



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Chair Knudson called the virtual meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Roll Call: At roll call, Supervisors Knudson, Podzilni, Bostwick, Lokrantz, and Citizen Representatives Weaver-Landers, Hoffman and Reyes present. Supervisors Williams and Schulz absent. Present – 7. Absent – 2.

Committee Members Present: Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Shirley Williams, Supervisor (in at 4:31 p.m.); J. Russell Podzilni, Supervisor; Kaelyb Lokranz, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor (in at 4:35 p.m.); Pam Bostwick, Supervisor; Angelina Reyes, Citizen Representative; and Ashley Hoffman, Citizen Representative.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katherine Luster, Director; Tera O'Connor, Deputy Director; Greg Winkler, Deputy Director; Sara Mooren, Administrative Services Manager; Verenice Sandoval, Administrative Intern; Bette Trimble, Crisis and Outpatient Program Manager; Karol Rosman, CSP; Jennifer Thompson, ADRC/APS Division Manager; Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator; Mark Stevens, Business Services Manager; and Kim Hutter, Crisis Supervisor.

Others Present: Randy Terronez, County Administrator Assistant; Terri Carlson, County Risk Manager; Rick Richard, County Board Supervisor. Tom Hergert. Marty Clift. Paula Schutt, Council on Aging (COA) Director. Mr. Klenz, Town of Harmony Chairman.

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the agenda to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Podzilni. The agenda was unanimously approved. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of November 24, 2020: Citizen Representative Hoffman moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. The minutes were unanimously approved. Approved.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Mr. Hergert explained that two 980 Statute individuals have been placed next to his property. His wife is very afraid. Ever since the placements his wife will not go outside. He is in favor of the resolution that will be presented later in the meeting. He feels housing individuals all in one area, possibly located near the Sheriff's Department, would be a better than having the placements in neighborhoods. He has learned that the individuals are not allowed to leave the house for one year and are confined to the home. He feels this is actually counterproductive for someone with mental illness. He stated that many people who have placements next to their home have property value concerns as well.

Submission of Committee Requests: Supervisor Williams requested a report in the first quarter of calendar year 2021 regarding housing in the community and how it is being effected for individuals active in HSD services.

Approval of Contracts and Transfers: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved eighteen contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Williams. Ms. Mooren highlighted that the State made changes to the 2021 CLTS provider contracts instead of giving counties allocated funds it has changed to statewide budgeting. The HSD will still contract with providers and authorize services but payment will go through a third party administrator. Secondly, she highlighted the amendment for Community Health Systems (CHS) regarding the Beloit Outpatient Clinic prescribers. Currently, the HSD provides forty hours of prescriber time and employs the prescribers. She advised there will be a contract coming soon to increase prescriber hours and CHS will pay the additional expense. Ms. Mooren responded to questions. The contracts were unanimously approved. Approved.

Review of Bills: Mr. Stevens stated nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Resolution Amending the 2020 HSD Budget to Accept Additional Funds from the State Opioid Response 2 (SOR2) Grant and Creating 1.0 FTE Master Level Behavioral Health Clinician: Supervisor Lokrantz moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Ms. Trimble presented the resolution. She advised that with the expansion of both clinical and psychiatric services there has been an increase in grant funding which will allow HSD to expand treatment. Ms. Trimble responded to questions. The resolution was unanimously approved. Approved.

Resolution: Approval of Aging and Disability Resource Center – Council on Aging (ADRC-COA) Integration Recommendation: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Lokrantz. Mr. Terronez provided background information regarding the integration of the ADRC-COA. Over a year ago there was a study completed by an outside facilitator and an ADRC-COA Advisory Committee formed. There were multiple meetings and discussions regarding the integration. Due to COVID this has not moved forward but the County would now like to move forward. Recently the HSD Board was presented County Administrator Smith's memo recommending moving forward with the integration. Mr. Terronez advised that many counties in Wisconsin have integrated the two agencies. Rock County is one of the counties that has not integrated yet and would like to start to develop an integration plan. The COA offices will be housed at the new 1717 Center Avenue location. There will be three Advisory Committees planning for the integration and budget for January 1, 2022. He advised that the COA Advisory Committee did not take any action to approve or oppose the integration and noted they were not required to take action.

Supervisor Bostwick and Supervisor Schulz expressed concerns because they are aware that some members on the COA Advisory Committee are not happy and feel that their questions have not been answered. Ms. Luster advised she has talked with both Ms. Thompson and Ms. Schutt to discuss concerns. She explained that the ADRC program and the APS program are under the same umbrella with related operations but have different funding streams and different statutes. Bringing COA in as an additional program/piece under the umbrella would work the same way. The COA program area would be functioning as a continuum in the Division with separate funding and separate goals. The HSD is a stakeholder and part of the integration but needs Ms. Schutt's leadership and knowledge to continue to lead the COA and collaborate with for the integration.

