



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

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

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative. Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jillian Cline, Business Manager; Tiffany Meredith, Alia; Jackie Revels, Homelessness Prevention Coordinator; Madeline Prange, CPS Supervisor; and Kami Williams, CPS Lead Worker.

Others Present: Kelsey Hood-Christenson and John Pfleiderer, Family Services.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on July 27, 2022: Supervisor Podzilni moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Herrmann. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Chair Knudson commented that the HSD staff at the Rock County 4-H Fair and National Night Out outreach booths did a great job at each of the events, and he saw many people around the booths. He thanked Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers for taking his place as Chair of the last Human Services Board meetings.

Approval of Contracts: None.

Review of Bills Paid: Ms. Cline responded to questions regarding the Big Radio, Central States Investigation, and County of Ogle entries.

Reports and Updates:

- A. Report from Family Services -** Ms. Hood-Christenson provided a power point presentation. She explained that the Transitional Living Program (TLP) will focus on

building up families to become self-sufficient. Housing is meant to be transitional for up to two years and not meant to be permanent housing. The facility will have 20 apartment units, offices for services, common areas, and a connected childcare facility. It will be for single parent, low-income families with young children. This will not only be housing but will include services to help the family obtain sustainability such as financial services, mental health services, and childcare. There will be an emphasis on supporting childhood cognitive development while addressing adverse childhood experiences. The childcare facility will be large enough to offer childcare to families in the community as well. The goal is to support families from homelessness to housing self sufficiency by providing opportunities to develop effective work force skills and family support skills. This will help reduce the family's need for crisis services and help children succeed socially and academically.

She explained the multigenerational cycle of poverty and how intervening can change the cycle, and have positive outcomes for the adults, children, and community. In detail she explained the Program Plan which included eligibility, childcare, staffing, supportive services, and terminations. Mr. Pfeleiderer responded to questions regarding funding for construction, operational costs, and location. Ms. Hood-Christenson provided information regarding outcomes, location, expenses, funding, and revenue for ongoing expenses. She highlighted the phases of the project and provided the next steps they will be taking. Ms. Luster, Ms. Hood-Christiansen, and Mr. Pfeleiderer responded to questions.

- B. 2023 HSD Budget** - Ms. Luster reviewed the proposed 2023 HSD budget memo that she sent to County Administrator Smith. The budget proposal is responsive to the guidance and expectations he provided for Department Heads. The request proposes an increase in overall tax levy of \$326,580 with a request to use \$358,000 in excess sales tax revenue for capital expenses. If the sales tax is applied the result will be an overall decrease of requested tax levy of \$31,420. This is a challenging year due to inflationary costs and the wage analysis. She explained how the reduction was achieved and provided additional highlights. She responded to questions regarding the budget and artwork at the DWRC. She reminded the Board members to contact her with any questions they may have.

Committee Requests: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. – will be a hybrid meeting via zoom and in-person at the DWRC, in the **Boardroom**, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schulz motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Herrmann with unanimous approval at 5:50 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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