

**KEWAUNEE COUNTY  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Sinkula at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mark Buchanan, Virginia Haske, John Mastalir, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel and Charles Wagner. Also present was Tracy Nelson for East Shore Industries. Absent: Shirley Kirchman Excused: Ken Tebon.

After review, a motion was made by Charles Wagner and seconded by Kaye Shillin to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rose Quinlan and seconded by John Mastalir to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Director Greg Thousand noted he has now been here for two years and gave a summary of ongoing efforts to increase agency integration and its continued success. He noted the recent and successful transition to Family Care and how it has changed the agency. All 208 adult consumers have been transitioned to Family Care but reiterated that the Agency is still an advocate for clients. Director Thousand also touched on the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) expansion. Chuck Wagner commented on the significant changes that have taken place within the agency but overall resulting in a phenomenal plus for Kewaunee County.

Director Thousand shared the outstanding results of the 2015 COP Waiver Quality Assurance Audit and the high degree of satisfaction with Case Management services delivered by the Human Services Department based on a survey of participants.

Director Thousand reiterated the notable transition to Family Care. Virginia Haske mentioned that Lakeland Care District has moved into the Richmond Center in Algoma.

The Algoma Cub Scout Den raised \$125 to donate 5 "Sweet Cases" to the Agency. Sweet Cases are given to children when they enter foster care. Each case consists of a duffle bag, stuffed animal, blanket, hygiene bag, crayons, coloring books, etc. Chuck Wagner asked that the county board be made aware of this donation. Greg will send a letter to the Den and ask the County Administrator to make an announcement at the August County Board meeting.

A review of the 2015 Child Welfare and Behavioral Health Utilization, including Crisis Services and CCS was received by the board. Noted was the cost reduction in child welfare when compared to same six month period in 2014. There was a discussion of the Behavioral Health expenses and clarification of Crisis Program eligibility, the number of contacts and diversions.

Director Thousand reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures through May 31, 2015 spreadsheet.

Motion made by Charles Wagner to approve the five new contracts presented. – Autumn Fields, Crossing the Bridges, Mercy Medical Center, Oconomowoc Developmental Training Center and St. Elizabeth Hospital. Motion seconded by Mark Buchanan. Motion carried.

Linda Sinkula questioned a soccer payment and Director Thousand will look into this and report back next month. Motion made by Charles Wagner and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the vouchers presented. Motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by John Mastalir and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the Credit Card vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Kaye Shillin made a motion to approve the Travel vouchers as presented. Paul Ravet seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Linda Sinkula questioned the new State budget and its impact on Family Care. Director Thousand noted that an update on the budget has not been received by the Human Services Directors and he will address that once he has more information.

Tracy Nelson from East Shore Industries updated the board on Family Care. Overall the transition is going well.

The next meeting date has been set for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Charles Wagner and seconded by Kaye Shillin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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