

**KEWAUNEE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Sinkula at 9:00 am. Present for the meeting were Virginia Haske, Shirley Kirchman, John Mastalir, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel, Ken Tebon and Greg Thousand. Mark Buchanan and Charles Wagner were excused.

The agenda was reviewed by the committee. A motion was made by Tebon and seconded by Haske to approve the agenda as mailed. All voted in favor of the motion.

The minutes were reviewed from the April 14, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Ravet and seconded by Kirchman to approve the minutes as mailed. All voted in favor of the motion.

A list of department updates had been sent to the Committee members before the meeting. Director Thousand reviewed the list and indicated that Administrative Assistants from Long Term Care, Behavioral Health, Public Health and ADRC of the Lakeshore are providing support for the front desk and other tasks while the current Human Services Assistant is out on personal leave. Director Thousand then took questions from the Committee concerning the updates. Chair Linda Sinkula questioned the recent recognition of the Social Workers (20) during National Social Work Month, Administrative Support Staff (7) during Administrative Professionals Week, Economic Support Specialists (3) during the State's Economic Support Week, and Accounting Specialists (2). Director Thousand indicated that each of these staff received a \$25.00 gift card totaling \$800.00 (\$25 x 32 employees) as a gesture of appreciation from Kewaunee County for their hard work and effort so far in 2015. Director Thousand emphasized that everyone within the Department has done an awesome job in remaining focused on service while supporting one another during this period of huge change and transition related to Family Care. He read several "thank you" emails from appreciative employees. Linda Sinkula questioned the policy concerning such a purchase and plans to discuss this expense with County Administrator Scott Feldt and the Personnel Committee. Virginia Haske indicated the Finance Committee intends to review the Credit Card Policy in an effort to offer clear guidance to Department Heads and supervising Committees on matters such as these.

Kaye Shillin inquired about the upcoming effort to revise Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP) assessment rates and asked how these might impact persons faced with economic hardship. She wondered if such persons could face jail time if unable to pay. Director Thousand pointed out that IDP was created to reduce impaired driving related crashes and related injuries, deaths, and property damage. All persons convicted of operating while intoxicated (OWI) must obtain an assessment at their own expense (currently \$250.00). That fee cannot be waived. Non-payment would never result in jail time but would instead impact a person's ability to hold a valid driver's license. Director Thousand added, if treatment is recommended as part of the "driver safety plan" in order to have driving privileges restored, then the "ability-to-pay"

uniform fee schedule is utilized which recognizes the issue of economic hardship and doesn't prevent people from receiving necessary treatment if they are otherwise unable to pay. Since our assessment fee hasn't been revised in many years, it is currently under review.

Director Thousand indicated the ADRC of the Lakeshore has enrolled more than 80% of our 206 consumers into a Managed Care Organization (MCO) or IRIS (Self-Directed Care). The Family Care transition rules specify that 80% of consumers will begin to be served in Family Care on June 1 and the remaining 20% will transition by the end of June. Human Services will continue to provide necessary services and supports to these few remaining consumers until all have been transitioned by the end of June. Finally, the new van is now in use and a daily route will be provided to the Journeys Club for adult day care. The issue of signage on the van was brought up and will be addressed at a later date. There were no further questions from the Committee concerning the agency updates.

The Child Welfare and Behavioral Health monthly spreadsheets outlining our utilization and costs associated with selected high-cost settings such as treatment foster care and inpatient psychiatric hospitals were reviewed and discussed. The combined estimated costs covering the January-April 2015 time period are running significantly lower when compared to that same four-month period in 2014. The key is our ongoing support of "wraparound" team-based programs like Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and Coordinated Services Teams (CST) to service needy consumers in natural settings rather than more costly residential and hospital settings.

A Resolution regarding the Dissolution of the Northeast Wisconsin Long-Term Care District had been sent to the Committee members before the meeting for review. A motion was made by Shillin and seconded by Tebon to approve the Resolution. All voted in favor of the motion.

There were no new contracts for approval before the Committee this month.

After reviewing the vouchers Mastalir moved to approve them. Shillin seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

There were some travel requests. Kirchman moved to approve the travel requests. Quinlan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

There were no public comments or other matters to discuss before the Committee.

By consensus the next meeting date was set for June 10, 2015 at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Quinlan, seconded by Ravet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deanne Schultz