



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 15, 2026

8:30 AM

Human Services Large Conference Room

810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216

Please silence your phones so we can fully focus on our discussion. Thank you!

1. Call to Order: Human Services Committee Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the January 15, 2026 Agenda
4. Approval of the December 18, 2025 Minutes
5. Public Comment

6. **Approval of Provider Contracts:**

Nitschke Center INC, Jackie	AODA Treatment Services	\$35,840.00
M Wanserski LLC	Psychotherapy	\$79,200.00
Generations Community Services	Psychotherapy	\$241,280.00
Fox, Pamela, RN, MA, LPC, LIMPH, LLC	Counseling and Therapeutic Services	\$132,008.00
St. Vincent's Hospital dba Prevea Health	Drug Tests	\$6,693.60
Living Now Counseling LLC	Counseling and Therapeutic Services	\$127,270.00
Trempealeau County Health Care Center	Residential Treatment	\$190,693.00
Downing, Kenneth R. PhD	Psychologist	\$135,000.00
Green Lake County Health and Human Services	Supervision and Travel	\$17,940.00
Penny for Your Thoughts Counseling, LLC	Counseling and Therapeutic Services	\$275,000.00
Geiken, Jennifer L.	Care Giver Training	\$10,463.50
Oak Ridge Counseling & Consulting LLC	Planning, Psychotherapy, Skills, Wellness	\$649,360.00
Pheasant View Sober Living House LLC	Sober Living	\$900.00
Helping Hands	SHC/Respite/Menoring	\$111,988.64
Robert E. Berry Halfway House, Inc	Transitional Living	\$64,904.00
CURA Personalis LLC	Physical Therapy Services	\$44,082.50
Willow Creek Behavioral Health	Inpatient	\$135,084.60
Apricity - Mooring, The	AODA Treatment Services	\$67,950.00

7. In-Service Presentation: Melissa, Stay Interview Overview
8. Financial Report: Brian Johnson
9. Human Services Director's Report: Melissa Annoye
 - a. Agency Updates
10. Committee Updates:
 - a. Aging and Disability Resource Center
 - b. Lakeshore CAP
 - c. Violence Intervention Project
 - d. Kindness at Work in Kewaunee County
11. Other Items Authorized by Law
12. Next Meeting Date and Time
13. Adjournment

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 before the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

Kewaunee County Human Service Committee

810 Lincoln Street – Training Room

December 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Human Services Director Melissa Annoye; Human Services Committee Chairperson Linda Teske, committee members Donna Wallace, Julie Janicsek, Mary Ann Szydel, Milt Swagel, Paul Ravet, Tom Romdenne, John Ortlieb; and Wendy Shelton (via Zoom).

Absent/Excused: Brian Patrycia.

Chairperson Teske began the Human Service Committee meeting by requesting roll call be taken.

A motion to approve the December agenda as presented was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Tom Romdenne. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the November minutes (with note of two corrections to be made) was made by John Ortlieb and seconded by Donna Wallace. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Contract Reviews – There were several contracts up for renewal/addenda, none of which were new providers. A motion to approve the renewal and/or addenda as reviewed was made by Tom Romdenne and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.

In-Service/Presentation – **Laura with VIP**

Melissa welcomed Laura from the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) to present highlights of the important work VIP does for our community and the collaborative efforts with Kewaunee Human Services.

Laura began by noting that she has been with VIP for 25 years, during which she has witnessed many evolutions and growing partnerships in community work. She shared that VIP is primarily a domestic violence and sexual assault center, offering transitional living, prevention education, direct victim advocacy, crisis counseling, a 24-hour hotline, and partnerships that expand access to mental health services.

She provided a brief history of VOCA funding, noting recent decreases in state and national funding, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on services and programming, outreach efforts, program cuts due to funding limitations, and reduced public presence due to staff reductions. VIP is gradually working to return to

pre-COVID service levels and actively seeking alternative funding sources. Laura noted that she has successfully written several grants supporting mental health services beyond VOCA funding, which has been very helpful.

Laura also discussed VIP's collaboration with Human Services Behavioral Health, including Sue Norton's assistance in creating partnerships with Oak Ridge Counseling and Innovative Services. She addressed committee questions regarding the transitional living program, county versus national statistics, and how the partnership with Human Services has positively impacted community mental health.

Financial Unit Update – Brian Johnson

Brian reviewed the monthly reports for October and November, covering general finance, billing, contract status, state aid, and vendor reports. He provided clarification to committee members' questions as needed. Brian also noted that a WIMCR payment of \$529,000.00 has been received. Overall, everything is on track, and there are no current areas of concern.

Committee Updates –

ADRC- Linda Teske

- Noted the attendance numbers for the recent Resource Fair held near the end of September.
- Next year's Resource Fair will be held on September 29, 2026.
- They will be partnering with the USDA and have something similar to the Farmer's Market vouchers, and also possibly a Caregiver Roadmap project.

Lakeshore CAP- Milt Swagel

- Reviewed the possibility of part of their building being rented to Legacy Christian School, or the possibility of the school buying the building and renting space back to Lakeshore CAP.
- They are currently working on doing security updates on the building.
- A new Finance Director has been hired.
- Reviewed the HUD application requirements.
- Discussed health insurance increases.
- Talked about their successful collaboration with the Salvation Army bell-ringing program.

VIP-Wendy Shelton

- Wendy noted that Laura gave a very good presentation and was happy that she noted that there were grant matches for any donations made.

Kindness Committee – Melissa Annoye

- The full committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00.
- The Elderly subcommittee will merge with the Aging Friendly subcommittee due to overlapping goals and expectations.
- No other subcommittee updates.

Human Services Director Updates – Melissa Annoye

Melissa welcomed the Human Services staff members she had invited to join this portion of the committee meeting. She then shared her reflections on the agency's accomplishments throughout 2025, noting that, despite an uncertain political climate, program cuts, and funding pressures, the agency has remained steady, responsive, and deeply committed to its mission.

Melissa expressed pride not only in the work itself but in how staff approached it during a year marked by challenges, transitions, growth, collaboration, and care. She praised staff for problem-solving together, supporting one another, and continuing to show up for the community even on difficult days.

She highlighted recent retirements and staff transitions, the addition of a new economic support position, collaboration with Public Health for front desk coverage, operational improvements, streamlined use of the Clinical Manager (TCM), the third-party billing transition for CLTS, the work of the staff morale team, and the way staff have rallied around one another during personal challenges.

Melissa concluded by asking the unit managers to introduce their staff members to the committee.

Other items authorized by law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark - Program Assistant