

**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m. on June 28, 2023.

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

Staff present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Jordyn Jenkins, Communication Specialist; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Aging/Adult Protective Services Division Manager; Maria Delgado, Economic Support Division Manager; Jenna Singer, Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Manager; Julie Butz, Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Manager; Bette Trimble, Crisis Intervention Program Manager; Ryan Trautsch, Youth Justice and Youth Services Center Manager; Jodi Parson, HSD Administrative Secretary.

Kathy Hansen, KANDU.

Chair Knudson welcomed everyone to the annual Public Hearing for the Rock County Human Services Department 2024 Budget. Each HSD Board member introduced themselves. Ms. Luster introduced each HSD Manager.

Chair Knudson called for Speakers: No speakers attended. Two emails were read by Jodi Parson and summarized below.

Email #1 – John Pfleiderer, Family Services – Mr. Pfleiderer is the Co-Executive Director of Family Services. He will be retiring in October and Ms. Kelsey Hood Christenson will take over as Executive Director. She has been with the agency in various capacities for the past ten years. His message was one of appreciation of the decisions made by the staff of Child Protective Services regarding a family that was (and is) participating in our Neighborhood Resilience Project. He provided information regarding a case in which CPS was involved. Family Services was grateful and appreciative of the willingness of CPS to carefully consider the significance of the singular lapse and the best interest of the family. Family Services is very appreciative of the support the Board has provide for their Next Steps Project.

Email #2 - Dr. Brittany Keyes, Beloit Health Care Professional – Ms. Keyes asks that the Rock County Public Health Department maintain a physical presence within the city of Beloit. The office is not closing due to a lack of need, public health needs are continuing to grow. The community needs to problem solve and use teamwork to help minimize childhood ACE scores, lead exposure, reduce preventable diseases,

decrease STIs, improve postpartum outcomes, decrease violence, and increase resiliency. There needs to be a physical presence of the health department to keep up with changes and pressing demands. The community deserves this presence and resource.

Chair Knudson thanked everyone for coming. There were no further requests to speak.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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