

Kewaunee County Human Service Committee
810 Lincoln Street - Training Room
July 21st, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting were Human Services Committee Interim Director Scott Feldt, Human Services Committee Chairperson Virginia Haske. Committee members, Linda Teske, Paul Ravet, Joanne Lazansky, Mary Ann Szydel, Milt Swagel, Tom Romdenne, Mark Buchanan, and Rose Quinlan.

Absent/Excused – none

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Virginia Haske at 8:00 a.m.

A motion to approve the July agenda was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Milt Swagel. Motion carried.

A motion to approve June minutes as submitted was made by Joanne Lazansky and seconded by Rose Quinlan. Motion carried.

Public comments –None

Contract Reviews – A motion to approve the provider contract(s) as presented was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Tom Romdenne. Motion carried.

Child Protection/Youth Justice Unit Report -

Program manager, Corinne Konkol, presented a brief review of the programs she oversees and a little bit of their process. She noted some recent initiatives intended to improve the Child Welfare Program which were generated by the Wisconsin Child Welfare System Act. She provided handouts and reviewed some of the new legislative goals including increased community based services, family support, supporting service providers, preventative services and improving residential services.

Corinne shared that also due to the new legislation, there are new specific federal requirements for facilities that are providing cares for children. She went on to discuss that we now have our first two residential placements in three years. They will now have access to the new federally mandated services including not only housing, but trauma informed care, 24/7 nursing care, family based aftercare, and family participation. If the criteria are met for QRTP or Qualified Residential Treatment Program, we can bill off some of the cost of cares. Corinne shared that she and her staff have always focused on keeping kids out of residential care whenever possible.

Director Feldt went on to talk about outcomes and cost differences between Kinship Care, Subsidized Guardianship, and Residential Treatment.

The open position in Corinne's unit has been filled by new staff person Brittany Kartheiser beginning in May and is currently finishing up her training.

Corinne's report ended with answering committee member queries and a discussion about reimbursement and more information regarding the Kinship Program and funding changes regarding children's programs.

Human Services Financial Unit Update –

Director Feldt provided this month's financial report, reviewing billing reports, state aid, contract status, vendor payments, purchase report, and financial trend report. Overall, everything is in-line and on track.

Human Services Director Updates –

- Be aware that budget season is upon us.
- Budget process and due dates were reviewed.
- Director Feldt is looking at a couple initiatives for the department. One would be to look at the intake process and creating policy to address prioritizing incoming consumers. The other would be to find a way to track and measure client progress.

- There is a goal of having a Human Services Director in place by 2023. Director Feldt is hoping to have something to announce in the next month or two.

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 8:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Paul Ravet. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
Program Assistant