

**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.  
Room K  
Rock County Job Center, Janesville**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 22, 2015, in Room K at the Rock County Job Center.

**Present:** Board members present: Chair Brian Knudson; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; William Grahn, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Staff present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Long Term Support; April Heim, Economic Support; Greg Winkler (for Kate Flanagan), MH/AODA; Lance Horozewski, Children, Youth, and Families; and Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary.

Chair Knudson welcomed everyone to the annual Public Hearing for the Rock County Human Services Department. Chair Knudson introduced the Human Services Director, Charmian Klyve and the Board members. Ms. Klyve had the HSD Division Managers introduce themselves. Chair Knudson stated that the Board and staff are here to listen to concerns as we plan for the fiscal year 2016. Speakers were asked to be concise but because there were a small number of speakers he would allow more than the usual 5 minutes to speak.

Chair Knudson introduced the speakers in the order they signed in:

**Speaker #1** – Sue Conley, HealthNet – Ms. Conley, is the interim Director of HealthNet, until a permanent Director is hired. HealthNet provides physical exams, acute treatments, labs, xrays, mental health care, eye care, pediatrics and dispenses over \$3 million dollars in medications annually. There is a high need for dental services in the community. There is a dental clinic offsite at the Beloit Memorial Hospital. We are seeing that more people are coming in for preventative dental care, and served 637 individuals last year. We served 127 people with vision appointments last year. Funding allows us to put 96 cents of every dollar toward services. She asked the Board to please consider HealthNet for more funding.

**Speaker #2** – Kim Churchill, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) – Ms. Churchill explained CASA is a court appointed trained specialist who advocates for children. CPS children have a CASA worker and social worker who work in conjunction. In the last four years there has been an increase in the need for CASA. They served over 60 children the last eight months, and 66 are waiting. We received a grant for community outreach, but need more volunteers and a supervisor. All CASA workers are volunteers. We work with Judge Bates and have contact with children, parents, teachers, counselors, doctors. We write reports to Judge Bates to tell him what the child's wishes are as do the

social workers. With the increase in the number of children in CPS they are asking for funds from HSD. This is the first request for funds.

Chair Knudson thanked the speakers for coming and sharing their comments. There were no further requests to speak.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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