Ms. Schutt reminded that the discussion of integration has been going on for many years. She was in attendance at the COA meeting and is aware of the concerns. She realizes that there were still questions, and advised that all the answers are not known. She explained there is a lot to do to plan for integration and working as partners and collaborating needs to take place. She has had conversations with Ms. Luster and there is a lot to do and to figure out. There is concern with some staff and Board members but she feels we can walk through this with positivity to be effective for our citizens. The aging population is expanding and it is a great time to combine.

Ms. Thompson advised there has been a lot of time involved with working with the Facilitator and the ADRC-COA Advisory committee to answer questions and concerns. She is excited to move forward with the integration and feels the integration will be better for collaboration and better for the clients. She has talked to other Directors in other counties and the integration has worked very well for them. Integration will allow for more outreach and shared resources.

Supervisor Williams stated concerns regarding the COA Advisory Committee taking no action and pushback that has taken place. Ms. Thompson advised the Facilitator's recommendation was to integrate and the Ad-hoc committee with half ADRC members and half COA members did pass the recommendation. The COA Advisory Committee was not required to take action. Ms. Luster advised that while integration was not something she specifically pursued or requested, she expressed her commitment to improving quality of service. She is sensitive to concerns, as change can be difficult, but she has demonstrated openness in the past and will continue to do so.

Supervisor Bostwick conveyed the concerns that she has heard regarding some COA Advisory committee members feeling out of the loop and that COA is not looked at the same as the ADRC. She asks for openness about what is going on throughout the planning. Ms. Thompson responded that she is whole heartedly open to collaboration through the process and the ADRC should not be looked at any differently than the COA. She advised both are important pieces under the same umbrella.

The resolution was approved by the following: Supervisors Knudson, Podzilni, Lokrantz and Citizen Representatives Weaver-Landers and Hoffman voted in favor. Supervisors Williams, Schulz, Bostwick and Citizen Representative Reyes opposed. AYES-5, NOES-4. Approved.

Resolution Directing the Exploration of Alternative Housing Options for Sexually Violent Offenders on Supervised Release in Accordance with Chapter 980 of the Wisconsin Statutes:

Supervisor Lokrantz moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Citizen Representative Hoffman. Mr. Richard presented the resolution and explained he has talked with Amy Loudenbeck and there may be State funding that could help fund this. He would like County Administration to look at the benefits of housing 980 individuals at one location rather than in community neighborhoods. Mr. Klentz, Chairman for the Town of Harmony, advised the Town of Harmony has housed many 980 offenders and the citizens do not have any say about placements. He explained Corrections has bought houses when they come up for sale to house individuals. He agrees it would be better to house individuals in one location instead of housing within neighborhoods. Mr. Hergert reiterated his concerns as he stated under citizen comments. Mr. Clift expressed his concerns and provided an example of a placement that he is aware of that he feels does not make sense. All expressed concerns that an individual in a house and not able to leave for a year would not be healthy for anyone, especially individuals who have mental health issues.

Mr. Winkler explained that three years ago the law changed regarding 980 Statute placements. The change is that now counties are part of a group that are tasked with finding placement for offenders who are released. He explained the process in detail and provided the guidelines and information about placements. Discussion continued. Mr. Richard explained this resolution is requesting looking at and study how and if it would be possible to provide a location, it does not mean it will definitely happen.

The resolution was approved on the following: Supervisors Knudson, Lokrantz, Williams and Citizen Representative Reyes, Hoffman, Weaver-Landers in favor. Supervisor Podzilni opposed. Supervisors Schulz and Bostwick did not respond, possible technical issues at the time of the vote. AYES-6, NOES-1, Absent-2. Approved.

Discuss and Possible Action to Change the Next HSD Board Meeting Date: Discussion took place to change the date of the next HSD Board meeting. Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved to cancel the next HSD Board meeting, seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. Canceling the December 23, 2020 HSD Board meeting was unanimously approved. Approved.

Director's Report:

- **Department Operations Update:** Ms. Luster advised the Youth Services Center (YSC) has pulled through a staff COVID outbreak. She advised HSD staff have had N95 fittings and staff are getting PPE they need. HSD is looking at a vendor and process to have PPE cleaned.
- **COVID Related Community Needs Update:** Ms. Luster advised there has been a crossover with the increase in COVID cases in the community there has also been an increase with HSD staff. HSD continues to problem solve when necessary.
- **1717 Center Ave Update:** Mr. Stevens shared current Project 1717 photos to show progress that is taking place. He attends a meeting every other week to keep updated on what is happening. The July occupancy date is on schedule which means Rock Information Technology (Rock-IT) and other things could get started but not an actual move date for staff. He advised 50% of the exterior windows and doors are completed. They are about six weeks away from starting interior painting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **January 13, 2021** at 4:30 p.m. – Virtual Meeting.

Adjournment: Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Williams with unanimous approval at 6:14 p.m.

Jodi Parson, Secretary

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