



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 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; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Terry Fell, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative (in at 4:46 p.m.); Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor; and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; Lance Horozewski, CYF Division Manager; and Renee Handrow, Juvenile Justice Specialist.

Others Present: Ian Hedges, Executive Director, Health Net. John Langer, Health Net Board Chair. David Wilson, Citizen.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of August 24, 2016: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation: None.

Submission of Committee Requests: Supervisor Garrett requested a future agenda item on information regarding the Public Hearing procedure.

Supervisor Schulz advised there is a new home opening for the homeless. She will keep the Board informed as she learns more information.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Kleven moved three contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Mr. Zuehlke responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Supervisor Dommershausen asked about the Kealey Pharmacy entries. Mr. Zuehlke explained that Kealey has been bought out by Hometown but the entries are from August before the transition.

Resolution Amending the 2016 Budget for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program: Supervisor Thomas moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Mr. Zuehlke explained the resolution is amending the 2016 HSD Budget to accept an additional \$58,000. Mr. Zuehlke responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Report on Organizational Effectiveness (OE) Initiative: Mr. Horozewski introduced Renee Handrow, Juvenile Justice Specialist. The OE team was formed about three years ago, as part of the integration of the JJ and CPS Divisions. We received a grant to train staff on the OE model. It is important that a staff member leads the team, rather than a member of management. We want staff to feel comfortable coming to the OE team when there is an issue they want addressed. Ms. Handrow and Ms. Williams were selected and trained to be our facilitators. We have a very solid team and the OE team has helped to successfully merge the two Divisions to better serve our families. The OE team has a representative from all different areas in the Division and meets monthly. Staff have brought the After Hours program to the OE team to address some issues that are of concern and find solutions. Mr. Horozewski advised Ms. Handrow is a great leader and she presented our OE model at the WCHSA Conference. Mr. Horozewski responded to questions.

Report on Health Net: Mr. Hedges, Health Net Executive Director, introduced Health Net Board Chair John Langer. Mr. Hedges thanked the Board for all funds that have been previously contributed to Health Net by the HSD. Rock County HSD contributions have helped many people in the community. Health Net has been able to integrate mental health services and now has a referral program to help clients at Compass Behavioral Health. Health Net has established a pain management clinic rather than prescribing opiates which includes chiropractic services and cortisone shots.

Health Net now accepts clients with BadgerCare for dental care which has increased clients and services. Another dentist has been hired to help with the demand for dental services. Many dentists are not able to serve BadgerCare clients because the reimbursement is minimal and Health Net is experiencing a \$63,000 deficit. They have been serving several foster children. Mr. Hedges is requesting that Human Services increase the contribution to Health Net by \$25,000. Mr. Hedges responded to questions. Ms. Luster advised Rock County Human Services contributes over \$50,000 annually to Health Net and is not able to increase this amount. The increase request was not included in the HSD 2017 budget proposal submitted to Mr. Smith. HSD is submitting proposals to Mr. Smith to reduce the current 2017 tax levy request, and are not in a position to recommend an increase for Health Net. We have other priorities related to mandated services and increasing operational costs that are requiring us to make hard decisions on the budget.

Citizen Representative Kleven expressed concerns about the heroin epidemic and the need to do more in the community to address heroin issues as a priority over dental care. Supervisor Thomas explained the HSD budget cost to continue was over budget \$1.6 million and many cuts are needed, there is not enough money as it is. Supervisor Fell added that many agencies need additional funding for programs and services and the County cannot assist with all those needs. Supervisor Schulz and Supervisor Dommershausen expressed acknowledgement that the HSD budget is very tight but that there is interest in exploring other options to allocate County funds to Health Net.

Mr. Hedges distributed a flyer about the Hope for Heroin event for which Rock County HSD is providing funding support.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **September 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**, at the Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference room, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Garrett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Fell with unanimous approval at 5:52 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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