



**ROCK COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**



Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in the Boardroom, at 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 April Whitledge

Virtual Committee Members: Citizen Representative Ashley Hoffman; Supervisor Genia Stevens; Supervisor Barb Tillman

Committee Members Absent: Citizen Representative Lori Stottler; Citizen Representative Phil Boutwell; Youth in Governance (YIG) Representative Kinzelman

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Jillian Bauer, Business Supervisor; Jenna Singer, CCS Manager

Others Present: Supervisor Kevin Stone

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 Public Hearing July 9, 2025:

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

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Meeting July 23, 2025:

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

Public Comment: None

Communication and Announcements from Staff and Board Members:

Supervisor Knudson thanked Supervisor Woodman for chairing the last meeting. Ms. Luster reviewed the upcoming community events, highlighting the invitation to the 2025 Transportation Summit & Community Conversation on 9/19/2025 at 10am located at the DWRC. This Summit is meant to get the community's perspective and feedback about transportation needs in Rock County.

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

Review Bills Paid: Ms. Bauer provided details and responded to questions.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Approving Award of the Opioid Settlement Funds for Recovery Housing – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Schulz. Mr. Winkler was present

to summarize this resolution. Mr. Winkler explained that the County Board approved the plan for use of the Opioid Settlement funds and a portion of that was to be used for recovery housing (\$300,000). There was an RFP that was issued and we received seven proposals. A panel was used to review the RFP and WisHope was the unanimous choice. WisHope has a lot of experience working with people with substance use disorders. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Amending the 2025 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Additional Coordinated Services Team Initiative Funding – Supervisor Woodman moved the resolution to the floor, second by Supervisor Tillman. Ms. Singer was present to summarize the additional funding for the Coordinated Services Team (CST) initiative, which is similar to wrap-around care for children with needs across systems. It is an additional \$1500.00 to update spaces in the building to help accommodate families when they are in the building. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Approved.

Reports and Updates:

Semi-Annual Report – Ms. Luster reviewed the report of trainings over \$1,000 per individual; there were two trainings that staff attended. One conference was “Rise25” in Kissimmee, FL and HSD had three staff members attend. The second training was “Prescription and Illicit Drug Summit” in Nashville, TN with four staff members attending. These staff trainings were covered by grant funds, and no local dollars were used. No questions.

2026 Human Services Budget Update – The 2026 proposed budget was submitted. We submitted it in two parts per instruction: A Cost to Continue Budget and Budget Initiatives. Our cost to continue submission was about a 4% increase but if the budget initiatives are approved, it will decrease the additional levy request. Ms. Luster went into more detail on some of the highlighted areas of the 2026 HSD Budget.

Committee Requests: Update on the potential departure of deputy director(s).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 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 Woodman with unanimous approval at 4:43PM.

Chrissy Arambula, Administrative Professional III

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