

Kewaunee County Human Service Committee
810 Lincoln Street - Training Room
March 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting were Human Services Director, Melissa Annoye and Human Services Committee Chairperson Virginia Haske. Committee members: Tim Kinnard, Linda Teske, Paul Ravet, Mary Ann Szydel, Milt Swagel, Julie Janicsek, Joanne Lazansky, Tom Romdenne, 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 February minutes and March agenda was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Tom Romdenne. Motion carried.

Public comments –None

Contract Reviews – A motion to approve new and/or revised vendor contracts as reviewed was made by Joanne Lazansky, and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.

Presentation – Colleen Homb of Lakeshore CAP

Colleen introduced herself to the committee and went on to give a brief presentation outlining the Lakeshore Community Action Program. She provided handouts and information regarding some of the various programs available. She gave details regarding programs such as WERA, which is a rental assistance program to support housing stability, and some HUD funded direct rental assistance programs. They also provide case management services to support program participants. Following this was a discussion regarding housing programs and funding sources available for consumers seeking help with opioid addiction recovery/rehabilitation residential housing assistance. Other programs reviewed included first time home buyers' assistance, programs for home buyers' skills enhancement, as well as programs for help with tuition/books and finding better jobs. Colleen also reviewed some of the rules and regulations of some of the programming and applicant restrictions/requirements to determine eligibility.

Human Services Financial Unit Update – Brian Johnson

Financial Manager, Brian Johnson provided printouts and reviewed the monthly reports for January in general finance, billing, contract status, state aid, and vendor reports. He also provided clarification to committee member queries when requested.

Human Services Director Updates – Melissa Annoye

Before giving the Human Services monthly updates, Melissa asked to have a frank conversation with this committee about a few topic areas affecting the community in general as well as the relocation case they have been working on for months. She shared that although there were many roadblocks along the way as well as some continuing struggles, she was happy to report that the children previously institutionalized at Chileda had been successfully moved into their home. She welcomed the case managers in attendance, as well as committee members for their input and thoughts. The areas she focused on were landlord concerns, drug concerns, staffing concerns, and issues with living wage and income. There was also a discussion regarding the lack transitional housing and housing shortages in general in the community. Melissa asked committee members to begin to consider the idea of a transitional housing unit in our community, what the advantages would be, and the substantial positive impact it would have.

Other updates –

- WCHSA Spring Conference is coming up and committee members wishing to attend should contact Melissa.

- The open CLTS position has been posted externally.
- There was no internal interest in the open CCS/Crisis position so that one will be posted externally soon.
- Rhonda Rummel (recently retired) was nominated for and received the Wisconsin Caring for Kids award.

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 8:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Tom Romdenne. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
Program Assistant