



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

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

Committee Members Absent: Jim Farrell, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC & APS Division Manager; Cori Marsh, Aging Unit Supervisor; Linda Hardie, Aging Unit Nutrition Program Supervisor; Katie Springer, ADRC/APS; and Kami Williams, CPS Program Manager.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, second by Supervisor Podzilni. Chair Knudson requested moving agenda item #7 after item #5. The agenda was unanimously approved. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on January 11, 2023: Supervisor Herrmann moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Podzilni. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster announced the wage grid proposal has been sent out. There will be an item on the next Human Services Board meeting agenda to discuss.

January HSD Employee Impact Award Recognition: Ms. Luster advised that Katie Springer was the January Employee Impact award recipient. She introduced Ms. Springer who is a social worker in the ADRC/APS unit. Ms. Luster read the nomination and highlighted how Ms. Springer went above and beyond to help an elderly client.

Approval of Contracts: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved ten contracts to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Mooren presented the contracts and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Amending the 2023 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Additional Targeted Safety Support Grant Funds and Creating 1.0 FTE Lead Worker and 1.0 FTE Human

Services Professional VI – Citizen Representative Reyes moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Herrmann. Ms. O'Connor presented the resolution and explained receiving the additional funding will allow CPS to address two recommendations from the Butler Report: expanded access to mental health services and closer monitoring of in-home safety plans. Ms. O'Connor responded to questions regarding the types of services that are provided to families. Ms. Luster responded to funding questions and advised an update will be provided in the future. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter into Contracts for Children's Residential Services – Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Ms. Mooren presented the resolution and responded to questions regarding the two contracts advising that one contract is out of state. Ms. Luster advised the facility in Tennessee is utilized by Rock and other counties in WI, because there is not a facility in Wisconsin. This is getting a lot of attention at the state level to develop a facility in Wisconsin. Ms. O'Connor provided more details regarding different levels of care, virtual and in-person family visits, and staff monitoring. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Reports and Update: Semi-Annual Report – July-Dec 2022

Ms. Luster reported in the last six-month time-period there were twenty-eight individuals who attended grant funded trainings over \$1,000 and provided the details.

Report on Nutrition Programs – Ms. Thompson introduced Ms. Hardie and Ms. Marsh. Ms. Hardie provided a handout of the nutrition program January 2023 menu. She explained there are two separate meal options; home delivered meals for the homebound and congregate dining at five sites in the county. She explained the meals are for anyone 60 years of age or older and spouse of any age. There is a suggested donation, but no one is denied a meal if they can not pay. She responded to questions regarding Mercy MOW and explained the programs are not affiliated with each other. She responded to questions regarding number of participants for different locations.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Herrmann would like to know the feedback coming from staff regarding the pay grid. Ms. Luster advised she has received feedback from staff, and she will share the feedback in a memo to the Human Services Board.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **February 8, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. – will be in-person at the DWRC, in the **Boardroom**, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Herrmann motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Woodman with unanimous approval at 5:20 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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