

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Linda Sinkula in the Health and Human Services Conference Room.

Present

All committee members were present including Linda Sinkula, Paul Ravet, Helen Horak, Rose Quinlan, Don Delebreaux, Mark Buchanan, Shirley Kirchman, LeVerle Koenig, Kaye Shillin, Jan Swoboda and Jim Abrahamson.

Also present were Human Services Director Greg Thousand, Ron Opicka and Tracy Nelson of East Shore Industries, NEW Family Care District Chair Mark Moellner, Sandy Winnemueller RN, Rose Sheehy RN, Maynard and Ethel Kuehl, Jake and Janet Huber and Supervisor Ron Heuer.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the amended agenda (to omit the 2012 Annual Report discussion and add the Budget Hearing schedule) by Jan Swoboda was seconded by Helen Horak. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting by Mark Buchanan was seconded by Rose Quinlan. Motion carried.

Family Care Update from NEW Family Care District Chair Mark Moeller

Mark briefed the committee on the status of Family Care and emphasized the importance of the continuance of communicating to state legislators our desire to implement the program in a timely manner. He stated the limitation of communicating with other agencies without state approval. The approval process is moving along and he expects an RFP to be issued by the end of this year. Roll out of Family Care could then occur in 2015. A resolution will be needed from each county affected in support of the program. A copy of the suggested resolution will be issued in September or October.

Revisit East Shore Industries Transportation Rate Increase Request

This item was tabled at the May 14, 2013 meeting until a new Director of Human Services was hired. Director Thousand commented on the potential undesirable consequences of opening a contract during its term. He recommended that the rate increase request be denied. Jan Swoboda moved and Helen Horak seconded the motion to deny the request. The motion failed with five in favor and six against. This in effect approves the requested increase of in-town rate from \$8.50 per day to \$10.00 and out-town rate from \$20.00 to \$24.00. This change will not be a cause for exceeding the \$698,803.00 limit of the contract. Director Thousand will determine when this will go into effect.

Advisory Committee Reports

- Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee – did not meet.
- Commission on Aging/ADRC Advisory Board – met and discussed renewal contracts and Family Care update.
- Long Term Support Advisory Committee – did not meet.

Director's Report

- WHEAP and Energy Services, Inc.
Director Thousand discussed subcontracting WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program) to Energy Services, Inc. They would establish an office in Kewaunee to best service our clients. He has received favorable comments of their service from other counties. This will be a one year contract.
- Lakeshore ADRC
There has been some discussion with Manitowoc County of moving Sara Malay from Kewaunee County employment to Manitowoc County employment with the reasoning that she supervises some Manitowoc employees under the ADRC organization. Director Thousand does not believe this is a compelling reason. Sara will remain a Kewaunee County employee.
- Schedule Budget Hearing
Director Thousand has scheduled a public hearing on the 2014 budget for Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Contract Approvals

Two contracts were presented for approval (Lakeshore Home Services and Wolf Adult Family home) totaling \$1,053,115.73. Don Delebreaux moved and Shirley Kirchman seconded a motion to approve the contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments (five minutes per individual)

Maynard Kuehl expressed his concerns regarding an individual's care under the supervision of a Case Worker. He also indicated there was no written grievance procedure. Director Thousand will schedule a time to meet with family members to discuss the issue.

Other Items as Authorized by Law

None

Approval of Travel

Following review, a motion for approval by Kaye Shillin was seconded by Shirley Kirchman. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Vouchers

Following review and discussion of the vouchers, Jan Swoboda moved for approval. The motion was seconded by LeVerle Koenig and carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date and Time

.The next meeting was scheduled for: **9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Kaye Shillin was seconded by Paul Ravet. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.


James M. Abrahamson, Secretary