



**ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at the Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Brian Knudson, Supervisor; Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Citizen Representative; Linda Garrett, Supervisor; Kathy Schulz, Supervisor (in at 4:32 p.m.); Terry Fell, Supervisor; Karl Dommershausen, Supervisor (in at 4:33 p.m.); Ashley Kleven, Citizen Representative (in at 4:38 p.m.); and Terry Thomas, Supervisor.

**Committee Members Absent:** Shirley Williams, Citizen Representative.

**Staff Present:** Kate Flanagan, Director; Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director; Amy Albert, Jail Reentry Social Worker; Curtis Macek, Crisis Worker; Steven Hegg, Billing Supervisor; and Jennifer Cummings, Crisis Stabilization Supervisor.

**Others Present:** Emma Kleven, daughter of Citizen Representative Kleven.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Human Services Board Meeting of May 25, 2016:** Supervisor Thomas moved the minutes to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. The minutes were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

**Submission of Committee Requests:** None.

**Approval of Contracts and Transfers:** Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers moved eight contracts to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Fell. Mr. Hegg advised some of the contracts were amendments to current contracts and highlighted the changes. The contracts were unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Review of Bills:** There were no questions about the bills.

**Resolution to Recognize Hazel Podawitz:** Citizen Weaver-Landers moved the resolution to the floor, seconded by Supervisor Garrett. Mr. Hegg presented the resolution recognizing Ms. Podawitz. Hazel Podawitz served the citizens of Rock County for over fifteen years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County. Hazel began her career in 2000 as an Account Clerk II in Human Services which included responsibilities of billing for inpatient detox and hospital services. A few years later she switched to billing for outpatient services and became the main contact for clients with questions about bills they received. Hazel often had to talk with clients after a crisis regarding payment and handled those discussions with a high level of professionalism. She successfully took on the challenge of learning how to utilize three different electronic health record systems for billing as new systems were implemented. Ms. Podawitz will be greatly missed. The resolution was unanimously approved. APPROVED.

**Update on Family Care:** Ms. Thompson advised there have not been many changes with Family Care since last updating the Board. The State's goal was to enroll 200 members in May and 200 in July. As of today she projects we have about 391 enrollments which means by the end of June we will have met our goal. We conducted six group enrollment meetings in June and sent out letters for five more group meetings in July. At the end of July we will contact people who have not responded, to make sure they enroll. If they do not enroll they will not receive benefits. Ms. Thompson has weekly contact separately with the State, MCO's and IRIS. There will be a meeting with the MCO's and IRIS together on overriding issues such as Representative Payee. Ms. Thompson submits a weekly enrollment report to the State. We have had some dis-enrollments already, which may be due to some members finding out where workers are going and changing to a different MCO.

Ms. Thompson has been meeting weekly with DD and Catholic Charities to keep good communication between all agencies. Ms. Thompson has been meeting with Tera O'Connor about the CLTS program transition to Family Care as well.

Supervisor Garrett asked about people who are more independent joining IRIS. Ms. Thompson responded that with IRIS the member has control over how the dollars are spent, and it seems to depend on the client not on independence. She gave an example of the creative ways members are using IRIS. Supervisor Garrett asked about providers for the MCOs and IRIS. Ms. Thompson responded the providers are not the same for the MCOs and IRIS. Supervisor Dommershausen asked about the funding involved for each participant to utilize. Ms. Thompson explained with the LTS waiver and DD dollars, we were given an allocation and a buy down. MCOs are given a per diem per member each month. One client may need services costing more than the per diem and another may need less. The MCO has to balance and manage that. IRIS is an exact cost and MCOs are a balanced cost. Supervisor Dommershausen asked about the purpose of Family Care. Ms. Thompson explained one reason for transitioning to Family Care was the waitlists and States were looking at what would be the most cost effective fiscally. Data shows counties that have moved to Family Care have been saving money.

**Update on Jail Reentry Program:** Ms. Albert introduced Jennifer Cummings, the Crisis Stabilization Supervisor, who supervises PATH and Jail Reentry; and Curtis Macek, who is a Crisis Worker. Mr. Macek works in the community as part of the Jail Reentry program connecting clients with services. We have been providing jail reentry services for 2 years and have had 76 admissions into the program, with 24 successful completions. Jail Reentry links inmates and people leaving jail to Mental Health services and other services.

