

Kewaunee County Human Services Committee
Human Services Large Training Room
810 Lincoln Street
April 18, 2019

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kaye Shillin at 10:30 a.m. Present for the meeting were committee members Julie Janicsek, Rose Quinlan, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Mark Buchanan, Virginia Haske, Mary Ann Szydel, Linda Teske, Paul Ravet, Lee Luft, and Kent Trembl. Also present were Bob Mattice, current Director, Dana Johnson, new Director, Frank Madzarevic, citizen, and Lynn Clark, Program Assistant.

A motion was made by Linda Teske and seconded by Lee Luft to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Mary Ann Szydel to approve the minutes from March meeting. Motion carried.

Kaye began the meeting by introducing Dana Johnson who has been hired to fill Bob's position as Human Services Director.

Dana Johnson went on to greet the committee and gave a brief history of his background. He stated that his background is primarily in social work. He has done medical social work, working in hospitals and nursing facilities, but his primary background has been in child protection services and management of child protection services and leadership in two different counties. After that, he worked for the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and taught in their social work department for four years. Dana stated that he has always had a knack for training and leadership development and fiscal things. He also owns a salon with his partner and is currently living in the Appleton Fox Valley area.

Bob and Kaye followed by suggesting the committee members to introduce themselves to Dana, giving him a brief description of their background and what they do.

Kaye followed introductions by thanking Bob for his many years of service to Kewaunee County and for being a very dedicated employee. She noted that Bob has worked well with this committee, with his staff, and anyone else that he has to deal with. She said that she knew that one of his main priorities was to serve the people of Kewaunee County and our clients in the best manner possible. Kaye also shared that Bob will be missed, and then wished him a very happy retirement. She then presented a gift to Bob from this committee showing gratitude for his many years of service. Bob thanked the committee for the gift (gift certificate to Glidden Lodge) and for their support. He stated that this has been a good committee to work with, and that he has appreciated their working relationship.

There was a brief recess for committee members to give their well wishes and share the cake the committee had also presented to Bob.

Bob also wished to share with the committee that he has great confidence in Dana, stating that he has worked with him for a couple weeks now and thinks "he is a great guy and he has a lot of good ideas".

Human Services Director Updates –

- * There is a public hearing on the budget being held April 24th at UWGB in Green Bay.
- * The WCHSA conference will be held in Elkhart Lake on May 1, 2, and 3.
- * The state will be building a juvenile correction facility in Hortonville for serious offenders. Placements in this facility would be unfunded by the county and would be utilized only as a last resort. Kewaunee County has not had a traditional placement at Lincoln Hills since the mid 90's.
- * 17 year olds who have not been incarcerated for serious felonies are scheduled to return from the adult detention system to the juvenile justice system on 1-1-21.
- * The Child & Family Unit will be attending 4 ½ days of training on Family Finding Services. When dealing with a child placement issue for out of home care, Family Finding provides a service that would help case workers to dig deeper into a family to find other child placement/support opportunities beyond just the immediate family,

to avoid having to place a child with strangers. Family Finding is often a service that counties can implement or they can receive dollars to hire someone to actually do the finding for them.

- * Bob gave a brief review on the handout he provided on budget statistics. He feels overall we are doing well in regards to the budget.

Dana asked for committee suggestions regarding how they would like budget statistics/information to be presented to them. There was some discussion regarding the “dashboard” appearance. Dana asked that the committee think about it and get back to him with their thoughts.

Lee Luft suggested keeping the County Board and Finance Committees informed of unexpected budget changes. It was also suggested that Dana may want to occasionally attend the occasional Finance Committee meeting to present budget information or answer questions they may have.

Review of Human Services Committee Duties – Bob and Dana both had reviewed the handout that was given to committee members and were looking to have it approved. A motion to approve was made by Mary Ellen Dobbins and seconded by Lee Luft. Motion carried. There was a suggestion given to have the document dated.

Contract Approvals – A motion to approve contract(s) was made by Linda Teske and seconded by Virginia Haske. Motion carried.

Monthly Vendor Payment Report - A motion to approve was made by Mary Ellen Dobbins and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.

The committee then reviewed the travel vouchers (no committee approval required).

Public Comments – Frank Madzarevic commented that he continues to find committee meetings interesting and educational. He stated that Bob has done a good job on providing in-services and hopes to see more of them in the future.

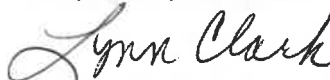
Kaye asked for thoughts on what people would like to see presented. It was suggested that program/department reviews would be nice for some of the newer people who haven't seen them previously, or information on any new programs.

There were no Other Items as Authorized by Law.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 9:00 a.m. The June meeting will be the 20th at 9:00. Dana asked for committee input on preferences for meeting times and dates. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of having an occasional evening meeting. It was agreed by some committee members that some evening meetings would be beneficial, especially for keeping the public informed as they generally do not attend daytime meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Ellen Dobbins and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Clark

Program Assistant