



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 28, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; Terry Fell, Supervisor; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; and Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager; and April Heim, ES Division Manager.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Supervisor Thomas requested correcting the calendar year of the next meeting date to 2017. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of December 14, 2016: Supervisor Fell moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Dommershausen. Supervisor Thomas requested changing the minutes under Approval of Contracts to state that his comments about the Meals on Wheels contract was in reference to assuring that this service is billed correctly moving forward, since there is no longer LTS funding. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: None.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved seventeen contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

Ms. Mooren clarified a matter related to the HSD contract with Meals on Wheels and advised when we transitioned to Family Care, LTS and COP funds were combined into a MH allocation. We no longer have LTS but we have CSP clients who will use funds from the MH allocation. There are two funding sources the MH allocation and the levy. We are identifying contracts that are needed for CSP.

Ms. Mooren highlighted the new contract for guardianship, the new psychiatrist and the Mercy Health contract. Ms. Luster advised the contract with Mercy Health System (MHS) was very challenging to negotiate. Originally, MHS requested a 20% increase for inpatient psychiatric services as they report they are receiving that from other counties. We want to contract with MHS because they are a local partner but a 20% increase is significantly higher than our standard budget

to budget increase. Also, there have been quality of care issues with MHS and while these are being addressed and we have seen some improvements, a significant rate increase did not seem justifiable. After many discussions, the final result was that MHS insisted on a three year contract with an 8% increase each year. If we don't contract with MHS we won't be able to provide services we need locally. We are talking with other providers and if we can get reduced rates through other providers, we will talk again with MHS to request a lower rate. Ms. Luster responded to multiple questions about pursuing other options. There are very limited providers for inpatient psychiatric care because it is specialized and has many requirements. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Resolution Recognizing Patricia Nixon: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Ms. Heim presented the resolution recognizing Patricia Nixon. Ms. Nixon has served the citizens of Rock County for over twenty-two years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. Ms. Nixon began her career in 1994 as a Public Safety Utility Clerk for the Sheriff's Department, later she transferred to the Human Services Department as an Account Clerk II. In 1995 she took a position as a Deputy Clerk of Courts. In 2002, Ms. Nixon returned to Human Services as an Economic Support Specialist. She was promoted in 2009 to the Child Care Coordinator. In 2013, Ms. Nixon became an ES Supervisor and in 2014 became Lead ES Supervisor, then she stepped in and served as Interim ES Division Manager until February 2015. She resumed her duties as the Lead ES Supervisor until retirement.

Ms. Nixon proved herself to be a no-nonsense, down-to-earth leader who focused on getting the job done with good customer service in mind while showing empathy and giving advocacy to the Job Center reception staff, ES staff and program participants. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Outcome Measures Overview: Ms. Luster explained that Mr. Horozewski is providing information that Supervisor Dommershausen requested previously regarding measuring outcomes. Other Division Managers will be providing information on measuring outcomes in the future.

Mr. Horozewski explained that DCF tracks many different outcome areas in Child Welfare. The data he provided was from eWiSACWIS. One outcome tracked is Placement Stability. Placement Stability tracks when a child is placed in out-of-home care and how many times a child is moved to a different placement setting in a period of time. Rock County is meeting the benchmark for within the first 12 months and 13 to 24 months and above benchmark for longer than 24 months in care.

Legal Permanence is also tracked. Legal Permanence is when a child is in out-of-the home care and then reunified, or granted guardianship, or adopted. Rock County is meeting the benchmark for obtaining permanence when a child is in care for the first 12 months and 13 to 24 month time periods; and above for longer than 24 month time period.

Mr. Horozewski explained that Rock is meeting the benchmark for Reentry into out-of-home care. Reentry into out-of-home care is when a child is in out-of-home care, reunified with that child's biological family and then is placed back into out-of-home care. Supervisor Schulz asked for the number rather than the percent of how many children Rock County had in Reentry. Mr. Horozewski and Ms. Luster responded to questions. Wisconsin as a state is not doing well in this area and has been given a Post Reunification grant to improve. Rock County is using Post Reunification grant funds to help obtain resources and support families better. Research is being done on families to evaluate what is working. We have recognized there is a problem and with this grant we are able to give families more support.

Mr. Horozewski distributed three handouts on the Juvenile Justice Division. The first handout on YSC Secure Admissions shows admissions have been going down since 2014. The ACTIONS program census has been going up because youths are in ACTIONS longer.

The second handout Mr. Horozewski explained was DAI violations. We are always looking at data and trending about offences youth are committing. He reviewed data about which violations have increased and decreased from calendar year 2014 to 2015.

The final handout was about the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI). This tool is used to assess risk factors with each youth and family. Mr. Horozewski explained the YSC static risk and dynamic risk data.

Mr. Horozewski responded to questions. Ms. Luster advised we will bring back the number of children under reentry that Supervisor Schulz requested.

Chair Knudson stated there are a lot of employees with health and family struggles. He noted there have been some Rock County employees who have passed this year just after retirement.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., at the Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference room, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Fell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Garrett with unanimous approval at 5:37 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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