



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 21, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2015, in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; William Grahn, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; Terry Fell, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

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

Staff Present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; Kate Flanagan, MH/AODA Division Manager; Greg Winkler, Outpatient Services (OPS) Supervisor; and April Heim, ES Division Manager.

Others Present: Rhonda Suda, Southwest WI Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and Jimmy Watson, SWWDB Workforce Operations Manager. Citizen Representative Kleven's daughter.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Fell moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Garrett. Chair Knudson requested moving agenda item 8 before item 6. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of December 9, 2015: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Garrett. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: Supervisor Grahn apologized for the comments he made at the last County Board meeting. Supervisor Grahn thanked Chair Knudson for the Family Holiday event that was held last Saturday. Supervisor Schulz noted there were a lot of food donations this year at the event.

Report on AODA Rates: Ms. Flanagan advised Rock County budgets dollars for the AODA program through the AODA Block grant and tax levy. People who cannot afford AODA treatment come to us and we contract with providers for that service. We have been paying providers low rates for the last three years. They are asking for an increase. We support the increase in rates to maintain the providers we have. For example, Mercy will not contract with us based upon our current rates. Supervisor Thomas added that back in 2009, as a courtesy, providers kept rates low. If we want to provide services for the community we are going to have to raise their rates. Supervisor Garrett agreed we need to maintain providers and asked how many people are in treatment. Mr. Winkler advised he did not know the exact number of clients but there have been over 1,000 charges so far this year. Supervisor Schulz suggested making an attempt to get an increase in Federal funding. Ms. Flanagan advised we do not anticipate an increase in Federal funding and actually have seen a decrease. She advised we try to get as many people on insurance

as we can and are looking for more grant dollars to provide treatment. Although the rates we are approving are still slightly below MA rates, we anticipate with the increase that we will not lose providers.

Approval of Contracts, Transfers, and/or Encumbrances: Supervisor Grahn moved thirty six contracts and one encumbrance to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Ms. Mooren explained the contract index was emailed to the Board last Friday. Supervisor Grahn stated he would vote against any contracts with an increase over 1.5% except for Cross Roads, Lutheran Social Services (LSS), and Rock Valley Community Programs (RVCP) contracts who provide AODA services. The contracts and encumbrances were approved as follows: Supervisor Grahn only opposed contracts with an increase of more than 1.5%. Supervisors Fell, Thomas, Schulz, Garrett, Knudson and Citizen Representatives Williams and Kleven voted in favor of all the contracts. APPROVED.

Approval of Bills: Supervisor Fell moved the bills to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Supervisor Grahn asked about the Storage System entry. Mr. Zuehlke replied that cost was for file folders for the Medical Records (MRD) area. We still have some paper and Rock Haven files will eventually be electronic but not all cases have been transitioned from paper.

ADM	81,892.32	ADM	18,322.31
AODA	21,109.37	CPS	1,397.06
ADM	1,101.43		

The bills were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Report on Food Share Education Training (FSET) & FSET Work Program: Ms. Suda, SWWDB Executive Director and Mr. Watson, SWWDB Workforce Operations Manager were introduced. Beginning in April SWWDB assumed the contract for FSET for six counties. Rock County is the driver county for participation. There seems to be a controversy about ABAWD participants getting "kicked off" Food Share. The only way to be kicked off FSET is to absolutely do nothing. To comply, the participant must come in for an FSET orientation within the first three months. If the Food Share participant does not come in SWWDB continues sending a letter to them every 12 days until they comply or until the time limited benefits are exhausted. They want to help people in the program to find employment and training to get people back to work.

The FSET orientation is where the Case Manager talks to the participant to find out what barriers they are experiencing that appears to be keeping them from gaining employment. There are a number of different reasons, for example, they just need to brush up on some skills by taking classes, or need child care, or transportation. If someone has completed at least 50% of a bachelor degree, SWWDB can assist them by getting them back to college to obtain their degree and may pay for books and tuition. They look for the right opportunities for participants and try to get wrap around services and training which plays a huge roll in gaining employment. Sometimes it is as simple as someone needing four hours of child care that W-2 may not be able to provide.

Supervisor Schulz asked about individuals wanting to go to work but who may not want to go to school. Schooling is not always necessary but Ms. Suda explained there may be training needed depending on the requirement for a job. First, they provide participants with a career assessment to find out their interests. The Case Manager discusses with individuals a variety of interests and then points them toward an entity. Supervisor Schulz asked about connecting participants with County jobs and asked how long a participant would go without food if they don't comply and are not the custodial parent. Ms. Suda and Ms. Heim responded that it would be 36 months.

Supervisor Williams asked about temp agencies. She has heard about people getting temporary jobs but not hired permanently. Ms. Suda explained they are seeing employers move away from temporary employees. Sometimes temporary position are recommended if a participant needs to work on skills but temporary positions are diminishing. She advised participants are still in the system even when they are working. If a participant does not get hired permanently, they should talk to the case manager to assist them in finding something else. Mr. Watson explained that if a

participant loses a job they are still in the system 89 days and after 90 days they are in the WIOA system.

Supervisor Garrett asked about the average wage earned once recipients are employed. Ms. Suda explained if a participant is employed but wants more earning potential the participant should contact the case worker. Supervisor Garrett asked about DVR and clients who have mental health challenges. Mr. Watson explained if we feel a client would fit better with DVR they communicate with DVR, and connect them. SWWDB stated they connect clients to the agency that best fits their needs.

Citizen Representative Williams asked about a participant who is non-compliant after 90 days and the 36 month re-enrollment waiting period. Ms. Suda explained if an individual did absolutely nothing the waiting period is 36 months. If the participant wants to reestablish eligibility, they need to come in and get on a work program, and work 80 hours in 30 days to get benefits reestablished. Ms. Suda responded to questions about the form letters that the State generates to clients.

Director's Report: In October, we presented information about SB326. The Board directed a resolution on SB326 and recently the resolution opposing the Bill was passed unanimously by the HSD Board, the Public Safety and Justice Committee (PS&J), and the County Board Staff Committee. It then passed the County Board. DA O'Leary will come to PS&J to talk about his take on the Bill. Before the resolution was created Ms. Klyve left a message with DA O'Leary and Sheriff Spoden about our concerns. She wanted the HSD Board to know this has been passed by the WCHSA and WCA as well. The Bill states we would like to sit down and talk about all the details of the Bill with all entities it impacts. Supervisor Garrett would like follow up from the PS&J meeting at the next HSD Board meeting.

Supervisor Garrett reminded us that she requested an update on the Jail Reentry Case Manager and also jail nurses. Mr. Knudson and Ms. Klyve advised that the Jail Reentry Case Manager is under the Sheriff's Department, and the Sheriff would have to approve this. The nurses are also under contract with the Sheriff's Department. Chair Knudson stated we need to address this with Sheriff Spoden. Ms. Klyve stated that she would email Sheriff Spoden that the HSD Committee showed interest in the Jail Reentry and jail nursing. Supervisor Fell advised either Ms. Pohlman McQuillen or Mr. Smith could possibly speak on the subject as well.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., at the Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Fell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Grahn with unanimous approval at 10:28 a.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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