Ms. Albert explained the jail reentry program has 17 clients in the community and is actively working with 7 clients in jail. Two clients have returned with OWI's. We will be looking at how to address alcohol issues better in the future. Finding housing and connecting with landlords is a big issue. We also connect clients to mental health services either in jail or in outpatient with transportation to and from appointments.

Supervisor Schulz asked about the employees in the program and grant funding. Ms. Flanagan advised the grant was \$225,000 over a two year time period and primarily funded Ms. Albert's position. We found out quickly that one person could not do everything and we designated two positions that are not grant funded to help. The grant ends in September but we have included this in our 2016 budget until the end of the year. Continuing in 2017, we have requested splitting costs in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, and have mutual commitment to continue the program.

Supervisor Schulz asked about Federal Funding. Ms. Flanagan is not aware of any Federal funding available. She explained we always think about sustainability with grants and we plan to look at how to possibly link into fully funded programs such as MA or CCS. Supervisor Thomas suggested looking at software to help track data. Ms. Flanagan agreed doing more electronically could help. Supervisor Schulz asked about cost effectiveness in the jail and recidivism. Ms. Flanagan responded the intention is to see a savings for the jail and with hospitalizations. The Evidence

Based Decision Making (EBDM) will be looking at that kind of data. We want to improve people's quality of life, which can be hard to measure, but we can see who we connected to services and who is at highest risk.

Supervisor Garrett asked about any research developed for DOC individuals on recidivism, mental health and AODA dependency. We need more creativity to help people in the community with co-occurring diagnosis. Ms. Albert explained how people are selected for the program. The jail has a lot of DOC clients and many DOC holds. We continue to look at and help DOC clients. She would like to see a hybrid approach possibly to look at those with frequent contacts and help them. Supervisor Garrett likes the thought of hybrid thinking and would like to be involved in discussions. Supervisor Garrett questioned the location of some of the housing for the reentry clients. Ms. Albert explained that prior evictions and convictions raise obstacles. Mr. Macek advised he has good contacts with landlords and advocates for the clients, but some landlords require three times the rent up front and that is a barrier. Mr. Macek and Ms. Albert responded to questions. Supervisor Garrett asked about the level of diversity. Ms. Flanagan advised we will bring back diversity data back to the Board.

**Set Public Hearing Date:** Different dates were discussed about when to hold the 2017 HSD Budget Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held August 10, 2016. Supervisor Schulz asked about invitations. Chair Knudson advised many letters are sent out to the media, businesses, and community notifying the public of the meeting. Supervisor Garrett asked about following up on the items presented by speakers at the Public Hearing. Ms. Flanagan advised Division Managers and Program Managers are there to follow up after the meeting and connect with the speakers. Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers added that ideas are passed to the County Administrator as well.

**Director's Report:** Ms. Flanagan advised we will be reviewing the Annual Report at the next few HSD Board meetings and asked the Board members to please bring their copy of the Annual Report to the meetings.

Ms. Flanagan advised she and Chair Knudson have talked about looking at different locations for the HSD Board meetings.

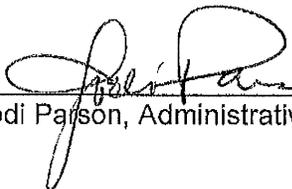
The Behavioral Health Division Manager position closes on Friday, and the interview process will start soon.

We have been accepted in the Zero Suicide program. The Zero Suicide program provides framework to implement and tackle suicide. Patty Slatter from NAMI, Greg Winkler, Melissa Meboe and Ms. Flanagan attended a training as a team and will share the initiative with the Board.

Ms. Flanagan is part of the core team for EBDM and recently attended a conference on pretrial supervision, diversion and reducing bias. We will have Ms. Pohlman McQuillen back to speak more about EBDM.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., at the Rock County Health Care Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Fell with unanimous approval at 5:49 p.m.

  
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Jodi Parson, Administrative Secretary

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