

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY10/20/2020
DATE DRAFTED**To Recognize Kristin Haakenson**

WHEREAS, Kristin Haakenson has served the citizens of Rock County for thirty-four (34) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson began her career on April 8th, 1986 with Rock County Human Services as a Registered Nurse at the Rock County Psychiatric Hospital. She started part time and gradually increased her hours; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson accepted a full time position with the Beloit Community Support Program in December of 1987. This was initially a grant funded position that later became a permanent budgeted position. In this position she spent the next 33 years providing community based services in Beloit and the surrounding areas to adults living with serious and persistent mental health needs; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson worked diligently and consistently over those years to provide the best nursing and team based mental health treatment services. There are not many nurses who choose to devote their careers to community based work, nor work with those who have significant mental health needs, but for Ms. Haakenson this was a perfect fit; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson built many positive and long term relationships with clients. She had a way of getting clients to accept and work thru things they might not want too, like the need to take daily medications, receive an injection, or learn to manage a new medical diagnosis. She provided countless hours of client education and support to improve health outcomes, teaching things like how to monitor blood sugars and worked with people in their homes to cook healthy meals. Clients became accustomed to her warm smile, her caring heart and knowing that she was a phone call away if they had a question about their medication or just wanted to chat; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson built many positive relationships with her Beloit CSP team members always offering to help with client contacts when she was able. She enjoyed her visits with clients in the community and while in the office supported her teammates by being a good listener and friend; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson has proven herself to be a dedicated, caring and committed employee, with an unrestrained level of empathy for individuals who struggle on a day to day basis with significant mental health needs; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Haakenson has decided to retire from Rock County after 34 years of dedicated service on November 2nd, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of April, 2022 , does hereby recognize Kristin Haakenson for her 34 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.

County Board Staff Committee

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