



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in room N1-N2, at the Rock County Courthouse, Janesville, WI.

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

Committee Members Absent: Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director (virtual); Jordyn Miller, Communication Specialist; Jillian Cline, Business Services Manager, Maria Delgado, ES Division Manager (virtual); Ali McCalmont, ES Supervisor (virtual). Emma Coleman, CPS (virtual).

Others Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator. Rich Greenlee, Corporation Council. Deb Lalor, LWV. Kelsey Hood-Christenson, Family Services. John Pfleiderer, Family Services.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, second by Supervisor Herrmann. Chair Knudson requested moving agenda item #9B before agenda item #8A. The agenda with amendment was unanimously approved. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on October 26, 2022: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: None.

Review Bills Paid: Ms. Cline responded to questions regarding the City of Janesville and the Rock Valley Community Programs entries.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

- A. **Report on Next Step TLP Family Services – Mr. Pfleiderer and Ms. Hood Christenson**
See item B, combined the two items.
- B. **Authorizing the Release of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. to Develop a Family Centered Transitional Housing Program in Rock County** – Citizen Representative Hoffman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Mr. Pfleiderer and Ms. Hood Christensen advised that the Royce School has been purchased and they are

moving forward with the project. They provided details regarding the architect recommendations. They have acquired statements of interests from donors to continue to sustain the facility. The Beloit Planning Commission unanimously passed the re zoning of the building and this will go before the Beloit City Council in December. There will be an Open House on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. They responded to questions regarding budget, renovations, and program planning. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Reports and Update:

- A. **Economic Support (ES) Report on Unwinding** - Ms. Luster introduced Ms. Delgado, ES Division Manager. Ms. Delgado introduced Ms. McCalmont, ES Lead Supervisor and presented a power point explaining unwinding. The “Unwinding” is referring to the Income Maintenance Public Health Emergency (PHE) benefits which clients received temporarily during the pandemic but will soon be ending. The policies will change back to what they were before which means IM agencies will start to review health care cases and re-determine eligibility. DHS is waiting to hear from the federal government on when the PHE will end. The federal government has agreed to provide at least 60 days of notice before ending the PHE to allow agencies to prepare for the unwinding. Ms. Delgado provided more information regarding programs that will be impacted, the preparations for unwinding, and the prospective timeline for the next few months. Ms. Delgado and Ms. McCalmont responded to questions.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Farrell requested an agenda item regarding the Kinship program regarding how many participants are in the program, how many minors are involved, and what oversight is in place.

Ms. Luster advised at the next HS Board meeting on November 28, 2022, there will be an agenda item regarding the Butler Institute report.

Next Meeting: **MONDAY, November 28, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m. – will be a hybrid meeting via zoom and in-person at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, in the Boardroom, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Herrmann motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:04 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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