

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**Katherine Luster and Brian Knudson
INITIATED BY12/4/2023
DATE DRAFTED**Recognizing Rhonda Doherty**

WHEREAS, Rhonda Doherty has served the citizens of Rock County for over thirty-two (32) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Doherty began working for both the Beloit and Janesville Community Support Programs on April 1, 1991, as a Vocational Counselor. On September 6, 1994, she became the Clinical Coordinator for the Beloit Community Support Program. And then on April 25, 2011, she reprised her role as the Vocational Specialist for the Beloit Community Support Program. In that role, she spent half of her time helping consumers explore work, volunteer, and educational opportunities and the other half of her time providing case management as a Behavioral Health Clinician; and,

WHEREAS, throughout her service to Rock County, Rhonda has been an integral part of the Community Support Program and really embodied what it means to provide any and every type of support our consumers could need. She often flexed her time and started early to help consumers get to work on time at the MacFarlane Pheasant Farm. She picked up weekend shifts to deliver medication when there were gaps in coverage. She helped consumers participate in equine therapy in Darien. Rhonda has been a co-facilitator of our most well-attended group that helps consumers develop new coping skills, and she was always there with birthday treats which really made people feel special. She has run a variety of other groups as well, including grocery group, dual diagnosis group, consumer council, and many others. Rhonda is an expert at benefits, which most people know is no easy feat. She spends time navigating complex situations and stays with her consumers through it all, so they feel supported. It is very challenging to concisely report the impact she has had on so many individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Rhonda Doherty leaves behind a legacy at Beloit CSP. I know that our consumers will continue to talk about her and think of her fondly. She became their family, their friend, their confidant. She approached her work in the most compassionate and non-judgmental way. Rhonda taught her peers how to look at situations from a different perspective and often provided much needed comedic relief in morning meetings. I, personally, will miss her greatly. She welcomed me with open arms ten years ago, and I can't imagine work without her. I hope to someday be half the social worker she has been; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize Rhonda Doherty for her dedication and contribution to the citizens of Rock County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of December, 2023, does hereby recognize Rhonda Doherty for her 32 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

Committee ActionHuman Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Knudson and Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers were absent.

County Board Staff Committee

County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.