



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 28, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

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

Committee Members Absent: Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Kami Williams, Child Protective Services (CPS) Manager; Shelby Puppe, CPS Supervisor; Katarina Ploch, Analyst; Jordyn Miller, Communications Specialist; Bette Trimble, Crisis & Outpatient Manager; and Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator. Virtual attendees: Meghan Pulgarin, Administrative Services Supervisor; Jenna Singer, Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Manager; Jamie Proctor, CPS Supervisor; Tiffany Meredith, Alia; Cassandra Anderson, CPS Lead; Jackie Poitra, CPS; and Julie Butz, Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Manager.

Others Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator. Steven Splittgerber. Virtual attendees: April Whitledge, County Board Supervisor. Ashley Brock-Baca, Senior Research Associate, Butler Institute. Emily Campbell, Butler Institute.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on November 9, 2022: Supervisor Woodman moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Public Comment: Steven Splittgerber spoke about his concerns regarding services at the Counseling Center. He is ending services with Rock County Counseling Center and transferring to another provider. Ms. Luster will follow up.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: None.

Approval of Contracts: Supervisor Herrmann moved twenty-two contracts to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Mooren advised most of the contracts were CCS contracts, which are joint providers with Rock, Jefferson, and Walworth counties. She responded to questions regarding rates and monitoring of providers. Ms. Luster and Ms. Singer responded to questions regarding what clients can do if unhappy with a provider. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

Rock County HSD November Employee Impact Recognition Award: Ms. Luster advised that Stacy Farrington was the November Employee Impact award recipient. She is a Therapist in the Behavioral Health area. She was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Luster read the nomination and highlighted Ms. Farrington's knowledge and willingness to provide support to others.

Reports and Update: County Administrator Smith provided background information regarding the steps that took place to hire the Butler Institute as the third-party to complete the child welfare assessment. He introduced Ashley Brock-Baca, Senior Research Associate, Butler Institute.

Ms. Brock-Baca introduced Ms. Campbell. Ms. Brock-Baca provided a power point presentation which explained in detail the Project Purpose; Approach; Findings; Recommendations; and Next Steps.

She explained each of the steps of the approach which included: Steering Committee; Institutional Review Board application; research questions; focus groups/interview protocols - interview recruitment – interviews; case review protocols; pilot case review and case review protocols revised; data analysis; and report development.

Ms. Brock-Baca reported the participants by type who were involved in the focus groups. She reviewed the focus group and key stakeholder interview themes by system level, organization level, and practice level. She explained in detail case review findings by case type, race/ethnicity, and highlighted strengths and areas for improvement.

She provided the discussion by research questions, which included the following: barriers to timely permanency, improvements in accountability for all team members, and balancing safety standards with avoiding family separation. She provided information regarding racial and ethnic disparities; parental engagement in decision-making and goal setting; the reasonable efforts to find kin for children of all races/ethnicities; factors impacting placement stability, and family interaction.

Ms. Brock-Baca then provided the recommendations by system level, organizational level, practice level and next steps.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

- A. Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter into Contract with Professional Services Group, Inc. – Citizen Representative Hoffman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. O'Connor presented the resolution and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- B. Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter into Contracts for Comprehensive Community Services – Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Mooren presented the resolution and she and Ms. Singer responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- C. Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter into Contract with United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Dane County – Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Ms. Butz presented the resolution and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- D. Awarding Contract for Crisis Stabilization Services – Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Ms. Trimble presented the resolution and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

- E. Amending the 2022 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Mental Health Block Supplemental Funding – Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Reyes. Ms. Trimble presented the resolution and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.
- F. Amending the 2022 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Substance Abuse Block Grant Supplemental Funding – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Endthoff presented the resolution and responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Committee Requests: There will be one Human Services Board meeting in December. It will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **December 14, 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 Woodman motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Farrell with unanimous approval at 6:01 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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