



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 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; Terry Fell, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager; Cheri Salava, Substitute Care Supervisor; Gretchen Dypold, CYF Master Social Worker; and April Heim, ES Division Manager.

Others Present: Mr. Dypold, Gretchen Dypold's husband. Mr. Marc Perry, Community Programs Director, Community Action. Mr. Kevin Young, Beloit community member.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of January 25, 2017: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved seven contracts to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. Ms. Mooren advised all the contracts were renewals. The contract for Trempealeau was approved previously with a zero increase but now they have asked for an increase in rates. We have one client there. Supervisor Thomas asked if this is different than Clearview. Ms. Mooren explained how Trempealeau is funded differently than Clearview. Ms. Luster advised this is an institute setting for clients with higher mental health needs. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Mr. Zuehlke advised the bills reflect entries for calendar year 2016 and 2017. After the next meeting the bills will reflect only calendar year 2017. The 2017 bills may look a little different because encumbered entries appear. Mr. Zuehlke responded to questions.

Citizen Representative Williams asked about how there seems to be several items placed in the category "other contracted services." Ms. Mooren explained some things are broken out but program expenses are under contracted services. Program expenses can be a number of different

items. Mr. Boutwell advised that County Administration sets the object codes and additional information can be pointed out in budget documents.

Resolution to Recognize Gretchen Dypold: Citizen Representative Williams moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Ms. Salava introduced Gretchen Dypold and presented the resolution. Ms. Dypold has served the citizens of Rock County for over sixteen years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. Ms. Dypold began her career as a Master's Social Worker and her primary role was Prevention Specialist. As the Brighter Futures Coordinator for the County, she worked with CPS and JJ services and a variety of community agencies to create prevention programs. Ms. Dypold was a leader in coordinating the development of the Rock County Home Visiting Network. In addition, she was instrumental in writing grants to develop innovative programming. She and her partners developed programming that resulted in African-American mothers and families with newborns to get off to a healthy start. She has an unmatched commitment to her colleagues and a passion for prevention. Ms. Dypold has proven herself to be a dedicated and outstanding employee. Citizen Representative Williams and Chair Knudson expressed thanks. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Resolution Recognizing Sarah Richards: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. Ms. Heim presented the resolution recognizing Sarah Richards. Ms. Richards was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Richards has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. Ms. Richards began her career as a Transportation Clerk and transferred to a Duplicating Equipment Operator. Later she transferred to a Clerk III position and after ten years took on the challenge of Job Center Support Specialist where she demonstrated excellent customer service to Job Center customers. Sarah has proven herself to be a compassionate, caring and committed employee, always advocating for the ES program participants. Chair Knudson expressed thanks. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Update on Community Action Mentoring Program: Mr. Horozewski introduced Marc Perry, Community Programs Director with Community Action in Beloit who he has worked with on several initiatives. Rock County received Youth Aids early intervention funds which must be used to divert youth from the JJ system. This was a good opportunity to partner with Community Action to expand the mentoring program.

Mr. Perry introduced Kevin Young. Mr. Young is a 19 year old Beloit community member who realized the need for a mentoring program. He went to Community Action and asked Mr. Perry about starting a mentoring group, because of his initiative to talk to Mr. Perry the mentoring program was formed in 2014. The group was started as a healthy alternative for high school youth in Beloit. The program specifically targets youth who do not have a consistent adult role model in their life. Teachers can refer African-American or Hispanic youth to the program if there is a decrease in grades, attitude, or attendance. Mr. Young helped work on recruiting males, and very quickly the group grew, meetings increased from one night a week to two nights a week. A female group has been formed as well.

In Beloit, nearly 40% of all children live below poverty level, which is double the State rate. The mentoring program's main focus is raising self-efficacy by using Adult Preparation Programming. Adult Preparation Programming includes financial literacy education, Workforce Investment opportunity, and the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). PREP is a key element that seeks to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections providing teens with positive alternatives to alcohol and drug use. Youth are exposed to college campuses by taking annual field trips. Beloit College is a significant partner and has resulted in the production of student driven art projects. The 2016 mentoring program's performance measure outcomes achieved have more than exceeded the goals that were originally set. Mr. Perry responded to questions.

Director's Report:

- Information Regarding Youth Services Center Incident – Ms. Luster shared information about a youth who was injured at the YSC in the Shelter unit. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 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 Thomas with unanimous approval at 5:29 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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