



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the hybrid meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Ron Woodman, Supervisor; Wes Davis, Supervisor; Jeremy Zajac, Supervisor; Phil Boutwell, Citizen Representative; Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative; and Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative.
Virtual Attendees: Barb Tillman, Supervisor; and Kathy Schulz, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera Oconnor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Sherry Gensler, RN CSP; Ryan Nedbalek, CSP; Jill Housker, CSP; Pete Johnson, CSP; Stephani Kuczynski, CSP; Nadine Westby, CSP Supervisor; Shawna Mills, CSP Supervisor; Sarah Lancour, CSP; Ashley Peterson, CSP; Erin Champion, CSP; Nicole Amettis, CSP; and Jennifer Venable, CSP.
Virtual Attendees: Maria Delgado, ES Manager.

Others Present: Greg Gensler. Nicole Gensler. Charles Flynn.

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting on January 10, 2024: Supervisor Woodman moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: None.

Rock County Human Services January Employee Impact Recipient: Ms. Luster advised Laura Krause was the January recipient for the Employee Impact award. Ms. Krause was not able to attend. Ms. Luster read the nomination which details how Laura took initiative when the quick books went down. She found a typewriter to be able to type out all the checks for the CSP clients, so the clients would not be impacted and still receive their checks.

Approval of Contracts: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved nine (9) contracts to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Ms. Mooren advised the contracts were mostly renewal contracts and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Sherry Gensler – Supervisor Zajac moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Ms. Westby introduced Sherry Gensler and presented the resolution. Ms. Gensler has served

the citizens of Rock County for over 43 years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. Ms. Gensler began employment with Rock County in 1980 as a medical subscriber. She then worked in the following positions: Administrative Assistant, Childcare worker at the Youth Home and Juvenile Detention Center, RN at Rock Haven, Infection Control Practitioner & Educator at the Health Care Center & Rock Haven; RN at Juvenile Detention Center and Janesville CSP. In 2010 she continued solely as a RN for the Janesville CSP until the present. The fast-paced nature of CSP work, matched perfectly with her ability to consistently think “two-steps ahead.” Ms. Gensler has seen it all through her time with Rock County, and it truly is impossible to summarize the impact that she has had on both the citizens of Rock County and staff. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Amending the 2023 Human Services Budget to Accept Additional Funding for Youth Prevention Supplemental CAA-NCE Funds: Supervisor Zajac moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Boutwell. Mr. Winkler presented the resolution and explained DHS has provided additional funding opportunities for Youth Prevention services for youth. Rock County will utilize the funding by contracting with Community Action Inc. to provide youth prevention programming and Youth2Youth to provide youth leadership trainings to increase prevention awareness. Rock County will utilize the remainder of the funding for the youth prevention public awareness campaign. Mr. Winkler responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Reports and Update:

Report on Human Services Role in Emergency Management – Mr. Winkler provided background on Emergency Management in Rock County. Emergency Management was housed under the Sheriff’s Office, but recently shifted to becoming its own Department under County Administration. A Director has been hired to coordinate emergency response in Rock County. There is a large group of community agencies involved in the emergency plan including Human Services and Law Enforcement. The Human Services Department’s role has very specific responsibilities under Emergency Support #6 which are: Mass Care for people; Short- and long-term housing; and food, water, and social network. Mr. Winkler described more details regarding how this came into use recently with an emergency in Beloit. This was a good example of the level of coordination that needs to occur when an emergency arises and to the dedication of all staff involved.

Review of Draft Program Report Schedule for 2024:

Ms. Luster distributed the draft schedule and advised that the items are subject to change if other business items arise. She asked for feedback from the Board. An acronyms list was requested to be emailed to the Board members.

Committee Requests: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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 Zajac moved to adjourn, second by Supervisor Woodman with unanimous approval at 5:00 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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