

**KEWAUNEE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 21st, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kaye Shillin at 8:37 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mark Buchanan, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Julie Janicsek, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel, Linda Teske, and Kent Tremel. Also present was Bob Mattice, Director.

Absent: None

Excused: Lee Luft

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Kent Tremel to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Kent Tremel to approve the minutes as handed out. Motion carried.

Bob gave the board a tour of the Human Services Department in regards to space needs. He gave them many options on how this could be done and the costs that could be associated with each plan. When they returned, there was a discussion about these plans. They do feel that adding on will be more expensive than rearranging office space into rooms. Bob said that the input of staff was also considered while doing the planning. Bob presented the board with a draft of the motion he had prepared.

To create two offices in the Human Services record room including the moving of a door to the copy room.

To create two offices out of the current 3 offices in what was the ADRC storage room to include another door.

To create a new small meeting room in the Human Services waiting area reducing that area by about 12 feet and creating two offices in the current small conference room each with a separate entrance.

Kent made a motion to approve the motion that Bob had presented to get this process started and Mimi seconded. Motion Carried. They do note that it might not be able to be done until the 2020 budget. Discussion occurred as to next steps and Bob was directed to bring this information to the attention of Scott and the County Finance Committee as the next step. Most likely there will be a need for estimates to plan for the budget process.

Bob presented the Director Updates. We do not have any numbers to the 2018 budget, but Bob does feel/hope the numbers will be good. The state has a fund of money to assist counties with a population of less than 45,000 for expenses incurred for placement of youth in child caring institutions or juvenile corrections. The requirements are that the youth must be placed as a result of a delinquency order and that the amount of money requested must be larger than the three-year average of the county's expenses in this area. The statewide pot of money is \$250,000. Kewaunee County is asking for \$210,000. We will not get all that we are requesting but hoping to get someplace between \$25,000 and \$40,000 to reduce our cost for two youth being in Child caring institutions in calendar year 2018.

He also asked the board what they wanted to see in the financial statements that they receive in the meeting. They would also like to see Brian Johnson at the meetings to explain the budget. They are looking into new budget formats for in the future that will be color coded and also have notes on the side for areas of concern.

Bob also discussed the Family Disability Resource Center, which would be like the ADRC. Statewide there are concerns about the ADRC's taking this on as to sufficient staff and space. Bob has not discussed this with the local ADRC leadership. It is in the talking stage. The general concept sound good but what are the details?

The Food Share has been stable through the government shutdown.

There will be two trainings for Trauma Informed Care. On April 9th, Jonathan Cloud will be presenting "Neurobiological Effects of Trauma". On May 7th, Chris Bivens will present on Resiliency. The Eastern WCHSA meeting will be on April 12th. Bob also stated that the dates for the WCHSA Spring Conference would be May 1, 2, and 3 in Elkhart Lake.

Bob is encouraging board and staff to write letters to the Governor, Representative Kitchens and State Senator Jacques in regards to Child Welfare. WI Counties and the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association are requesting a statewide increase of \$30 million in the Department of Children and Families BCA – Basic County Allocation to assist counties in child welfare issues. The issues vary some from county to county but are largely driven by drug abuse by parents and the increased demands on the child welfare worker's time for documentation. Over the last 10 years or so there have been 25 unfunded mandates placed on child welfare workers. There was also a discussion on how comp time and flex time and ways to track this.

There was also discussion on the legalization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use. Bob expressed a belief that for better or worse marijuana will likely become legalized nationwide over the next decade or so. There are many good reasons to not do this. It has not been well studied as to the long and short term effects and proper dosage. Questions about whether or not America needs another legal drug to dull our perceived physical or emotional pain. Regardless Bob does not believe that the Human Services Board should take a position in supporting the further legalization of marijuana but that Board members will likely be receiving questions.

Kewaunee County Human Services has been working for number of years to create what is referred to as "no wrong door" policy. In other words when a client approaches the agency the professional staff will figure out which program or programs the individual can best be served in. We have been working at breaking down the silos and making a warm handoff from one worker to the next when needed. Sue Norton and Melissa Annoye recently had a meeting with leaders from the Department of Health Services to discuss how we have embedded this policy. It is good to see that there is recognition at the state level for the good work being done here in Kewaunee County.

Bob also showed an updated organization chart. Dana Johnson will be the new director starting on April 8, 2019. Ashley Thornton resigned in the child protection area and we are in the process of accepting applications. Renae Papham will be in the CCS/CLTS/ Crisis programs. Amber Vogeltanz will be another CCS/CLTS staff. Tracy Koller is the replacement for Kim.

A list of contracts was handed out and a motion was made by Rose Quinlan and seconded by Mark Buchanan to approve the contracts. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mimi Dobbins and seconded by Mary Ann Szydel to approve the monthly vendor's payment history report as requested. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mimi Dobbins and seconded by Mary Ann Szydel to approve the travel vouchers as requested. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

There were no Other Items as Authorized by Law.

The next meeting has been set for Thursday, March 14th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. They also set the next two meetings for Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mimi Dobbins and seconded by Virginia Haske to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Benzshawel
Acting Secretary