



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 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; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; Jim Farrell, Supervisor; and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Meghan Pulgarin, Support Staff Supervisor; Maria Delgado, ES Manager; Kathleen Lawver, Therapist; Liane Felton, Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Supervisor; and Jordyn Jenkins, Communications Specialist.

Others Present: Richard Bostwick, County Chair. Charles Flynn. Brittney Prince, Community member.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on April 12, 2023: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Reyes. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Supervisor Schulz announced that she talked to Marc Perry from Community Action and asked for the number of people losing housing. He was unable to give her a number but stated that when people know funding is no longer available, they stop asking. They are getting questions about funding and have heard from some that rent has been increased.

Supervisor Farrell stated that the current edition of the WCA magazine has an article about protecting families in Wisconsin. The article is regarding how medical attention of a child cannot be given, without parental authority and a case that happened in Rock County. He will bring more copies to the next meeting to hand out.

Rock County HSD April Employee Impact Recognition Award: Mr. Winkler introduced Kathleen Lawver, Therapist, the recipient of the April Employee Impact Recognition award. Ms. Lawver was nominated by her co-worker. Ms. Lawver has worked for Rock County for over two decades. She is approaching the end of her tenure here and she will leave a mark on the heart of many. Ms. Lawver has excelled in her role as Therapist, as she is so kind, and people feel an immediate sense of connection with her. Her sense of ease and confidence exudes to others and

helps people to trust and believe in a basic good of humankind. All those she has served will miss her tremendously. Ms. Lawver thanked her co-worker for nominating her and the Board for recognizing her.

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

Review and Approval of Resolutions: **Resolution to Recognize Jane Matzke** – Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Reyes. Ms. Pulgarin presented the resolution and advised Ms. Matzke was not able to attend. Ms. Matzke has served the citizens of Rock County over the past 15 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County HSD. She began her career in 2008 as an Administrative Assistant for the Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP). She remained in this position until her retirement. Her vast knowledge of the IDP, commitment to excellence, and welcoming demeanor, proved her to be a valuable resource to countless citizens she assisted in the first steps to reinstating their driver's license. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution Recognizing Economic Support Staff: Ms. Delgado presented the resolution recognizing Economic Support staff for the demanding work that they do and their excellence in administering difficult, complex, and ever-changing public assistance programs to ensure the well-being of the citizens of Rock County and the Southern Consortium. Economic Support staff are responsible for interpreting complex public assistance policy, determining eligibility for benefits, and maintaining a consistent timeliness percentage of 99 percent exceeding state standards. She explained the Economic Support workers go above and beyond to support their clients and each other. They “show up” every day and she is honored to present the resolution recognizing them. Chair Knudson asked her to extend the gratitude the Board has for all the workers and everything they do. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution Recognizing Human Services Administrative Professionals: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Ms. Pulgarin presented the resolution recognizing the Administrative Professionals. She explained Administrative Professional not only support the internal operations but are also the first point of contact the public has with the Department and provide a welcoming and helpful experience. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution for Reclassification of 1.0 FTE Administrative Services Supervisor and 3.0 FTE Job Center Support Specialists: Citizen Representative Reyes moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Podzilni. Mr. Winkler presented the resolution and explained when the Human Services Department moved to the DWRC building, due to operational changes, the job duties of these four positions have become consistent with other positions within HSD. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Committee Requests: Chair Knudson advised there have been discussions regarding childcare proposals and there may be resolutions coming to the Board.

Supervisor Farrell highlighted that in the WCA magazine there is an article with a good graph providing child support case data for St. Croix County. He was requesting this type of data for Rock County.

Citizen Representative Reyes is working on next steps for her previously requested agenda item.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **May 10, 2023**, at 4:30 p.m. – will be in-person in the Boardroom at the DWRC, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schulz motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Woodman with unanimous approval at 4:50 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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