

**Kewaunee County**  
**Human Services Committee Minutes**

September 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Sinkula at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mark Buchanan, Virginia Haske, Shirley Kirchman, John Mastalir, Ken Tebon, Rose Quinlan, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel, Chuck Wagner, and Greg Thousand. Paul Ravet was excused from the meeting. Also attending the meeting was Ron Opicka from East Shore Industries.

The agenda was reviewed by the committee. Haske moved to approve the agenda. Kirchman seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The minutes were reviewed from the August 13, 2014 meeting. Quinlan moved to approve the minutes. Buchanan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

First on the agenda was to review, discuss and approve the proposed budget for 2015. Director Thousand introduced two employees who comprise the Human Services Finance area, Dan Vincent and Brenda Vandermause, who helped put together the budget and have more detailed information for the committee if we had any questions. The budget assumes that Family Care will start up in the county on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This will have a major impact on the budget. It is estimated at this time the budget will decrease approximately 50% from 2014 (\$ 9 million total budget in 2014, \$4.5 million proposed total budget in 2015). The committee asked a number of questions and received appropriate answers. Wagner moved to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Haske seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

There were no contract approvals for this month.

The travel vouchers were reviewed by the committee. The Director informed the board that three training requests that included conference registration, lodging, and travel were denied due to projected 2014 department deficit. Future requests of this sort for the remainder of 2014 will be determined on a case-by-case basis. A motion from Kirchman to approve the travel requests as presented with the three denials was seconded by Tebon, and all voted in favor of the motion.

The committee reviewed the vouchers for the last month. A motion by Shillin to approve the vouchers was seconded by Kirchman. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Opicka updated the board on the situation with East Shore Industries. There have been a lot of rumors going around and Ron dispelled them. These concerns have arisen in the wake of rules issued earlier this year by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that could affect the availability of facility-based work opportunities and day services. In order to receive Medicaid reimbursement from the federal government, states must ensure that services are provided in integrated, rather than segregated, settings. Since CMS anticipates that these new rules may create challenges for some facilities like East Shore Industries, a transitional period of up to five years will be allowed to bring certain facilities into compliance with the new rules.

There were no other matters discussed at this time. The next meeting date was set by consensus for October 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Shillin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Chuck Wagner, Secretary