



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, November 23, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2015, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; William Grahn, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative (in at 9:06 a.m.); Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; Terry Fell, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

**Committee Members Absent:** Linda Garrett, Supervisor.

**Staff Present:** Charmian Klyve, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager; Jennifer Thompson, ADR/LTS Division Manager; and Jennifer Anselmi, LTS Supervisor.

**Others Present:** Russ Podzilni, County Board Chair. Citizen Representative Kleven's son and niece.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Fell moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of November 11, 2015:** Supervisor Thomas moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Grahn. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers requested Tina Day talk about the Holiday Committee. Supervisor Thomas advised he has a power point about Marsh County that he would like to share information about consortiums at a meeting in January.

**Approval of Contracts, Transfers, and/or Encumbrances:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the encumbrance to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren explained the encumbrance was for purchasing cabinet locks for the CLTS program. The encumbrance was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Approval of Bills:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the bills to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Mr. Zuehlke responded to questions.

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| ADM  | 42,830.26 | ADM | 785.18 |
| AODA | 30,816.63 |     |        |
| CYF  | 761.99    |     |        |

The bills were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Discussion of Youth Services Center Programming Space:** Mr. Horozewski reported that he and Mr. Boutwell have been working with Potter Lawson to facilitate designing a day room at the YSC which would involve taking down a wall. Although, the wall can be removed, the barrier is the building codes. Removing the wall would be considered a substantial remodel, requiring installation of two egress door exits for anyone with mobility issues, and an additional bathroom. We are now looking at other options because we were not planning on that large of a modification and it does not provide us what we envisioned. Citizen Representative Williams suggested looking at the entire building to set goals and complete an evaluation of other options. Mr. Horozewski advised we are looking at all possible programming needs and options as the ACTIONS program requires a space for females, and crisis stabilization needs as well. Supervisor Thomas asked if we are looking at adding space or a new building. Mr. Horozewski advised we are looking at all our options including adding on. Supervisor Grahn suggested completing a feasibility study to see what the cost is compared to the money the programs are saving us. Ms. Klyve advised we are looking broadly at the secure and shelter side to determine what is needed and feasible.

**Discussion on SB326/AB429 Affecting Child Welfare Practice:** Ms. Klyve noted in the HSD Board packet there were copies of the WCA and WCHSA's memos opposing Senate Bill 326. Ms. Klyve distributed a copy of the SB326 and a comparison of the current law to the proposed law. The proposed bill was submitted by Brad Schimel, Secretary of DOJ, with no conversation with WCA or Human Services. The proposed law changes are: 1.) To expand the referral and coordination requirements to all reports of any kind; 2.) County agencies receiving any report must refer to law enforcement as soon as practicable but no later than 12 hours with no exclusion of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays; 3.) Law Enforcement and County must coordinate investigations of all reports; 4.) Law enforcement must adopt a written policy specifying what reports will routinely be referred to the DA for criminal prosecution.

Ms. Klyve indicated SB326 would have a rather large budget impact on HSD and law enforcement agencies. Mr. Horozewski advised that we coordinate with law enforcement already on cases needing their involvement, however, law enforcement doesn't have the same response timelines we do. Our main focus is the child's safety, whereas law enforcement's focus is to obtain proof if a crime took place. We have current agreements and we work well with most jurisdictions. Supervisor Thomas highlighted that WCHSA pointed out that all cases would be screened under the new law. We would need more workers but are not receiving more funding. Supervisor Schulz also stated that we would need more funding.

Supervisor Grahn moved to initiate a resolution opposing SB326 to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Supervisor Grahn asked about what law enforcement thinks about this. Ms. Klyve advised she is unsure if they are supporting this or not but law enforcement should be concerned. For example, a week ago Human Services received ten same day referrals which means we had to dispatch workers right away. "Standing by" waiting for coordination with law enforcement on these types of cases could create an unintended consequence of endangering children's safety.

Chair Podzilni advised that he is on the WCA Board of Directors. Their position is that this is bad legislation and hope that the County's would submit resolutions opposing the bill. He noted counties are open to continue conversation about these issues. Supervisor Fell suggested making sure that Law Enforcement and the Sheriff Department are aware of this at the local level, and gain their support in opposition. If the resolution could be completed before December 7<sup>th</sup> for the next Public Safety and Justice meeting, they could review it as well. Supervisor Schulz stated we do not have adequate funds to do what the bill is asking. We should also consider writing a letter to the federal government stating that if they want us to make these changes we need funding. Approval to initiate a resolution opposing the SB326 was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Director's Report:** Ms. Klyve wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She advised at the next HSD Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, she will invite Tina Day from the Holiday Committee, have a draft resolution opposing SB326 ready for consideration, and provide an update on budget issues.

Supervisor Grahn announced the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Christmas Benefit will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the fund raiser Chair Knudson and Citizen Representative Kleven's are highly involved with and is a great event.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., at the Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Grahn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Thomas with unanimous approval at 9:41 a.m.

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Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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