



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative; and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative. Jim Farrell, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; and Stephani Kuczynski, CSP Manager.

Others Present: Brittney Prince, Community member.

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 March 22, 2023: Citizen Representative Reyes 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: None.

Rock County HSD March Employee Impact Recognition Award: Ms. Luster advised that Chris Steinke, YSC Youth Specialist, was the recipient of the March Employee Impact Recognition award. Mr. Steinke was not able to attend. Ms. Luster read the nomination which highlighted how Mr. Steinke had an immediate impact at YSC since he started in February of 2022. He embraced the role of a team player and often volunteered to cover open shifts which prevented mandates and allowed co-workers to go home to be with family. He was described as motivated, reliable, and always willing to lend a helping hand.

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

Review Bills Paid: Ms. Mooren responded to questions regarding the Jefferson County Human Services entry. She highlighted the Department of Human Services (DHS) entry, and explained it was part of the Family Care payment.

Review and Approval of Resolutions: **Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter Into Contract with Integrity Residential Services** – Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to

the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Ms. Mooren presented the resolution. She explained that Integrity Residential Services are in Dane County and there is a particular client needing the services. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Discussion and Possible Action: **Set Date for Human Services Department Annual Public Hearing** – Ms. Luster advised the Human Services 2024 Budget Public Hearing date has typically been early July but could be late June. After discussion of the date and time it was decided to hold the Public Hearing on June 28, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. at the DWRC.

Reports and Update: **Report on Human Services Day at the Capitol** – Ms. Luster advised Ms. Schulz, Ms. Reyes, and Ms. Wittwer attended at the Capitol today. They received a Legislative overview and then met with Legislators regarding Human Services Budget Priorities. Ms. Luster will send a packet to the Board members she received from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA). The main issues are:

1. Mental Health: Community Support Program (CSP)/Crisis
2. Adult Protective Services
3. Child Support additional funding.
4. Birth to Three

Citizen Representative Reyes commented that it was a great opportunity and she appreciated being able to attend. Supervisor Schulz commented that she was hopeful legislators will work to get some things passed.

Committee Requests: Ms. Luster advised the plan is to have the May 24th Human Services Board meeting at Care House.

Supervisor Schulz requested an update on Housing Supports possibly Marc Perry and what housing needs are now that covid funding is ending.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **April 26, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. – will be in-person at the DWRC, in the Boardroom, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schulz motioned to adjourn, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers with unanimous approval at 4:58 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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