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ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of September 26, 2018 *
4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
5. Submission of Committee Requests
6. Approval of Contracts and Transfers – Ms. Mooren
7. Review of Bills – Mr. Zuehlke
8. Resolution Recognizing Tahirih Carr * – Ms. Mooren
9. Resolution Recognizing Dianne Higbee * – Ms. Mooren
10. Resolution Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System * – Ms. Luster
11. 2019 Human Services Department Budget Presentation – Ms. Luster
12. Director's Report
 - Shelter Care Update
 - Juvenile Corrections Update
13. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Rock County Youth Services Center, Shelter Care Room, Janesville, Wisconsin.**
14. Adjourn

The County of Rock will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Please contact us at 608-757-5510 or e-mail countyadmin@co.rock.wi.us at least 48 hours prior to a public meeting to discuss any accommodations that may be necessary.

NOTE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS: To ensure a quorum, please call the Administrative Secretary at 757-5271 if you are unable to attend the meeting.

* Attachment ** These items may be handed out at the meeting if not available for the mailing.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY

Steve Hegg / Sara Mooren
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY



September 28, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING TAHIRIH CARR

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Tahirih Carr has served the citizens of Rock County for thirty-three (33) years as a
2 dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Tahirih Carr began her career with Rock County on September 24, 1985 as a Nursing
5 Assistant in Rock Haven, where she carried out a variety of responsibilities including, but not limited to,
6 caring for resident's needs, decorating the residents' birthday boards, and even received a commendation
7 for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking resident; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Carr, then moved to Central Supply as a Clerk in January of 1991, where she made
10 sure that proper equipment was in place to create a safe efficient work environment; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Carr then took a position in February 1995 as an Account Clerk II in the Human
13 Services Department where her new responsibilities included billing commercial insurance and private
14 pay balances for the outpatient clinics, reconciling charges, deposits, data entry, collecting and reviewing
15 staff billable timesheets; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, In October of 1999 Ms. Carr then moved to the Developmental Disabilities Board first as
18 an Account Clerk II and later as a Financial Worker in February of 2010; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, during her time at the Developmental Disabilities Board Ms. Carr had responsibility for
21 reconciling payments from Medical Assistance, maintaining representative payee records for clients,
22 creating and implementing billing processes for several key programs, and performing critical data entry
23 into the state reporting system; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Carr then returned to the Human Services Department in December, 2016 as an
26 Account Clerk II, where she carried out a variety of responsibilities including, but not limited to, billing
27 Medical Assistance, Medicare, and commercial insurance for the outpatient clinics, reconciling charges,
28 deposits, data entry, and reviewing staff billable time; and,
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30 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Carr retired from the Rock County Human Services Department on October 6, 2018;
31 and,
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33 **WHEREAS**, during her career with Rock County, Tahirih Carr has proven herself to be a dedicated
34 employee on behalf of Rock County children and families; and,
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36 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes
37 to recognize Tahirih Carr for her contributions to the citizens of Rock County.
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
40 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Tahirih Carr for her
41 thirty-three (33) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

Recognizing Tahirih Carr
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Respectfully Submitted,

ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY

Shelley Schmidt
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

September 28, 2018
DATE DRAFTED



RECOGNIZING DIANNE HIGBEE

1 **WHEREAS**, Dianne Higbee has served the citizens of Rock County for forty (40) years as a
2 dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Dianne Higbee began her career on October 5, 1978 employed at Rock Haven.
5 During her (32) years of services as an employee at Rock Haven Ms. Higbee's positions
6 included Unit Aide, Nursing Assistant/Medication Assistant, Environmental Service Worker,
7 and Central Supply Clerk; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Higbee changed positions in April of 2010, and began working as a Clerk
10 III under Human Services Department. In her role as Clerk III and later reclassified as an
11 Administrative Assistant, she was the receptionist at the Health Care Center building. Ms.
12 Higbee not only the first point of contact of visitors to the building but also manned the
13 switchboard console for the Human Services Department; and,
14
15 **WHEREAS**, during Ms. Higbee's time as employed by Rock County, she has interacted with
16 and assisted countless citizens, clients, and patients. Her knowledge of the various Rock
17 County Departments, Divisions, and Programs assisted her in being a valuable resource for a
18 variety of inquiries both in person and over the phone; and,
19
20 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Higbee retired from the Rock County Human Services Department on
21 October 5, 2018; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock
24 County, wishes to recognize Dianne Higbee for her contributions to the citizens of Rock
25 County.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors,
28 duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Dianne
29 Higbee for her fifteen (40) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future
30 endeavors.

