



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Ron Woodman, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Wes Davis, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

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

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jenna Singer, Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program Manager; Jordyn Jenkins, Communication Specialist; Ryan Trautsch, Youth Justice (YJ) & Youth Services Center (YSC) Manager; Ben Dobson, YJ Supervisor; Stephani Kuczynski, Community Support Program (CSP) Manager; Jennifer Thompson, Aging & Disability Resource Center/Adult Protective Services (ADRC/APS) Aging Manager; Maria Delgado, Economic Support (ES) Manager; and Julie Butz, Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Manager.

Others Present: Chuck Flynn. Brittney Prince. Max Olson.

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 June 14, 2023: Supervisor Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: Max Olson, Milton High School student, addressed the Board regarding creating a position on the Human Services Board and/or County Board or other committees for a youth member.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster reminded that the HSD 2024 Pre-Budget will be presented at the Joint Finance and County Board Staff meeting which will be held as a hybrid meeting tomorrow June 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the DWRC Boardroom.

Approval of Contracts: Supervisor Woodman moved one contract to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. Ms. Mooren advised the contract was a renewal. The contract was unanimously approved. Approved.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Curt Pryce – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Podzilni. Mr. Dobson presented the resolution and explained that Mr. Pryce was not

able to attend. Mr. Pryce served the citizen of Rock County for over 30 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. In 1993 he began work for Rock County as a Juvenile Probation Agent. In 1997 he transferred into Correctional Residential Treatment Liaison. He also spent time as a Truancy Officer and Intensive After-Care Worker. His most recent role has been the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) Coordinator for Youth Justice for the last 18 years. Mr. Pryce is described by his peers as “always putting other’s needs first and is willing to help out whenever it’s needed.” He is supportive, kind, professional, competent, and personable. Mr. Pryce takes pride in his attention to detail and organizational skills. He will be missed. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Amending the 2023 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Funding for the Jail Medication Assisted Treatment Program – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Mr. Winkler provided a brief description of the Jail MAT program. The HSD has been receiving this funding of \$48,000 since 2018. This resolution is to accept additional funding of \$28,000. Mr. Winkler responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Reports and Updates:

State Biennial Budget Update Regarding Items Impacting Human Services – Ms. Luster reviewed the handout she provided of the highlights regarding the action that was taken by the State JCF of 6/15. She provided details on the Department of Children and Families (DCF) items:

1. Child support enforcement increased state support.
2. One time funding for child Support IT Modernization Project.
3. Kinship and Foster Care funding increases.
4. Qualified Residential Treatment Program Training for staff.
5. eWiSACWIS Child Welfare Enhancements.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) items included:

1. Adult Protective Services (APS) System increase funding.
2. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) increase base allocation.
3. Nursing Home Support Services increase portion of MA program reimbursement to Nursing Homes.
4. Regional Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Facilities.
5. Income Maintenance Local Assistance base increase for consortia.

Also, Ms. Luster provided the county-related DHS items that received no funding in the 2023-2025 state budget. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

2024 Budget Update – Ms. Luster provided details regarding the closeout of calendar year 2022, which came in with a significant savings. She reminded for the 2023 budget HSD took a little more risk in some areas. She provided information and explained high-cost key areas.

1. CPS/YJ area for RCC out of home placements are cases with youth who can not be safely in the home and have very complex behavioral issues - 2023 HSD budgeted average daily census correctly, but the average daily costs have increased, so even maintaining the average daily census means over budget due to the cost increase per day.
2. Group Homes budgeted for average daily census of 3.5 trending at 3.7 but costs have increased.
3. Foster Home placements – trending lower than projected.
4. Adult Residential trending lower.
5. State Institutes budgeted average daily census correctly, but costs have increased.

Ms. Luster advised the adopted HSD Budget from 2017 – 2023 has grown significantly from approximately \$59 million to \$84 million. HSD has taken steps to be good stewards of funding and

has kept tax levy at approximately \$24 million. For 2024 budget projections Departments have been asked to calculate personnel costs of 4.3% increase to cover wage study and 3.5% for operation costs. In doing just those calculation HSD would have a \$2.4 million increase. It is going to be a very challenging year. There are some projections of savings, but also some reduction in revenue. The HSD is looking at proposing to eliminate some vacant positions. She reminded that this is not the final budget, but it will be similar. Tomorrow night at the Joint Committee meeting HSD will provide the 2024 Pre-budget presentation in more detail, and she will present the same information at the next HS Board meeting. Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Committee Requests: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. – will be a hybrid meeting via zoom and in-person at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI.

Adjournment: Supervisor Davis motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Podzilni with unanimous approval at 5:15 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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