

**Kewaunee County Human Services Committee
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street
May 20, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Present for the meeting were Human Services Committee Chairperson Virginia Haske. Committee members, Linda Teske, Doak Baker, Joanne Lazansky, Mary Ann Szydel, Julie Janicsek, Milt Swagel, Mark Buchanan, Tim Kinnard, and Rose Quinlan via Zoom. Human Services Director Jeff Wisnicky, Department Managers Corrine Konkol, Melissa Annoye, and Brian Johnson.

Absent/Excused – Paul Ravet

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

A motion to approve the May agenda as submitted was made by Doak Baker and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the April minutes as submitted was made by Joanne Lazansky and seconded by Milt Swagel. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Child Protection and Juvenile Justice Unit Update - Department Manager Corrine Konkol gave a brief presentation regarding the work her unit does and what their goals are as far as finding permanent placements for children. She went on to share details about some of her success stories and all the hard work that goes into the placement process.

Human Services Financial Unit Update – Financial Manager Brian Johnson provided printouts and reviewed the monthly reports for general finance, billing, contract status, state aid, and vendor reports and also provided clarification to committee member queries when requested. There was also discussion regarding how crisis placements have affected the budget. Brian noted that overall, things look good.

Contract Reviews – A motion was made to approve the contracts currently up for renewal by Doak Baker and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Motion carried.

Human Services Director Update – Director Wisnicky shared that things seem to be going well since he has taken over as the new Human Services Director. He went on to note that his plan is to rotate unit managers for presentations to this committee rather than having all of them updating at each committee meeting. This will allow them to give a more in-depth look at their individual programs.

Mr. Wisnicky reviewed the organizational chart he had prepared for this committee noting new staff hires and open positions. He also reviewed the contracted employee positions and discussed his plan in regards to requesting some contracted positions being changed to county positions.

Next month's committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the public hearing to allow for required opportunity for public participation in the 2022 budget process.

Jeff has plans to bring his request to transfer four contracted positions to county positions to the Human Services Board as part of his 2022 budget plan. He also intends to request a wage adjustment for four unit managers.

Staff updates were reviewed and it was also noted that there are two behavioral health staff currently out on maternity leave.

Other special projects noted were the clean-up of the building, and Jeff's intention to pay close attention to crisis cases and out of home placements.

It was determined that committee meeting date rotation and start time will remain as they are.

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 8:00 a.m. in conjunction with a public hearing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Doak Baker. Motion carried.
Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
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