



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Brian Knudson, (Chair); Supervisor Ron Woodman (Vice Chair); Supervisor Kathy Schulz; Supervisor Genia Stevens; Supervisor Barb Tillman

Virtual Committee Members: Supervisor April Whitledge; Citizen Representative Sally Jean Weaver-Landers; and Citizen Representative Ashley Hoffman

Committee Members Absent: Citizen Representative Boutwell

Staff Present: Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Jenna Singer, CCS Manager; Barb Bleiler, HSD-DSMS Manager

Others Present: Chuck Flynn

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Woodman moved the agenda to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. The agenda was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting January 8, 2025:

Supervisor Schulz moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Whitledge. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Public Comment: None

Communication and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: County Admin. interviews at 6pm tonight at DWRC, Human Trafficking Awareness and Educational Event on 1/27/2025 at the Powerhouse in Beloit.

Approval of Contracts: Supervisor Woodman moved the contracts to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Mr. Winkler provided contract details and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Human Services IMPACT Award Recipient for December - Mr. Winkler recognized Mr. Voss who works in Economic Support as a fraud overpayment specialist. Mr. Voss is not present, but he received 4 different nominations from multiple staff. He has stepped in to help significantly with lobby services since a vacancy in July. He is called upon for many things throughout his workday and he goes above and beyond to help consumers with a positive interaction.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Amending the 2025 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Additional Funding for the State Opioid Response Grant – Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weavers-Landers. Mr. Winkler explained the additional funding. This is from the State opioid response grant that we have had for several years. This resolution will add funding to funding that

was already budgeted. There was extra funding this year that they added on to some of the rewards this is to add an additional \$152,240. This is used to pay for treatment such as opiate use disorder, medication assisted treatment, sober living. It is all targeted towards opiate related issues. Mr. Winkler responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Citizen Rep. Boutwell was absent. Approved.

Reports and Update:

Program Report: Comprehensive Community Services – Ms. Singer, manager of Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) was present to give a report on CCS. CCS is a community mental health and substance abuse program. The State of WI started this program in 2005, and Rock County got involved with it in 2014 when it became fully funded. Currently there is not a tax levy that funds this program. To be fully funded, they must be part of a region. Rock County is part of the JRW Region, we work with Jefferson and Walworth Counties for training, quality improvement projects, and providers. CCS contracts with community providers for some services, and this has created an opportunity for local, small businesses to open and grow.

CCS has Case management services as well as traditional things such as med, etc. Some unique things that are offered include employment, skill building, recovery services, equine therapy, etc. Last year CCS worked with 486 clients, and this is a program that works with people across the entire life span. Ms. Singer responded to questions.

Update on Warming Shelters - Mr. Winkler reviewed the coordination of the warming shelters in Rock County. It is a piece of the emergency services. Locations are around Rock County and are activated based on the weather. The “feel Like” temperature needs to be at zero or below. Once they are activated, people can go to one of these locations, during certain hours. It is meant as a warm spot for the worse cold. There are six locations in Rock County. Three are located at the hospital lobbies, Beloit, Mercy, and Edgerton. Salvation Army also works with us that has cots. The Center Ave House, a private citizen, allows us to use space. The sixth space is Gifts Homeless shelter. They allow some people in the vestibule to be away from the cold. We have been activated 14 nights this year. Last night, 1/21/2025, we had 24 people scattered throughout those locations.

Mr. Winkler responded to questions. We do not pay for any of these locations, but we do recruit and potentially pay volunteers (staff). We do have a list of community volunteers and if we are not able to fill slots for the openings, we do ask staff to help (staff are paid). There is a lot of information on resources offered at these locations. Thus far, shelters have not had to turn anyone away. If people want to volunteer, Mr. Winkler would be a good contact person.

Committee Requests:

Update on the warming shelters.

Update on the homeless count/survey that is happening this week.

April meeting-Update on the hiring, how many vacant positions we have left at the end of the first quarter.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – will be a hybrid meeting via Zoom and in-person at the DWRC, in the **Boardroom**, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI. If you cannot make the meeting, please email Chrissy Arambula (Christina.Arambula@co.rock.wi.us) to ensure a quorum is present.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schulz motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Tillman with unanimous approval at 5:00PM.

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