

**KEWAUNEE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 14th, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kaye Shillin at 8:30 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mark Buchanan, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Shirley Kirchman, Lee Luft, Rose Quinlan, Paul Ravet, Kaye Shillin, Mary Ann Szydel, Linda Teske and Donna Thomas.

Also present: Tracy Nelson, Bob Mattice, Scott Feldt and Jack Schad.

Absent: None

Excused: None

A motion was made by Paul Ravet and seconded by Mary Ellen Dobbins to approve the agenda and minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

There was no In-Service this month.

Bob then discussed the 2017 Budget and Plan. A public hearing was held on August 16th. There was one person that commented on the transportation for disabled and elderly and how it is very much appreciated. We also received a letter from Willow Tree looking for some funding for a program they offer for structured forensic interviews for abused and neglected Children. A narrative and summary by programs of the budget were handed out which was discussed. Bob mentioned that there will be some changes in program areas. We will be adding Adult Protective Services hours due to an increased need in that area resulting in less hours available for the person to perform CCS duties. The CCS Director position will include time for therapy which had previously been part of a part time contracted mental health counselor position that we have not been able to fill. State Department of Children and Families will require subsidized guardianship costs that are part of the foster care program costs, increase costs in residential care and out of home placement, increased revenue in the CCS program, family care payment increase and capital outlay. After discussion it was recommended to send to the County Administrator and Finance Committee.

There was a handout explaining the Resolution in Support of Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation. Bob explained the importance of this extra funding for our county. Wisconsin Counties Association drafted this resolution and was asking for recommendation on sending it to the County Board for approval. A motion was made by Lee Luft seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the Increase in State Child Protective Services Funding. Motion carried.

We handed out a press release for the Wisconsin Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Recognition for Kewaunee County. This is a statewide initiative in which Kewaunee County was one of 5 counties recognized in mid August at the Wisconsin Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference this year. This is made up of numerous county offices and schools in our county responding to the needs of children living in residences where illegal drugs are manufactured, possessed, distributed, or used at particular risk of abuse and neglect.

Bob announced personnel changes. Terry Olson has resigned from our Transportation Program. We have had two staff that will be returning after being off for family leave. We also are in the process of filling positions for

Social Worker and CCS Director. Bob wanted to also mention that there are two foster parents that attended training to be special needs adoptive parents. These foster parents were so thankful to Kewaunee County staff for their support and communication to assist them in their very challenging role as a foster parent. He also wanted to thank Jack Schad for all of his help in the past year while we searched for a Director.

There were no contract approvals this month.

Motion made by Shirley Kirchman and seconded by Mary Ellen Dobbins to approve the vouchers, credit card vouchers and travel requests as requested.

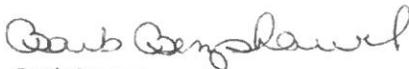
There were no public comments or other items.

There were no Other Items as Authorized by Law.

The two following Human Services Board meetings were set for Wednesday, October 12th at 8:30 a.m. and November 9th at 8:30 a.m. Motion made by Mary Ann Szydel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve these meeting dates and times. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mary Ann Szydel and seconded by Mary Ellen Dobbins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barb Benzshawel