



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

October 16, 2024

8:30 AM

**Human Services Training Room**

810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8284639598>

Meeting ID: 828 463 9598

1. Call to Order Human Services Committee Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of October 16, 2024 Agenda
4. Approval of September 26, 2024 Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Provider Contracts:

Green Lake County Health and Human  
Services  
Turning Point Door County LLC

Supervision and Travel  
Transitional Living

\$10,034.40  
\$225,850.00

7. In-Service, Child Advocacy Center
8. Financial Report---Brian Johnson
9. Human Services Director Department Report--- Melissa Annoye
10. Committee Updates
  - a. Aging and Disability Resource Center
  - b. Lakeshore CAP
  - c. Violence Intervention Project
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**  
**September 26, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Human Services Director Melissa Annoye and Human Services Committee Chairperson Linda Teske were present for the meeting, as were committee members Julie Janicsek, John Ortlieb, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Wendy Shelton, Milt Swagel, Mary Ann Szydel, and Donna Wallace.

Absent/Excused – Brian Patricia, Tom Romdenne (excused)

Chairperson Linda Teske called this meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

A motion to approve the September agenda was made by Wendy Shelton and seconded by Milt Swagel. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Wendy Shelton and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried.

**Public Comment – None**

**Contract Reviews** – A list of contracts for 2024 was provided for committee review. Melissa explained the contracts and what services are provided. A motion to approve the listed contracts was made by Donna Wallace and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.

**In-Service/Presentation – Suicide Prevention – April Grosbeier**

April is with Prevent Suicide Door County. They focus on reducing the number of suicides through prevention education, public awareness, and overcoming stigma. She is also a co-facilitator on the S.O.S or Survivors of Suicide Group and is also co-chair of Door County Mental Health Focus Group.

Prevent Suicide of Door County's mission is to reduce the number of suicides in Door County through education, QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer), and public awareness. They hold an annual walk and outreach with younger children.

The S.O.S group is a peer group. There are no counselors and all have been affected by a loved one's suicide. They support each other through their journey and experiences. These are free meetings with no judgments. The meetings take place monthly at Jack's Place and are open to all.

The Mental Health Focus Group was created after the 2011 Public Health Community Needs Assessment. This revealed that mental health was an area of concern with the main factor; the rate of suicide in Door County was higher than the State's average. The focus is on mental health awareness and the reduction of mental health stigma through education and community events. They created and updated the mental health resource guide, which contains mental health resources for the surrounding areas.

April shared her personal story. Questions were asked and answered. The group thanked her for her information.

**Financial Unit Update – Brian Johnson**

Brian provided the financial update. Brian reports that the billing for July and August is a little higher now than at this time last year. State Aid has been submitted and 100% of funding for some programs has been received as of June. A few contracts are being watched at this time. Brian reviewed vendor payments for August.

## **Human Services Director Updates – Melissa Annoye**

Melissa reflected on the proposed 2025 budget. The County Board members have received a copy of the 2025 proposed budget. Melissa asked the board if they had any questions regarding the Human Services budget proposal. There were no questions at this time.

Melissa reports that the CCS Director position has been filled internally by Lindsey Jenerjohn. The plan is to utilize the new vacancy in CLTS/Birth to 3. That position was already approved to be filled by the Executive Committee and has been posted internally with an end date of 10/1/24.

The Billing Specialist position will be posted externally soon.

The RFP for the Wrap Around House is once again delayed. The concern is making sure it is ADA-compliant.

The Agency is gearing up for the holiday giving programs for consumers. This is a great way for the agency to collaborate with community partners, businesses, and faith partners. Melissa is also working on a few grant requests to support innovative programming for 2025.

Chad gave an update on the Kindness Initiative. He states that there was excellent representation from the community at the last meeting. They have created a name for the group: Kindness at Work in Kewaunee County. The group developed a vision. Chad noted that November 13th is International Kindness Day and the goal is to have a social media launch to promote the positive things happening in Kewaunee County. The group will also make flyers, create newspaper ads, and updates will be provided in church bulletins to help promote the initiative.

## **Committee Updates**

There was no update on the Aging and Disability Resource Center as Joanne Lazansky was not present at the meeting.

Milt Swagel gave an update on Lakeshore CAP. He stated that they help find housing for people, help with nursing expenses, and help people in general. The main problem is the limited amount of funding.

Wendy Shelton gave an update on the Violence Intervention Project (VIP). She states that they talked about fundraising as the needs are outnumbering the resources. She spoke of Carnival on 9/28/24 and a lighting ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church on 10/22/24 at 5:30 to honor those who lost their lives to domestic violence. Another fundraising effort is raffle tickets. The big fundraiser for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VIP is the Diamond Heist mystery dinner on 11/9/24.

**Other items authorized by law** – Linda Teske attended the WCA Conference in La Crosse. She states that Melissa was recognized for being granted a scholarship from the Wisconsin Local Government Leadership Academy. Melissa talked about what she has learned over the last year.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by John Ortlieb. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Bowers, Program Assistant