



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 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 April Whitledge; Citizen Representative Lori Stottler

Virtual Committee Members: Supervisor Kathy Schulz; Supervisor Barb Tillman; Citizen Representative Phil Boutwell; and Citizen Representative Ashley Hoffman

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Genia Stevens; YIG Representative Kinzelman

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Cori Marsh, ADRC Supervisor; Zach Melms, CCS Supervisor; Jenna Singer, CCS Manager

Virtual attendees: Julie Zaukas, Admin. Professional; Maria Delgado, ES Manager; Kami Williams, CPS Manager; Shelby Puppe, CPS Lead Supervisor; Chuck Flynn

Others Present: Supervisor Mark Bobzien

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting June 11, 2025: Supervisor Woodman moved the minutes to the floor, second by Citizen Representative Stottler. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Public Comment: None

Communication and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: Supervisor Schulz shared that Community Action Inc. will be moving from their current location at the Eclipse Center in Beloit; the current space will be used for something else per property owner.

Approval of Contracts: None

Human Services IMPACT Award Recipient for June: Amy Simmons from Economic Support. She was recognized for helping a client complete some paperwork. She took the time to read through the papers and explain it to the client, even though it did not relate to Amy's specific program.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Rebecca Luckus – Supervisor Whitledge moved the resolution to the floor. Second by Supervisor Schulz. Supervisor Woodman moved to amend line #20 of the resolution second by

Supervisor Whitledge. Human Services Board recommended the amended resolution for approval by unanimous vote.

Ms. Singer and Mr. Melms were present to read the resolution recognizing Becky for her dedicated years of service. She brought calmness and patience working for community mental health in the programs she supported throughout her years. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Reports and Update:

Director's Report:

2026 Budget Update and Update on Vacant Positions– Ms. Luster updated the HS Board regarding ongoing uncertainty at the Federal and State level regarding the 2026 budget.

The HS prebudget presentation is set for July 9th at 6pm at the DWRC. Budget staff are still working with the new County Administrator and finance department regarding new procedures of separating out budget initiatives from the cost to continue budget.

Positions, particularly vacant positions, are being looked at as possible reductions in the budget. Ms. Luster shared a handout with HS Board members about the current vacancies. Ms. Luster commented on ongoing challenges with filling Crisis positions, especially the third shift positions. She stated that current staff are being used to help fill gaps from those vacancies.

Ms. Luster responded to questions.

Review of Transit Van Fleet – Ms. Marsh was present to review the vehicles in the transit fleet. Ms. Marsh reviewed the number of buses and their utilization within then ADRC. Details of each vehicle including the cost, age, miles, capacity, condition, etc. were included in the handout that was shared with the board. Ms. Marsh reviewed the different vehicles and their utilization within the program. Due to the consistent maintenance the county performs on their vans, they are in relatively good shape. Ms. Marsh responded to questions.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Schulz requested additional information about concerns about funding at the state level trickling down to the county level with programs such as Energy assistance, Fresh Start, and childcare programs. Although these are not currently programs related to Human Services, Ms. Luster will see if there is information to share with the board in the future.

Supervisor Tillman requested a deeper organizational chart that shows the number of staff under each manager/supervisor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 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: Citizen Rep. Stottler motioned to adjourn, second by Supervisor Schulz with unanimous approval at 4:58 PM.

Chrissy Arambula, Administrative Professional III

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