



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, in room D/E at the Rock County Job Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers Citizen Representative; Vicki Brown, Supervisor; Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative (out at 5:17 p.m.); Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative; Stephanie Aegerter, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; and Terry Fell, Supervisor.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kate Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Division Manager; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC and APS Division Manager; April Heim, ES Division Manager; Greg Winkler, BH Division Manager; and Lance Horozewski, Division Manager.

Others Present: Mary Mawhinney, County Board Vice Chair. Dorothy Harrell, NAACP President; Syretha Washington, NAACP. Eunice Glass, NAACP and JOB. Denny Luster, RECAP – Rock County Jail.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Fell moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Aegerter. The agenda was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of June 27, 2018: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Citizen Representative Williams asked to correct the minutes to state the agenda item she requested was for information on the immigrant children and for CPS reports. The minutes with corrections were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Submission of Committee Requests:

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: No contracts to approve.

Review of Bills: Mr. Zuehlke highlighted the Family Care entry.

Report on Beloit School Diversion Project: Ms. Luster provided background information and explained that about three years ago Rock County received a grant from the State for technical support, to work with schools to divert juvenile justice services to mental health services. A group was formed with members from the Beloit Schools, Beloit PD and HSD. This group worked with experts and created framework for a school based diversion model in Beloit. Then it stalled somewhat due to different members of the group leaving. Some of the school teachers left the group, a new Beloit Police Chief started and Ms. Luster started as the new HSD Director. Even though the technical assistance grant ended, we had a good foundation established.

Mr. Winkler explained a new core workgroup has been formed with new stakeholders and there is involvement from other individuals within the community. There are four schools in Beloit which are the focus of the project, and will start with the new school year.

Research shows that youth with behavioral health issues are at an increased risk for juvenile justice services. We want to assess what is going on with an individual youth. Not all cases should go to Juvenile Justice but should be connected with other services. We do not want bad behaviors to continue in schools, but prior to arresting a youth we want to meet to see what is going on and possibly divert an arrest.

We have an agreement creating a formal structure with all stakeholders. Mr. Winkler reviewed the steps of the process that will be followed. He explained the points of data collection and the desired outcomes. Mr. Winkler responded to questions and concerns about heavy police involvement in the workgroup and who is in charge of decisions in the school. Concern was expressed about the potential for law enforcement to override others' decisions.

Director's Report:

- **Budget Update** – Ms. Luster advised Ms. Mooren and her staff have been working diligently on the budget. We will learn more specifics soon. Trending is consistent with the cost to continue presentation and out of home care has increased.
- **Semi Annual Report** – Ms. Luster advised there were six individuals to report for the last six months and provided details.
- **Shelter Care Update** – Ms. Luster advised when the time line is concrete to transition youth to Derrick's House she will share it with the Board. The next HSD Board meeting will be held at the Juvenile Justice and Counseling Center at the Eclipse Center, in the conference room first, then we will tour Derrick's House.
- **Juvenile Corrections Update** – Ms. Luster advised there was a meeting held by WCA on July 9th for all counties thinking about an SRCCCY facility. There are concerns that the rule and application have not been given to counties and the due date of March 2019 is not a realistic timeline. WCA is organizing to request changing the timeline, and that \$40 million is not adequate to fund the facilities.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**, in the Conference Room at the Beloit Juvenile Justice/Beloit Counseling Center, 64 Eclipse Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Adjournment: Supervisor Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Citizen Representative Williams with unanimous approval at 5:22 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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