



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Boardroom, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, Janesville, WI.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Brian Knudson, (Chair)

Virtual Committee Members: Supervisor Ron Woodman (Vice Chair); Supervisor Kathy Schulz; Supervisor Genia Stevens; Supervisor Barb Tillman; Supervisor April Whitledge; Citizen Representative Sally Jean Weaver-Landers; Citizen Representative Phil Boutwell; and Citizen Representative Ashley Hoffman

Virtual attendees: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Administrative Services Manager; Jillian Bauer, Business Supervisor; Barb Bleiler, HSD DSMS; Jordyn Jenkins, Communication Specialist; Katrina Harwood, Public Health; Shari Baber, Public Health; Rich Greenlee, Corp Counsel; Mike Schwarz; Sheila Williams.

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 22, 2025:

Supervisor Schulz moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Public Comment: Sheila Williams inquired about tax dollars and resources that may have been used for a recent event held on 2/1/2025 at the DWRC in conjunction with YWCA and other nonprofits to provide legal assistance, stating that some non-minorities were turned away.

Communication and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Ms. Luster spoke in addressed emails that were sent out prior to the meeting addressing: upcoming events, Psychiatry resources, and changes in the long term with Deputy Directors of HSD.

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

Review of Bills: Ms. Cline provided detail and responded to questions.

Human Services IMPACT Award Recipient – January: Ms. Luster – Tiffany M. Supervisor of treatment court services. She is a behind the scenes hero along with others in her program. Her nomination came from the entire team, each member wrote a long nomination for her. She is always willing to step in especially while they are working short staffed with very complicated and vulnerable clients.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Adopting the Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update & Implementation Plan and Amending the 2025 Budget: Supervisor Tillman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Whitledge. Ms. Harwood along with Ms. Faber from the Health Dept were present for questions. Ms. Harwood spoke about the significant community engagement in the development of this plan along with the collaborative effort from HSD, the Sheriff's Office, as well as the county administration. Focus groups included individuals who have been impacted by the opioid epidemic. Ms. Harwood stated that this will build off the success of the initial plan. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Amending the 2025 HSD Budget to Accept Relative Caregiver Support Grant Funds: Supervisor Schulz moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Woodman. Ms. O'Connor explained that this resolution would be used to support relative caregivers for things such as tangible goods. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Reports and Update:

Semi-Annual Report: Ms. Luster reviewed the trainings that were at or greater than \$1,000.00. There was one training identified with the total cost for HSD was \$928.05 as \$500 was supplemented by NAMI.

Program Report: Behavioral Health Information Sharing Update: Rock County is proud of being an innovator with the way we share information with our community and the use of behavioral health flags. Ms. Luster and Mr. Winkler spoke about how we help improve responses for mental and behavioral health responses in the community with our pilot project. The project started with the JPD and use of behavioral health flags.

This tool is used by law enforcement so when a person is known to have a mental or behavioral health condition there is a tool that flags the individual. These flags help drive the way they are responding to a call. These flags help law enforcement to help prevent escalation of situations. First entry was in 2016 and now we are at about 520. The flags should be reviewed each year by individual police agencies for accuracy. Individuals can request the flags to be added.

Committee Requests: More information about email from Feb. 7th.
Basic information on the process of replacing some of the staff that will be leaving.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 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 5:02 p.m.

Chrissy Arambula, Administrative Professional III

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