



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the hybrid meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 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; Ron Woodman, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Jim Farrell, Supervisor, Wes Davis, Supervisor; Phil Boutwell, Citizen Representative; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative (virtual); and J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Jackie Revels, Homelessness Prevention Coordinator; Jillian Cline, Business Manager; Terrell Hanson, Assistant Operations Manager Youth Services Center (YSC); Mary Donahue, Economic Support (ES) Supervisor; Stephani Kuczynski, Community Support Program (CSP) Manager; Jordyn Jenkins, Communications Specialist (virtual); Brenda Endthoff, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Coordinator.

Others Present: LaMikka James, Alia. Lindsay Stevens, NAMI. Brenda Albrent, NAMI. Kathy Holcombe, League of Women Voters. Chuck Flynn. Judy Buechner, (virtual).

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on August 23, 2023: Supervisor Davis moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Podzilni. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster announced the Senior Fair is being held this week on Friday, September 15, 2023, here at the DWRC. There are some Farmers Market vouchers left that will be given out.

Rock County Human Services August Employee Impact Recipient: Ms. Luster advised the recipient of the August Employee Impact award was Jenni Wilson, CLTS. Ms. Wilson was not able to attend. Ms. Luster read Ms. Wilson's nomination which highlighted a situation where Ms. Wilson visited a home of a client for a routine visit, and it became evident that a family member was not doing well. Ms. Wilson provided support and asked the right questions to access the needed help. Together they found services to meet the person's needs. Ms. Wilson worked above and beyond, and into evening hours to resolve the situation. Ms. Wilson's compassion for the situation and recognizing the need for help, her hard work, and the way she engages families does not go unnoticed.

Approval of Contacts: None.

Review of Bills: Ms. Cline responded to questions regarding the City of Janesville, Central States Investigations, Fireside, and Raw Hide entries.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Amending the 2023 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Additional Funding to Purchase and Manage Two Public Health Vending Machines - Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Davis. Mr. Winkler presented the resolution and responded to questions. The machines will be placed in the DWRC at two entrances. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

To Recognize Tom Walli – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Mr. Hanson presented the resolution and advised Mr. Walli was not able to attend. Mr. Walli has served the citizens of Rock County for over 25 years. He began his career with Rock County HSD as a Pool Psychiatric Technician, and then began working as a Juvenile Detention Officer which was reclassified to Youth Specialist where he remained until retirement. Mr. Walli did an excellent job of engaging and developing positive relationships with youth from diverse backgrounds that were placed at the YSC. He utilized his wealth of knowledge, training, and experience in the Youth Justice to offer support to his co-workers and assisted with training new staff. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Approval of Fraud Prevention Investigations RFP – Supervisor Davis moved the approval of the contract for fraud services to the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Ms. Donahue explained that an RFP for fraud services was sent out for bids. Periodically RFPs are sent out on long term contracts to see if there are any other vendors interested. One bid was submitted by Central States Investigation Agency (CSI), this is the vendor that HSD has been contracting with. The consortium partners are happy with CSI and CSI has been chosen to continue. Ms. Donahue responded to questions. The approval to contract with Central States Investigation Agency for fraud services was unanimously approved. Approved.

Reports and Update:

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Ms. Stevens advised NAMI and HSD have been partners in supporting group trainings, referral sources and preventive services. NAMI and HSD have been working on the Enrichment Center for adults living with mental illness. The Enrichment Center is a place for adults living with mental illness to socialize, attend workshops, and be involved in activities. She explained 90 percent of the attendees are Human Services clients, and she has received positive feedback from case managers from clients. Ms. Stevens provided the hours of operation and address. She advised the annual mental health awareness walk, NAMI Walks Rock fundraiser is taking place on Oct. 7th at Riverside Park, Beloit. Ms. Stevens responded to questions.

Homelessness Prevention Grant – Ms. Revels reviewed the ARPA Homelessness Prevention second quarter report line by line for each organization's information regarding how they are using funds on the ARPA Homelessness Prevention matching second quarter report. She responded to questions regarding hotel vouchers. Ms. Luster advised it is unclear currently if the City of Janesville will utilize the funding. They were supposed to match funds, but the other funding they were going to use to match, they did not receive. Ms. Luster provided background history of why this funding is being overseen by Human Services and responded to questions regarding surplus funding.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Schulz requested an agenda item regarding number of children in childcare, she heard it has doubled, and she would like to know statistics for Rock County.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 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: Citizen Representative Boutwell moved to adjourn, second by Supervisor Podzilni with unanimous approval at 5:30 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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