ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the hybrid meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

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

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative. Vacant, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jillian Cline, Business Manager; Shelbey Puppe, CPS Supervisor (virtual); and Beth Rye, CPS Supervisor (virtual).

Others Present: Katrina Harwood, Public Health. Mike Zoril, County Board Supervisor and three children. Lori Pennycook, County Board Supervisor. Chuck Flynn, (virtual). Brittney Prince.

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 July 26, 2023: Supervisor Woodman 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: Ms. Luster advised that the vacant Citizen Representative for the Human Services Board has been approved by vote at the County Board Staff Committee and will be recommended to the County Board tomorrow evening. There were four applicants, and then one withdrew making three. Phil Boutwell was chosen.

Ms. Luster advised she has been invited to be a presenter at the NACC Plenary: First Do No Harm. She was invited as part of the CPS Rock County Equity Project to share progress in ethics at this national forum in Minneapolis.

Chair Knudson thanked Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers for taking over as Chair at the last meeting, due to his absence to judge at the 4-H fair.

Approval of Contracts: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved one contract to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Mooren provided information regarding the contract and responded to questions. The contract was unanimously approved. Approved.

Review of Bills: Ms. Cline and Ms. Luster responded to questions regarding the Meals on Wheels entry, more specifically the Beloit Meals on Wheels.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Adopting an Implementation Plan for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds – Supervisor Davis moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Ms. Luster advised the implementation plan was included in the Human Services Board packet along with the resolution. She reminded opioid settle funds were highlighted at a prior meeting in February and endorsement was given to move forward to create a plan. Ms. Harwood responded to questions and explained the gap analysis which showed regionally there are similar gaps. There are no final numbers, but projections are looking like approximately $6.8 million. Final numbers will not be known until after the pharmacies settle. The gap analysis would incorporate each county separately and as a region. Ms. Harwood and Ms. Luster responded to questions regarding the RFP process for funds to expand sober living. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution Advancing Public Safety by Supporting Our Anti-Human Trafficking Heroes – Chair Knudson explained the resolution was amended at the PS&J meeting, everyone was given a copy. Supervisor Farrell moved the amended resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Supervisor Pennycook responded to questions stating that this is a one-time request as human trafficking is such a hot topic right now. Supervisor Davis asked for clarification for using the word "Heroes" in the title and asked about this being atypical. Supervisor Schulz asked questions about whether funds were already in budget for this. Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers commented she wanted to be fiscally responsible, as several others could start requesting funds, and she did not want to set a precedent. Ms. Luster responded to questions. The resolution as amended was approved by a vote of 4 - 3 as follows: Supervisor Farrell, Woodman, Schulz and Knudson voted in favor. Supervisors Podzilni and Davis, and Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers voted against. Citizen Representative Hoffman was absent. Approved.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Farrell requested an agenda item regarding Project 1649. Chair Knudson requested an agenda item regarding the Farmer's Market Vouchers for Seniors.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 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 moved to adjourn, second by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 5:07 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Secretary

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