



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative (in at 4:32 p.m.); David Homan, Supervisor; and Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

Committee Members Absent: Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; and Mark Stevens, Business Services Manager.

Others Present: Patrick Singer, Information Technology. Kelly Berg, Foster Parent. Pam Bostwick, Citizen. Sue Rusch, Citizen. Terri Wixom, Citizen. Katie Lubke, Foster Parent. Jamie Fugate, Citizen. Terri Wixom, Citizen. Rick Richards, County Board.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of December 11, 2019: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Homan. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: Supervisor Schulz announced there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration on January 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Blackhawk Technical College. Citizen Representative Williams mentioned that her husband will be receiving an award and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes will be there.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved twenty-eight contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Ms. Mooren responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Mr. Stevens advised there was nothing out of the ordinary for the December bills. There were no questions.

Resolution to Recognize Lianne Lannon: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. Mr. Singer presented the resolution and explained Ms. Lannon was not able to attend. Ms. Lannon has served the citizens of Rock County for twenty-eight years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. She began her career in 1991 as a Lead Medical Transcriber within the Medical Records Department. She accepted a position in 1996 as a Database Coordinator where she assisted in the development of digital data collection and reporting. This position was renamed to Application Support Specialist in 2017. Ms. Lannon has proven herself to be a dedicated employee whose legacy has made a lasting impact on the data solutions with the HSD. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Director's Report:

- **Information Regarding Overbilling Issue in the CLTS Program** – Ms. Luster advised there was a unique situation in the CLTS program where one individual was billing for much more than should have been billed. This was addressed as soon as it was found and the situation was audited. This is revenue that should not have received and has been paid back.
- **Information Regarding Child Welfare System: Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), Adoption Task Force Bills** – Ms. Luster described the FFPSA which is a Federal law initially passed in 2018. The law substantially changes how IV-E Federal funding can be used. While currently this funding can be used flexibly for out-of-home placements, when the law goes into effect, IV-E funding can be used to prevent out-of-home placement and to provide treatment services. There is also an emphasis on supporting Kinship care. This is a big shift and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is making plans for 2021 implementation.

The Adoption Task Force Bills include a series of Bills aimed at improving and easing the ability to adopt by removing barriers to adoption in Wisconsin. Ms. Luster responded to questions. Many of the original Bills were amended to address concerns, some of which related to easing the ability to terminate parental rights. The Bills will still go to the State Senate for consideration.

- **Update: Foster Parent Engagement Efforts:** Ms. Luster advised the consultants met with Foster Parent focus groups in December. The report from the consultants should be out by the end of this week. The hope was to bring concerns to the surface so they can be discussed and resolved. She explained she emailed the Foster Parent group and gave them several times she is available to meet with them next week to discuss the report. Ms. Luster will start ongoing dialogue as a part of this and work to build trust and collaboration.
- **Update: 1717 Center Avenue:** Ms. Luster advised that the plan is very close to final. The next steps will be the engineering phase which includes working on ceiling height. Mr. Stevens explained because the outer shell is already there the build once it gets started should take about ten months..

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **January 22, 2019** at 4:30 p.m. at the Rock County Health Care Center, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Aegerter motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:08 a.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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