

**Kewaunee County Human Services Committee
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street
November 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Present for the meeting were Human Services Committee Chairperson Virginia Haske. Committee members, Linda Teske, Julie Janicsek, Doak Baker, Joanne Lazansky, Mary Ann Szydel, Milt Swagel, Tim Kinnard, Paul Ravet, and Rose Quinlan.

Absent/Excused – Mark Buchanan

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

A motion to approve the November agenda as submitted was made by Doak Baker and seconded by Joanne Lazansky. Motion carried.

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

Public comments – Duree Stein, resident of Pierce, was present at this meeting and addressed the committee. Ms. Stein shared that she is on the Lakeshore CAP board and had brought brochures to share with the committee. She went on to give a brief review of the Lakeshore CAP Program and the services she felt would be helpful to the community. Ms. Stein also talked about veteran services and discussed the possibility of utilizing office space in this building for organizations such as Veterans Services, Goodwill, Salvation Army, and United Way to provide additional assistance for those in need.

Contract Reviews – None

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. Brian shared that the bottom line is that by end of year we should be able to eliminate the deficit. Brian went to review the new process of maintenance of effort.

Unit Report – Family and Community Service Manager, Melissa Annoye, introduced herself and gave a brief review of programs she oversees. Her program review focus for this meeting was on the Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS) Program. She shared a brief history of the CLTS program, and some details on how the program supports the kids in our community. Next, Melissa shared a short video explaining why we need these programs supporting those with special needs, while also helping us understand who it is that we are serving. This was followed by a presentation given by the parent of a special needs program participant. He shared his experiences working with the CLTS program, and gave some insight on what life is like raising an autistic special needs child, and how very critical the services they receive are for his child and family. He emphasized that every staff person who has worked with his son has been very critical. He shared that since they first started receiving services through Kewaunee County they have never felt as though his child was just a number, and had nothing but praise for everyone involved with his child’s case.

Human Services Director Update – Director Wisnicky began his update by noting that the open vacancy in the Child Welfare Unit for has been vacant for some time now and it is time to go ahead with filling that position. There had been some previous talk about doing something creative with that position, such as merging different program areas within that role, but decided to keep it as a CPS Youth Justice Position and get it filled. Unit Manager, Corrine, commented that they still have some goals of maybe doing something different, but for now they just need the position filled as is and will work with the new staff on changes as they go. Jeff followed by asking for the committee’s support for posting and filling that

position. County Board approval is still pending. A motion to support posting and hiring for the vacant CPS Youth Justice Position was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Julie Janicsek. Motion carried.

This was followed by a power point presentation reviewing year to date budget and department data.

There was a discussion regarding skipping the December Committee meeting. It was decided to skip December and continue with the regular schedule beginning January 2022.

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for at 8:00 a.m. on January 20, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Kinnard and seconded by Joanne Lazansky. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
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