



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 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 (in at 4:33 p.m.); Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Terry Fell, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative.

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Mark Stevens, Business Services Manager; April Heim, ES Division Manager; and Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager.

Others Present: Bill McCarty, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Thomas 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 March 27, 2019: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Citizen Representative Williams announced that April 25, 2019 is National Stand Against Racism day. The YWCA will be holding events in two locations in Janesville and one location in Beloit. She encourages everyone to attend to show support.

Submission of Committee Requests: Citizen Representative Williams asked for a presentation about how HSD intersects with immigration particularly on undocumented immigrants.

Supervisor Schulz asked for a report on the COA and ADRC merge. Ms. Luster advised she would be giving an update today, and will continue to update the Board as a standing item under the Director's Report.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Supervisor Thomas moved four contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Ms. Mooren provided highlights of the contracts. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Mr. Stevens advised the bills were from March and have been paid. He responded to questions. Ms. Heim responded to questions about Energy Services and outreach for clients whose electricity may be shut off.

Resolution to Recognize Economic Support Staff: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. Ms. Heim presented the resolution. The ES staff are responsible for multiple constant changes, they have high caseloads and are part of the seven county consortium. In the past we have recognized ES staff in different ways. This year the staff are partaking in a Scavenger Hunt and we are challenging ES staff to paint rocks with inspirational quotes which will be placed out in the community. We will also have a lunch brought in and Supervisors will pass out cupcakes in the afternoon. Ms. Heim responded to questions about losing staff and the number of vacancies in ES. Citizen Representative Williams acknowledged ES is a small group of staff serving many people in the community. Supervisor Thomas thanked Ms. Heim and the ES Division for all they do. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Resolution Amending the 2019 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Family Drug Treatment Court Grant Funds: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. Mr. Horozewski presented the resolution and explained this grant was previously referenced to the Board at a previous meeting when we recognized Cassandra Baacke who wrote the grant application. This resolution is to accept the grant funds we have been awarded. We will be reallocating one ongoing position to become the Coordinator of the Drug Treatment Court team and there will be two positions to provide services. Currently we are in the development stages but are on track to start services by the end of July. We are developing tracking and our goal is to reduce time children are in Foster Care and achieve faster permanency with parents. Ms. Luster responded to questions about sustainability. The goal is that this will improve outcomes and increase savings to justify sustaining it.

Mr. Horozewski explained Rock and Dunn are the only two counties awarded this grant and are considered pilot counties. Mr. Horozewski responded to questions and will provide future updates on how the program is doing. Supervisor Thomas suggested a County Board presentation on this. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Report on Medicaid Expansion: Ms. Luster advised Governor Evers' budget proposal is to expand Medicaid through the Affordable Care Act which is infused in his budget and many budget initiatives are dependent upon it. In the proposal there is also a change from 100% of the poverty level to 130% of the poverty level to allow more people to qualify for services. The State portion of Medicaid would decrease with an increase of Federal return. There would be a potential increase in funding to Human Services for Crisis Intervention services for counties who regionalize some or all of their crisis services. The proposed budget enhances services and increases the number of individuals covered.

Ms. Luster advised after reviewing a Behavioral Health (BH) revenue report, we learned a large number of clients do not have insurance, which means we would have a significant increase in revenue if this passes.

In ES, with the Medicaid expansion, counties want to make sure IM will be funded and that there are enough staff to cover workloads. Ms. Luster responded to questions about the challenges of this getting passed.

Director's Report:

- **Human Services Day at the Capitol** – Ms. O'Connor advised the Human Services Day at the Capitol was the first time she experienced the opportunity to meet with Legislators. She thanked Chair Knudson and Supervisor Schulz for attending. The day started with a meeting in the morning with WCHSA to hear an overview of the points they are focusing on, and then we had the opportunity to meet individually with five Legislators.

Highlights included talking about Children in Long Term Care specifically the waitlist. Rock County has done a great job on the waitlist and we have received additional funding. We asked for continued support for that funding.

The language in the Governor's budget proposal around "No Wrong Door" was talked about and we asked to be at the table for discussion on the plan and implementation. The concern is that clients are having to go to multiple places for the benefits they have coming. There are multiple areas being looked at one is the idea of developing a resource center for children and the other is screening eligible clients.

In Child Welfare the current budget is \$15 million and we asked for \$30 million and an oversight mechanism. Our data specifically for Rock County shows a significant increase in costs since 2012 to 2017. Rock County caseloads and children in care have doubled. In Youth Justice supporting technical connections and startup funds, and supporting the proposal for seventeen year olds to come back to the youth system with funding.

We asked for support for additional funding in Income Maintenance (IM) for more staff to handle the increase of caseloads with the expansion of Medicaid.

We asked for support around expansion of mental health programs in Behavioral Health.

- **Update on Council on Aging (COA)/Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Integration Discussion** – Ms. Luster advised that some concerns have come up about the integration and an email was sent out by the previous COA Director to Council on aging Advisory Board members. Ms. Luster responded to some of the specifics about the HSD and how we operate in a memo that County Administrator Smith distributed at the Joint Committee meeting last week.

Change is a challenge and there are always concerns. County Administrator Smith's desire is to bring the concerns to the surface to address and to make sure the public has a voice. There will be ongoing discussions, and a facilitator may be brought in to help as other counties have used. There is a strong desire by the State to bring COA and the ADRC together in one location, and many counties have already completed the integration. The Human Services Department did not initiate the integration planning but we will continue to participate in the discussions among the relevant Boards.

There will be another Joint Committee meeting on May 1st, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., in room K at the Job Center. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Fell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Thomas with unanimous approval at 5:33 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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