



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, in the Board Room at the DWRC, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Ron Woodman, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor; Jim Farrell, Supervisor; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative (via Zoom); and, Karla Herrmann, Supervisor (via Zoom).

Committee Members Absent: Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jordyn Miller, Communication Specialist (via Zoom); Chris Darr, CLTS Case Manager; Kathy King, ES Lead Worker; Brenda Swensen, CLTS Supervisor; Maria Delgado, ES Manager; Nichole Amettis, Nursing Supervisor; Julie Butz, CLTS Program Manager (via Zoom).

Others Present: Brittany Prince, Community Member; Debbie Fischer, BATFOH; Ann Sittrick-Joyce, BATFOH; and Danielle Gray, Genoa Healthcare Site Manager.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on September 14, 2022: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster advised that the application period for the housing initiative for matching funds ended on Monday. Several applications were submitted and are being reviewed this week. Even if all applications were approved, there would still be funds left. The application period may be extended. The Board will continue to receive updates on these efforts.

Regarding the child welfare systems change and the Butler Institute study, results and recommendations will be shared at the steering committee meeting on October 20th. No other information on content is available at this time. Further updates will be shared with this Board as they become available. In addition, the co-design group (comprised of 17 parents from Beloit, HSD CPS and Administration staff, staff from IDEO.ORG in California, and Alia), will meet during

the first two weeks of October. And Amelia Franke Meyer from Alia will share a presentation about the change process on October 12th.

Approval of Contracts: None.

Rock County HSD August Employee Impact Recognition Award – Ms. Luster introduced Impact Award recipient for August, Kathy King, who is a Lead Worker in the Economic Support Division. Ms. King received several nominations and Ms. Luster shared highlights from them.

Rock County HSD September Employee Impact Recognition Award – Ms. Luster introduced the Impact Award recipient for September, Chris Darr, who is a CLTS Support and Service Coordinator. Kate shared highlights from the nomination.

Reports and Updates:

A. Report on Genoa Pharmacy Services

Mr. Winkler shared background on the RFP process and ultimate selection of Genoa Pharmacy Services as the in-house pharmacy at the DWRC. Genoa moved into the DWRC at the same time as HSD, approximately one year ago. The two have formed a great working relationship to provide services to behavioral health program clients, which has proven to be very beneficial. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place next Wednesday at noon.

Ms. Danielle Gray, Site Manager for Genoa Pharmacy Services shared that the pharmacy is serving individuals with mental health and other substance use disorders. The pharmacy coordinates with HSD nurses and psychiatric technicians to provide medications for clients. Genoa can provide special packaging to ease client use, can sync medications with refill and appointment dates to provide convenience to clients, and also can provide mail and delivery services. The pharmacy has grown from the site's inception and currently Ms. Gray, three technicians and one additional pharmacist (who helps out two times per week) serve approximately 320 clients. Together, they fill approximately 100 prescriptions per day and coordinate a daily courier service to the Beloit CSP office. The Behavioral Health Clinic is open 8:30am-5pm Monday through Friday and has established an after-hours answering service. Ms. Gray answered questions.

Mr. Winkler added that there are plans in the works to add 600 sq. ft. of additional space to the pharmacy's floor plan, using existing space in the clinic to accommodate growth. Ms. Amettis added that there exists a deep level of integration with clients and staff, utilizing a treatment approach. Ms. Gray attends provider meetings to further integrate the pharmacy with the clinic. Genoa is fully certified through the Board of Pharmacy and entrance is limited to Genoa staff only with its own security system in place (separate from the DWRC).

B. Report from Beloit Area Task Force on Homelessness (BATFOH)

A handout was provided to those in attendance. Ms. Sittrick-Joyce gave an overview of BATFOH, emphasizing the group focuses on the needs of those Beloit residents who are either currently, or at risk of, experiencing homelessness. BATFOH's Strategic Plan includes four key priorities:

1. Resolve the client crisis
2. Provide basic safety net assistance
3. Access on-going services of support
4. Engagement of special stakeholders (anyone who has a role in this type of activity)

Ms. Sittrick-Joyce continued to share data regarding Beloit's homeless population and identified that the state, county, and city of Janesville have all acknowledged that Beloit has the most critical need for human services support to address the many and varied needs of those experiencing homelessness. Ms. Fischer, Director of Youth2Youth 4 Change, stated that 60% of the homeless population in Beloit are working. Rental requirements, inability to pay rent, and lack of safe and affordable housing, make it difficult to secure and maintain housing. BATFOH asked that HSD consider joining them as a partner. Ms. Sittrick-Joyce and Ms. Fischer answered questions.

C. 2023 Budget Update

Ms. Luster shared that she has no information regarding modifications to HSD's budget. There is a meeting with the County Administrator tomorrow and it is expected that a response to our budget proposal will be shared. Ms. Luster described the budget approval process and stated that the County Administrator's proposal will be presented at the next meeting of the County Board. More detail in regard to historic and current position vacancy data and responsibilities of HSD analysts will be provided at a future meeting. Ms. Luster answered questions.

Committee Requests: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **October 12, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m. – this will be a hybrid meeting via Zoom and in-person at the DWRC, in the **Boardroom**, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Podzilni made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:32 p.m.

Kathleen Wellnitz, Secretary

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