

**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 - 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 August 13, 2014, in Room K at the Rock County Job Center.

Present: Board members present: Chair Brian Knudson; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; William Grahn, Supervisor; Terry Thomas, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor; and Linda Garrett, Supervisor. Staff present: Charmian Klyve, Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/Long Term Support; Tim Zuehlke, Controller; 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. The Board members were introduced. Chair Knudson stated that the Board and staff are here to listen to concerns as we plan for the fiscal year 2015. The role of the Board at this Public Hearing was to listen, not to debate issues or make comment. Speakers were asked to be concise but because there were a few speakers he would allow slightly longer than the usual 5 minutes to speak.

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

Speaker #1 – John Pfeiderer, Family Services – Mr. Pfeiderer distributed a handout providing information on the Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center. There are two domestic shelters in the county. Beloit's shelter is smaller than Janesville but both are needed to give clients options. The Beloit Shelter has increased its capacity and is utilized. For years, Brighter Future funding has been helping to support the domestic violence shelters. Like the YWCA we partner to help homeless children. A lot of homeless families have parents with AODA issues. We work on parenting issues and we have the resources to help with credit counseling.

Speaker #2 – Jean Randles, HealthNet of Rock County – Ms. Randles expressed thanks for allowing her to speak. HealthNet serves the low income and completely uninsured people in the Rock County community. HealthNet does not serve anyone with BadgerCare or ACA, so there is not any duplication of services. HealthNet provides physical exams, acute treatments, labs, xrays and dispenses over \$3 million dollars in medications to the community. There is a free dental clinic for xrays, cleanings, fillings, fluoride etc. All the doctors, counselors and dentists volunteer time to provide the services. The services are very important to keep the community healthier. If an uninsured person goes to the emergency room there are costs. HealthNet pays for maintenance care to try to keep people from having to go to the emergency room. Audits show 97% of HealthNet funds goes directly to services and only 3% is overhead. There are many individuals who need these services

because there are many exemptions from ACA. She thanked the Board for contributing to HealthNet and for listening.

Speaker #3 – Mike Czerwonka, Evansville Community School District – Mr. Czerwonka is a Evansville School Social Worker. Mr. Czerwonka sees mental health needs in the community and believes it connects in some way to the HSD Budget. He sees in the school that there has been a rise in serious mental health issues in youth. He is looking to partner to possibly provide school based services to help get families treatment services. There is an ongoing need for treatment. He sees transportation to get treatment as a challenge for families. He sits on some of Mr. Horozewski's teams. He is looking to collaborate to find grant money to get transportation for families to get the services they need.

Speaker #4 – Mark Bumpus, Red Road House – Mr. Bumpus reiterated the good things the Department is doing for the alcohol and detox area. But so many people are not given treatment immediately, so they leave and do not return. There used to be a medically supervised detox unit in Rock County. It is still needed. Also, sending people to Dane County for two days to deotx is not long enough, people need five days to detox. Please keep this in mind. Thank you.

Chair Knudson again invited any others present to speak. He thanked the speakers for coming and sharing their comments. He urged people to contact any Board member to express concerns. The Board wants to hear input from the community. He invited people to talk further on issues after the meeting. There were no further requests to speak.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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