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Rock County Board Chair Seeking Person Interested in Serving on the Rock County Human Services Board

Rock County Board Chair Rich Bostwick is seeking persons interested in serving on the Rock County Human Services Board. The Human Services Board consists of nine total members including six County Board Supervisors and three citizen representatives. One citizen member term is expiring. The newly appointed citizen representative serves 3-year terms beginning May 1, 2023

The Human Services Board operates as a policy-making body determining the broad outlines and principles governing the administration of human services programs delivered by the Rock County Human Services Department. State law requires that members of the Human Services Board have a recognized ability and demonstrated interest in human services. At least one member appointed to the Board must be an individual who receives or has received human services or is a family member of such an individual. In addition, no public or private provider of services may be appointed to the Human Services Board.

As outlined in Wis. Stats. 46.23 (5m), the Human Services Board is responsible for:

- Appointing committees consisting of residents of the county to advise the county human services board as it deems necessary.
- Recommending program priorities and policies, identifying unmet service needs and preparing short-term and long-term plans and budgets for meeting such priorities and needs.
- Preparing, with the assistance of the Human Services Director, a proposed annual budget for the operation of the Human Services Department programs
- Advising the Human Services Director regarding purchasing and providing services and the selection of purchase of service vendors, and making recommendations regarding modifications in such purchasing, providing and selection.
- Developing county Human Services Board operating procedures.
- Assisting in arranging cooperative working agreements with other entities providing health, education, vocational or welfare services

Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve as a community representative on the Human Services Board by 8:00 a.m. on June 9, 2023, through the newly created online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee> or by clicking on "Residents" at the top of the County's website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used by

residents to express their interest in serving on any County committee that has community representatives.

The Human Services Board currently meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. Meetings are held at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Human Services Board can be directed to Human Services Director Kate Luster at katherine.luster@co.rock.wi.us.

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