



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 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; Supervisor April Whitledge; Citizen Representative Phil Boutwell; YIG Representative Kinzelman

Virtual Committee Members: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers

Committee Members Absent: Citizen Representative Hoffman

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager

Virtual attendees: Supervisor Boehlke; Shelbey Puppe, CPS Lead Supervisor; Jillian Bauer, Business Supervisor; Julie Zaukas, Admin. Professional; Meghan Pulgarin, Admin. Services Supervisor.

Others Present: Supervisor Wilson; Marc Perry, Executive Director CAI

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 April 9, 2025: Supervisor Tillman moved the minutes to the floor, second by Supervisor Stevens. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Public Comment: None

Communication and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Chair Knudson stated that previous member and community partner passed away, William R. “Billy Bob” Grahn. Supervisor Tillman and Ms. Luster acknowledged the Administrative Assistants within the HS Department. Chair Knudson and Ms. Luster also recognized Sally Weavers-Landers for her 30 years of service on the HS Board as this is her last meeting. Ms. Weaver Landers spoke about her positive experience serving on this Board for almost 30 years. Ms. Luster shared information about an upcoming Medication Take Back event on 4/26/2025.

Approval of Contracts: None

Human Services IMPACT Award Recipient for March: Shannon Kreitzman is part of the Connections team. She was recognized for continuously going above and beyond and recently specifically worked with a high needs client in getting much needed services, which is above her role while continuing her regular duties.

Review and Approval of Resolutions: None

Reports and Updates:

Update on Fresh Start and Twin Oaks Funding – Mr. Perry was present to share information regarding Fresh Start and Twin Oaks, two programs of Community Action. Mr. Perry thanked the committee for their support in previously allocating ARPA funding to Twin Oaks, then approving its reallocation to the Fresh Start Program. The funding for Fresh Start is rather fluid currently; AmeriCorps funding is in jeopardy and all the participants are enrolled in that program. Mr. Perry spoke about what is currently occurring in the Fresh Start program. Of the participants in the program 41 of the 43 are on track to graduate. CAI will be moving forward as though Fresh Start will have funding next year; however, it is unclear if funding will be available due to the proposed federal reductions.

Mr. Perry also spoke about the Twin Oaks shelter program and the ongoing need for updates; however, they cannot do major construction due to asbestos. He spoke about the challenges of also finding another location and, while there was land donated to CAI; they had to sell it because they were unable to get the necessary zoning to build a new facility. Challenges remain in terms of finding support in a location that will meet the needs of the those who use the shelter.

Mr. Perry responded to questions from the HS Board.

Budget to Actual Report – Ms. Mooren provided budget details about the 2024 overall budget as well as the first quarter of 2025 and responded to questions.

Committee Requests: Chair Knudson suggested a future additional update by Marc Perry on Twin Oaks and Fresh Start. Supervisor Schulz requested a report on the potential impact of federal funding cuts.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 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 attend 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 Stevens with unanimous approval at 5:22 PM.

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