



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2009 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Vice Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in the 3rd floor Conference Room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Jennifer Bishop, Supervisor; William Grahn, Supervisor; Phillip Owens, Supervisor; Marv Wopat, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Susan Masterson, Citizen Representative; and Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative.

Committee Members Absent: Minnie Murry, Citizen Representative.

Staff Present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Jason Witt, Deputy Director; Mike Jones, Administrative Services Manager; Cindy Schultz, Controller; Ed Pearson, JDC Superintendent; Ryan Trautsch, Juvenile Probation Supervisor; Jeremy Brown, Juvenile Probation Supervisor; Anissa Welch, Juvenile Justice Division; Lea Gerue, Juvenile Justice Division; Brad Munger, Crisis Division Supervisor; Kari Bell, PATH Program; Beth Jessie, PATH Program; and Jody Farmer, Records and Quality Management Division Manager.

Others Present: Joshua Smith, County Administrator's Office; Russ Podzilni, County Board Chair; Neil Deupree; and Kay Deupree.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Owens approved the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Wopat with unanimous approval. APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board meeting of August 26, 2009: Supervisor Thomas moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Supervisor Grahn with unanimous approval. APPROVED.

Citizen Participation: None.

Resolution to Support National Family Day in Rock County: Supervisor Wopat moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Owens. Ms. Klyve presented the resolution supporting National Family Day in Rock County. Rock County presents and supports this resolution each year to bring families together with their children. Supervisor Wopat reminded the board that the Family Fun Fest is being held on September 12th as well. The resolution was approved unanimously. APPROVED. Supervisor Wopat will be presenting the resolution to the full County Board.

Update on Process Regarding Juvenile Justice Issues:

- a.) **HSD Committees and Actions:** Chair Knudson advised that Judge Bates has been invited to the Board to educate the Board on the juvenile justice system and the critical decision making points.

Mr. Witt, who is the interim Division Manager for JJS, gave an update on the meetings that have taken place with the established workgroups to date. Mr. Witt reported productive discussions with staff as well as community partners. Mr. Witt shared a handout outlining probation practice clarifications and responded to questions.

Supervisor Owens requested further information on the Running Rebels program. Supervisor Thomas also requested that a supervisor and staff from each of these programs present at board meetings to better educate the board on what they do. Supervisor Wopat has requested that the roadblocks in Juvenile Justice be determined and also how to overcome them. Supervisor Owens requested that we meet face to face with other Counties to establish what use they would make of our facilities. Supervisor Owens feels our Juvenile Detention facility needs to be more effectively marketed.

- b.) Independent Evaluator: Mr. Smith provided an outline of the qualifications and areas the independent evaluator may examine. If any board member has a name they would like to refer as evaluator, please provide their name to Mr. Smith. Supervisor Thomas requested that the final work product be provided to the board at least one week prior to the board meeting so that they may review the document.

Mr. Smith advised there are likely two phases to this process. The first phase will involve the evaluator reviewing the issues raised and the second phase is determining how to move forward with the future of Juvenile Justice.

In two weeks Mr. Smith may bring back name(s) for potential evaluators. Supervisor Owens complimented Mr. Smith on the very thorough outline regarding the evaluator process.

Ms. Klyve asked if the Board would find it helpful to share Mr. Witt's handout as well as Ms. Klyve's memo with their fellow County Board members. The Board felt that would be helpful. These documents will be mailed out to those on the full County board.

Presentation on Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH) & Social Security Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Programs: Mr. Munger presented a PowerPoint presentation related to homeless mentally ill. The PATH initiatives began in 2000 providing outreach to the homeless mentally ill. Community Action assists with HUD housing funding. Rock County has the largest PATH grant in the State of Wisconsin

Ms. Bell shared a case story related to an individual client and how the PATH program assisted the individual in securing housing after being evicted. Through the work of a Crisis Worker, as well as Salvation Army, the client was placed in a hotel until an assessment could be completed by PATH staff. This client is a good candidate for the Shelter Care Plus Program and they will be working with Community Action to obtain housing for this individual.

Mr. Munger also advised that the SOAR program assists the mentally ill in applying for Social Security disability benefits. These benefits are difficult to obtain because often this population does not provide enough information to obtain SSI/SSDI approval. The SOAR program provides a method of obtaining expedited SSI/SSDI benefits for the mentally ill.

Approval of Contracts, Transfers, and/or Encumbrances: None presented.

Approval of Bills: Ms. Schultz presented the bills for approval and responded to questions. Supervisor Wopat requested that the supervisor training that is provided also includes information related to EAP. Mr. Smith advised that the data for EAP for Rock County may be obtained through our Human Resources office and will be provided at a later meeting.

Shelter Plus	41,077.72	Child/Fam Incent	3,080.00
Bal Sheet A/C	1,447.59	Job Center	49,888.57
CPS	465.00		

Citizen Representative Masterson moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Wopat with unanimous approval. APPROVED.

Director's Report:

- There are currently 109 W-2 cases with one case in the intensive job search tier.
- Ms. Klyve reported that the State has approved Rock County for operation of the W-2 program between 2010-2011. The contract amount is yet unknown.
- Mr. Witt provided AODA follow up information related to Juveniles. Of those assessed with the YASI instrument, roughly 20% came out on the high end with significant AODA issues. All probations are now assessed with the YASI tool. There is no additional charge for this assessment over and above the standard \$25 charge per month for probation services.
- Supervisor Wopat asked that we ensure beds at AlcoCare are full before sending clients to Tellurian at a higher rate.

Committee Requests: None.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2009** starting at **4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, WI.**

Adjournment: Supervisor Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Wopat, with unanimous approval at 6:17 p.m.

Kim Roehl, Administrative Secretary

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