Recognizing Dianne Higbee
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Respectfully Submitted,

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AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY



Katherine Luster
DRAFTED BY

October 2, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for
Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-supervised, except
2 Milwaukee County, where the system is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and
3 Families (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and
6 neglect services including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs,
7 though the state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares
8 liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties;
9 and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice
12 expectations which increased county child protective services (CPS) workload and costs; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare
15 system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to
16 children and families; and,
17
18 **WHEREAS**, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion's share of financial responsibility to
19 address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far
20 outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve
21 funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, Rock County's county contribution for CPS services increased by seventy percent from
24 2012 to 2017 (\$5.2 to \$8.8 million); and,
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26 **WHEREAS**, Rock County's DCF Children and Family Aids allocation increased by thirteen percent
27 from 2012 to 2018 (\$2.76 to \$3.12 million); and,
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29 **WHEREAS**, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure
30 the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and,
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32 **WHEREAS**, without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and Family Services allocation, the
33 CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to
34 unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties and an overrun of
35 out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources; and,
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37 **WHEREAS**, in Rock County the average daily census of children in a foster care placement was 80 in
38 2012 and 154 in 2017; and,
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40 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's CPS system leaves significant gaps in state-level oversight for all counties
41 except Milwaukee County, including the absence of caseload standards, no process for regular
42 legislative evaluation and prioritization of CPS needs and the absence of a legislative committee that
43 provides regular policy guidance concerning CPS system issues such as adequate funding,
44 performance, cost sharing and long-term stability; and,

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45 **WHEREAS**, along with DMCPs, all eleven of Wisconsin's peer states with county-administered CPS
46 systems have either adopted caseload standards for CPS caseworkers, completed thorough workload
47 studies as a basis of determining funding needs, or otherwise have made significant recommendations
48 related to keeping CPS workloads manageable; and,

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50 **WHEREAS**, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too important to allow the current level
51 of under resourcing, oversight gaps and, disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property
52 taxpayers.

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54 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
55 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2018, does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin
56 increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to counties in the 2019-21 state biennial budget by
57 \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing
58 levels based on the caseload standards developed by the Wisconsin County Human Services
59 Association (WCHSA) so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet its obligations; and,

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61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Counties Association urges the state of
62 Wisconsin to close critical oversight gaps by creating legislative mechanisms to review the CPS
63 resource needs of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate
64 committee provide ongoing policy guidance to respond to emerging CPS trends and ongoing system
65 needs; and,

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67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker,
68 Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration
69 Secretary Ellen Nowak, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution is advisory only and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System

The Child Welfare System across Wisconsin has reached a point of crisis with significant increases in the volume of children and families receiving services and increasing complexity of the needs of these families. Statewide, the number of children placed in out of home care has increased dramatically in recent years. In Rock County, the average daily census of children in a child welfare foster care placement has grown from an average daily census of 80 in 2012, to 154 in 2017.

As needs have escalated, Counties have carried the fiscal burden while state aid has failed to keep up with the increasing costs. Since 2012, Rock County's local contributions to child welfare have increased by 70%, while our state allocation has increased by only 13%.

Caseloads for child welfare workers have reached untenable levels and, unlike other county run child welfare systems across the nation, the state of Wisconsin has failed to adopt formal caseload standards or recommendations to assure that adequate care can be provided to keep children safe.

This resolution requests that the State of Wisconsin increase the Children and Families Aids Allocation by 30 million dollars annually in the 2019-2021 biennial budget and advocates that formal legislative oversight mechanisms be established to assure appropriate policies and adequate resources are in place to support the Child Welfare System needs in every county.