

Kewaunee County Human Services Committee Minutes

January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Sinkula at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Virginia Haske, Shirley Kirchman, John Mastalir, Mark Buchanan, Rose Quinlan, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel, Ken Tebon, and Greg Thousand. Chuck Wagner was excused and Paul Ravet was absent from the meeting. Also attending the meeting were Ron Opicka from East Shore Industries, Tim Gessler – Economic Support Manager with Sheboygan County, and Kewaunee County Economic Support Specialists Terry Schleis, Kim Vandermoss, and Jodi Zimmerman.

The agenda was reviewed by the committee. Virginia Haske moved to approve the agenda. Shirley Kirchman seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were reviewed from the November 12, 2014 meeting. Rose Quinlan moved to approve the minutes. Ken Tebon seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

First on the agenda was an orientation for the Committee on Economic Support Services. Director Thousand introduced Tim Gessler (Sheboygan County Economic Support Manager) and Terry Schleis, Kim Vandermoss, and Jodi Zimmerman (Kewaunee County Economic Support Specialists). Greg distributed handouts giving a brief synopsis of the role of Economic Support within a Human Services agency and the stellar 2014 performance of Kewaunee staff in the East Central Income Maintenance Partnership (ECIMP). Tim Gessler explained Sheboygan County's lead (fiscal) role in the 10-county ECIMP. He provided handouts showing Kewaunee's high-performing status in 2014 Call Center performance and efficiency. The Economic Support Specialists were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Greg provided an update on Family Care. In November, the State Joint Legislative Committee on Finance approved the selections of Lakeland Care District and Care Wisconsin as the Managed Care Organizations that will administer Family Care benefits to consumers in the 7-county Northeast Region. In that same month, the Department of Health Services finalized the implementation schedule, placing Kewaunee County first (along with Oconto County) to implement the transition to Family Care effective June 1, 2015. Also in November, Kewaunee's Personnel, Advisory, and Legislative Committee gave final approval on Human Services 2015 reorganization plan including Position Descriptions, Organizational Chart, and the process for internal recruitment to fill the four positions that Kewaunee County will retain due to Family Care implementation. Employees have attended Job Fairs held by Care Wisconsin and Lakeland Care District and position postings and recruitment for positions with these companies has begun. In January, Human Services completed the first phase of their recruitment and reorganization and hired Melissa Annoye as the Family and Community Services Manager. Recruitment for the three remaining positions will begin later in January and interviews are expected to take place in mid February. For those who are ultimately not selected for positions within the new Human Services

structure, the hope is they will remain with the agency until June 2015 in order to assist consumers who will move to the Family Care funding and service delivery model.

Greg shared an update on the 2014 Holiday Food Drive. This is the second annual food drive held in honor and recognition of Sara Malay who passed away in October 2013. Not only did we deliver nearly 600 pounds of food to the Kewaunee Food Pantry, we also received monetary donations totaling \$710. These monetary donations translated to 3,500 pounds of additional food – pushing the overall amount collected to more than 2 tons! This year's successful food drive was one way to sustain Sara's spirit of giving and enthusiasm.

There were several 2015 contracts up for approval this month but the Committee requested additional information and these will be brought back to the next meeting for further review.

The travel vouchers were reviewed by the committee. Rose Quinlan moved to approve the travel requests. Shirley Kirchman seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The committee reviewed the vouchers for the last month. A motion by John Mastalir to approve the vouchers was seconded by Virginia Haske. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Opicka provided an update to the Committee on recent support by the Department of Health Services allowing ample time for sheltered workshops to achieve compliance with new rules set forth by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) calling for more integrated services and settings for persons with disabilities.

There were no other matters discussed at this time. The next meeting date was set by consensus for February 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Kay Shillin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mark Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by;
Greg Thousand and Linda Sinkula