



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 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; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Katie DeZeeuw, CFS Specialist; April Heim, Economic Support Specialist; and Tim Zuehlke, Controller.

Others Present: J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair. Bill McCarty. Tom O'Brien. Stephanie Aegerter, County Board Supervisor.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Thomas moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Kleven. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of January 24, 2018: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Ms. Luster announced that Phil Boutwell will be retiring on April 2, 2018. We are excited for him but it will be a great loss for the Human Services Department.

Submission of Committee Requests: Supervisor Thomas requested updates as information becomes available on the closure of Lincoln Hills. Ms. Luster advised this will be an agenda item for the next HSD Board meeting.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved eight contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Ms. Mooren highlighted three contracts and responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Review of Bills: Mr. Zuehlke highlighted the entries for Ryme Business Products which were for the new MFP replacements. Supervisor Dommershausen asked about the negative entries. Mr. Zuehlke advised we are working on the end of the year close out and all the revenue has not been entered yet.

January HSD Employee Impact Recognition Award for Katie DeZeeuw: Ms. Luster introduced Katie DeZeeuw. Ms. DeZeeuw was one of the three January HSD Employee Impact Recognition award winners. Ms. DeZeeuw worked above and beyond to help with the challenging task of

organizing donations and delivering items. Ms. Luster and Chair Knudson thanked Ms. DeZeeuw for all her hard work.

Update on State and Federal Requirements Regarding IM Benefits: Ms. Heim presented a power point presentation about the State and Federal requirements regarding IM benefits. Currently DHS (Department of Health Services) is looking at an implementation date of November 2018 to start drug screening as part of the eligibility process for the FSET (Food Stamp Employment and Training) program for able-bodied adults without dependents. They are considering utilizing the Drug Abuse Screening Test, DAST-10, which is currently utilized by DWD/DCF (Department of Workforce Development/Department of Children and Families). Failure to comply will make the individual ineligible for the FSET program. If the screening indicates potential drug abuse issues the individual will be referred for further screening and possible treatment.

The Wisconsin DHS submitted a waiver to the CMS (Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services) to implement a work program requirement for Medicaid recipients. Limiting benefits to 48 months. Months in which an able-bodied adult is working or participating in a worker training program are not counted towards the 48 month limit. Ms. Heim explained Rule 38 was written to be able to encompass work programs administered under DHS, this would include the proposed Medicaid work program. Monthly premiums would be based on income and there will be an \$8 co-pay for emergency visits. There would be rewards for healthy behaviors by establishing lower premiums.

Governor Walker called a special session to take up a number of bills related to welfare reform. This is a second set of bills related to the Wisconsin Works for Everyone initiative. Of ten bills introduced, seven will directly impact eligibility operations and the programs that we serve within BEPS (Bureau of Enrollment Policy and Systems). Bills introduced include: required hours of participation for able-bodied adults in the FSET program from 20 hours to 30 hours; statewide work requirements for able-bodied adults to include able-bodied adults with school aged dependents six or over; asset testing for certain welfare programs; photo identification cards for FoodShare recipients; pay for performance measures for W-2 & FoodShare vendor contracts; child support compliance as a condition of Medicaid for able bodied adults; and creation of MA savings accounts. Ms. Heim described the non-Economic Support related welfare reforms as well.

Ms. Heim responded to questions from Supervisor Dommershausen and Supervisor Schulz. She advised these bills are proposed and have not been passed yet. Ms. Luster advised she will forward public hearing or listening session information to the HSD Board members when she receives it. Ms. Heim responded to questions from Citizen Representative Williams about acronyms and the Food Box initiative. Ms. Luster advised that the counties have concerns about how the proposed changes will be operationalized and the increased workload for IM staff.

Director's Report:

- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised the shelter care application was submitted and reviewed. They asked us to submit additional items which we have done and now we are waiting to hear back. The initiative to expand our ACTIONS program at the YSC (Youth Services Center) is on hold. We are postponing space renovations at this time until we understand the implications of the juvenile corrections reforms and the details around regional centers. We need more information and are waiting for a clearer picture.
- **T.I.C (Trauma Informed Care) Update** – As part of the Fostering Future initiative, we formed a steering committee of 15 employees from across all HSD to work on improving services to clients and changing organizational culture. We thought we could make the committee broader than just T.I.C and encompass Diversity & Inclusiveness, Employee Safety and other areas that fall under organizational culture change. We renamed the group the CORE (Creating an Organization that Reflects Excellence) group. The group will work on improving organizational culture and services to our clients.
- **HSD Webpage Upgrade Information** – County Administrator Smith has made upgrading the County website a priority. The HSD webpage needs to be updated and we have an

effort under way. The County Clerk's page has been updated and we would like to use a similar format. We are asking for feedback on any ideas or issues you may be hearing about.

Chair Knudson advised there have been law suits reported in the news recently in the state, about County committee meetings adhering to rules about properly agendaing items for public meetings. We will be adhering to these guidelines.

Supervisor Dommershausen asked about a future agenda item about mental health workers working with police departments. Supervisor Fell suggested getting a Madison Police Officer to come down and talk to the HSD Board. Ms. Luster advised we are embedding a crisis worker within the Janesville Police Department and will have this as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**, in the 3rd Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Garrett with unanimous approval at 5:29 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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