

**Kewaunee County Human Services Committee
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street
September 16, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Present for the meeting were Human Services Committee Chairperson Virginia Haske. Committee members, Linda Teske, Paul Ravet, Doak Baker, Joanne Lazansky, Mary Ann Szydel, Milt Swagel, and Rose Quinlan. Human Services Director Jeff Wisnicky, Department Managers Corrine Konkol, Melissa Annoye, and Brian Johnson.

Absent/Excused – Julie Janicsek

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

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

A motion to approve the August minutes as submitted was made by Rose Quinlan and seconded by Mark Buchanan. Motion carried.

No public comments.

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

Behavioral Health Services Manager Update – Department Manager Sue Norton gave an overview of Kewaunee County's Prevention Program. Sue explained that because they are an alcohol and substance abuse certified program, they are also required to provide prevention efforts. Scott Gartzke, who is the IDP Coordinator, OWI Assessor, and the only AODA Counselor for Kewaunee County, is also the Prevention Program Specialist. The Prevention Program is completely funded as part of the block grant for the AODA Programming. Mr. Gartzke also applies for additional grants to fund initiative programs. There is no additional cost to the county to provide preventative program services. In addition, Mr. Gartzke also attends Wisconsin Youth's Alliance meetings, which is a gathering of other prevention specialist's to share educational information, and receive additional training. The county receives additional funding for prevention program initiatives for each meeting attended, typically quarterly meetings. The Prevention Program is overseen by the FACES Committee. That committee is made up of Officer Matt Joski, and representatives from schools, Bellin Health, Public Health, local pharmacies, and also someone from the UW Extension Office. Sue then went on to review some of the initiatives provided including, Parents Who Host Lose the Most, the Clean Sweep initiative, and Algoma Night Out. It was then noted that this program also provides medication lock boxes, and Deterra medication disposal bags for free to the public. There are also large lock boxes provided for medication disposal located at local law enforcement agencies. Other initiatives have included billboards for opioid awareness, Narcan training, and partnering with the Sheriff Department on the CORE Matters program. The most recent initiative was in regards to Delta 8 awareness, which included canvassing every gas station in the county. The program is currently working on developing new initiatives and also restocking lock boxes and disposal bags.

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. Budget wise, Brian noted that there were a couple of adjustments made for next week's budget presentation. There was a change in the cost of living rate, and decreased insurance costs.

Human Services Director Update – Director Jeff Wisnicky began his update by following up on the budget change for cost of living, why it was made, and how it affects the budget proposal. He then went on to review the remainder of the budget proposal including levy numbers, salary adjustments for managers, and the transition of contracted to county positions.

Director Wisnicky also provided updated versions of the memos he will be presenting to the Executive Committee on Monday.

It was noted that a couple new grants have been applied for. One is for \$50,000 for a Covid Mental Health Supplemental Grant to address some mental health services. The next grant applied for is for \$100,000 for a Covid Substance Abuse Supplemental Grant. Mr. Wisnicky will keep this committee updated on the status of those grants.

Changes in the Crisis Program staff were reviewed.

The open CPS position will be posted in October. There is the possibility of making this a blended position with some other disciplines so that the unit manager can take advantage of billed services.

There was a committee question regarding staff working remotely, and office space. It was noted that all staff has been returned to normal office work for quite some time. There was also a discussion on office space and remote work.

Hospitalizations have been stable as well as out of home placements.

There was a committee member request to have unit managers bring in staff members to be introduced.

Director Wisnicky concluded his updates noting that he feels things are going really well with expectations being met.

Other Items as Authorized by Law – None

The next meeting is scheduled for at 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doak Baker and seconded by Tim Kinnard. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Clark
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