



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at the Youth Services Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Russell Podzilni, Supervisor; Ron Woodman, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Kathy Schulz Supervisor; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative; and Jim Farrell, Supervisor attended in-person.

Committee Members Absent: Karla Herrmann, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Jordyn Miller, Communications Specialist; Cori Marsh, Aging Unit Supervisor; Ryan Booth, Aging Unit Transportation, Jennifer Peck, APS Supervisor; Jillian Cline, Business Manager; and Ryan Trautsch, Youth Justice Manager.

Others Present: None.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on May 25, 2022: Supervisor Woodman moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster advised the Human Services Public Hearing on the 2023 budget will be on July 13, 2022, as a hybrid meeting at 6:00, in the Beckman Mill conference room at the DWRC. She advised that the Public Hearing is where the public has an opportunity to speak to the Board members about the 2023 Human Services budget. To get notification out regarding the Public Hearing a letter of notification is sent out to multiple businesses throughout the county, interested parties, and to the media (placed on their calendars). This year HSD will be able to post notification to social media as well. Board members will receive the lists, and Ms. Luster asked for feedback from the Board, if someone was missed they feel should be added.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: None.

Review Bills Paid: Ms. Cline advised there was nothing out of the ordinary to highlight on the May bills. Ms. Cline and Ms. Luster responded to questions regarding the SMR Holdings, LLC. and the Kinship Care entries.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

- A. To Recognize June 15, 2022, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Peck presented the resolution and explained on June 15, 2006, the World Health Organization launched “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.” The Rock County APS Unit assisted 270 elders in 2021 who were victims of one or more types of abuse. Ms. Peck explained the APS unit likes to do something different every year to raise awareness in the community. This year there will be signage put on the courthouse lawn and they will be giving out purple carnations and pamphlets at the Blackhawk Credit Union. Ms. Peck responded to questions regarding the percentage of cases involving police, number of financial cases, and getting information out to community how to prevent financial loss. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- B. Authorizing Purchase of Rock County Transit Vehicles and Amending the 2022 Human Services Department Unit Budget – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Mr. Booth presented the resolution and explained that the citizens they serve are 55 years old or have a disability. He provided information about the fleet and stated it should consist of twelve vans. They have eleven and two are getting maintenance leaving nine available right now. It is very hard keeping up with the demand for transportation and they have had to turn down some requests. Replacement of vans is seven years or at 200,000 miles. Ms. Luster explained that HS understood that there were going to be two vans coming from the State, but now only one van is coming. This resolution allows HSD to purchase used vans when they find one available. The demand is high, and time is of the essence to purchase them. Mr. Booth explained more about the state replacements, maintenance and the types of vans used. Mr. Booth responded to questions regarding capital requests, transition of the COA to the Aging Unit, State requests, and planning for future years. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- C. Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter into Contract with Professional Services Group, Inc. (PSG) – Citizen Representative Hoffman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Reyes. Ms. O’Connor presented the resolution and explained HSD has been working with PSG for some years. They provide Family Interactions and Support Services, Targeted Safety Services, and staff for the Parents Supporting Parents program for the CPS Division. The funds are already in the budget and approving the resolution will allow HSD to continue the contract. She explained as part of new protocols, contracts over \$200,000 will be presented to the HS Board as resolutions and then to the County Board. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Reports and Updates:

- A. **Report on Youth Services Center Programs:** Mr. Trautsch provided pictures of the secure area and recreation yard. A tour was not given, due to Covid concerns. He explained the area the meeting was being held, was previously Shelter Care, but the Shelter Care youth now go to Derrick’s House. The area is now used to provide ACTIONS programming to youth. The Youth Services Center is a 24/7 secure detention facility licensed by the Department of Corrections. He provided licensing information. The

average daily census has been approximately 9-10 youth for the last two years. Mr. Trautsch provided details regarding the reasons youth would be placed in the facility. He described the custody process and the use of Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI). As part of YSC, there is an alternative to corrections program called ACTIONS. He explained that youth in the ACTIONS program would have committed a serious offense or have multiple offences. He provided detailed information regarding the ACTIONS programming. Mr. Trautsch responded to questions regarding education, and age of youth in the facility.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Farrell asked for an agenda item regarding the Farmers' Market vouchers and if the amount of the vouchers could be raised.

Discussion to hold the HS Board meeting at the Eclipse Center took place, and the decision was made to meet there in August.

Supervisor Schulz requested an agenda item regarding childcare issues.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **June 22, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m. – will be a hybrid meeting via zoom and in-person at the DWRC, Boardroom, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Podzilni motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:34 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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