** – A copy of the 2018 HSD Pre-budget presentation was distributed to the Board. Ms. Luster advised on Monday, July 10th she presented the 2018 HSD Pre-budget to the Joint County Board Staff & Finance Committees. Ms. Luster advised that the directions to Department Heads from County Administration was to assume 1.5% inflationary increase for personnel and operating costs. Ms. Luster explained the cost to continue reduction needed for 0% levy increase was approximately \$1.3 million. She overviewed the possible expenditure reductions of \$550,000 and the possible revenue enhancements of \$773,000.

Ms. Luster explained the proposed actions to get to a zero shortfall and previewed initiatives. She explained we have an RFP out right now to obtain paraprofessionals to help support CYF staff. Foster Care and Corrections are trending high and we learned that the State is increasing the daily rate 34% for corrections which are major points we are struggling with, but we are lower than projected for State Institutes.

Chair Knudson advised Ms. Luster is conducting Budget & Bagels sessions to provide information to staff about the budget and for staff to ask questions.

- **Information Regarding Current Medicaid and Insurance Coverage of Clients** – Ms. Luster distributed a handout providing information about Medical Assistance (MA), in response to Citizen Representative Williams' request from the last meeting. Medical Assistance is a State and Federal funded program to serve people with low income or who are disabled. She named the multiple programs included under the MA umbrella. In Rock County for calendar year 2016 there were 26,752 Medicaid Cases, 45,671 Medicaid eligible individuals and over \$207 million spent on health care coverage. Ms. Luster also provided month to month data on the individual categories for calendar year 2017 through June in Rock County, and data on the State wide current month health care enrollment.

This data is also relevant because HSD bills Medicaid for several programs. Approximately 60% of the clients we bill have MA and that number has increased about 10% in the past four years. We rely heavily on this and that is why it is important for us to know what is happening with MA at the federal level.

Supervisor Schulz asked how many people with substance abuse issues are being turned away from getting services. Ms. Luster advised she will be bringing information back to the Board about addiction and suicide which was requested at the last meeting, and she will tie in data about volume at that time. She explained there is a combination of challenges around this, insurance coverage is one issue but a larger resource issue as well. Citizen Representative Williams thanked Ms. Luster for the MA information. Supervisor Thomas mentioned the waiting list has been a problem for a long time and previous Board members have talked about how it takes a long time to get into treatment. We need more treatment resources.

Ms. Luster responded to questions from Supervisor Dommershausen on cost to continue revenue. Ms. Luster explained there will be a child support redesign and HSD will no longer be able to collect child support related to out of home care which is about a \$100,000 cut. Ms. Luster advised the resolution previously approved that was sent to the State to increase funds for child welfare went through and we are receiving an increase in the DCF basic County allocation of an estimated \$205,000.

Chair Knudson announced the Foster Care unit really wants our support and invited Board members to stop by the Foster Care booth at the 4H Fair. Chair Knudson also challenged the Board to donate their per diem to Fast Feet For Families and he will match it.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Garrett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams with unanimous approval at 5:20 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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