

**Kewaunee County Human Services Committee
Human Services Large Training Room
810 Lincoln Street
August 15, 2019**

11:00 a.m. - Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting were committee members Kaye Shillin, Linda Teske, Mark Buchanan, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Virginia Haske, Julie Janicsek, and Mary Ann Szydel. Also present at the meeting were Dana Johnson, Barbara Benzshawel, Melissa Annoye, Dan Vincent, Kaylin Urban, Amber Vogeltanz, Jacob Kumpfer, Kelly Davis, Sue Norton, Nicole Norcross, Tina Paral, Jodi Vandervest, Chad LaLuzerne, Maureen O'Shea, and Lynn Clark.

Absent/Excused –Mary Ellen Dobbins, Kent Treml, and Lee Luft.

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kaye Shillin at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Julie Janicsek to approve the agenda and the June meeting minutes. Motion carried.

In Service –

- Today's in-service was presented by Bruce Williams and Scott Kingston, co-directors of Welcomed.org. Welcomed is designed to be a collaborative effort among churches and their communities to support and sustain foster and adoptive families through Care Communities. It is their belief that this support will in turn grow the base of foster families. Brian and Scott gave an informative overview of their program and answered committee questions. Their vision - "Together with churches, we will work toward a day when there are multiple foster families available for every child coming into foster care. The mission of a foster care placement will change from meeting basic needs for food and shelter to creating the best possible environment to nurture each child." The presentation was well received.

Human Services Director Updates –

- Review of Medicaid Expansion Resolution from Juneau County. The committee decided they would like to go forward with support for the resolution. Dana will work with Jeff Wisnicky on a draft.
- Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) is holding a one-day board member event in Stevens Point on Wednesday October 16th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Century Insurance building off of Highway 10. Lunch is included. Dana will rsvp for interested members.
- Dana submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Children and Families. Essentially we would be partnering with the Algoma School District, Algoma Police Department, and the Sheriff's office for a Youth Justice Innovation Grant. The grant would focus on creating a position for a Community Youth Advocate within the school district that focuses on truancy prevention as well as filling gaps with families and the school in helping the school with some mentoring programs. We should hear by the end of the month if we will receive this grant.
- Budget and fiscal report of client program numbers reviewed and discussed.
- The new updated Employee Performance Evaluation was reviewed.

Action Items –

- A motion to approve the Protocol for Transporting Children was made by Rose Quinlan and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried.
- A motion to approve the Volunteer Policy was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.
- A motion to approve the Confidentiality Policy was made by Paul Ravet and seconded by Virginia Haske.

Contract Approvals –

- A motion to approve contract review and renewal of Helping Hands, and Innovative Services was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried.

- A motion to approve the Locum Tenens contract was made by Mary Ann Szydel and seconded by Julie Janicsek.

Monthly Vendor Payment Report –

A motion to approve this month's vendor report was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Mary Ann Szydel. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments – None

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 11:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Quinlan and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
Program Assistant