

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2019**

Members present: Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. Jim Winkler and Mr. Bill Liebert

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, and Ms. Megan Mode

Public: None

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:02 a.m. by Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – March 26, 2019:

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of March 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veterans Services:

1. Veterans Benefits Expo Update:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski presented the list of vendors expected to be at the expo on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2. New Benefits for Blue Water Navy Veterans:

Ms. Javenkoski presented a news article she composed on Blue Water and Brown Water Navy Veterans. Currently, Brown Water are the only veterans getting service-connected disability benefits related to Agent Orange exposure. In January 2019, a federal court overturned the law that denied Blue Water veterans those benefits. The Department of Veterans Affairs announced it will not appeal that ruling, as of now. Ms. Javenkoski is encouraging veterans to file their claims now.

3. New Presumptive Disabilities for Vietnam Veterans:

Ms. Javenkoski also addressed in the above-stated news article that the VA is expected to announce three new Agent Orange-related health conditions to be added to the list of presumptive disabilities, including hypothyroidism, bladder cancer and Parkinson's-like symptoms.

4. **2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:**
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to accept financial/statistical report. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**
ACH Transactions for CVSO Grant
Expo Debrief

Social Services:

1. **Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Initiative Update:**
Ms. Mary Rideout presented an update on the Department's Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Project that started in 2016. This was guided by Fostering Futures, which ended in January 2019. It was decided to continue on with the project, having many other resources to turn to for guidance. There is an internal trauma team that meets once per month and is working on the Agency's environment, policies and publications to be more trauma informed. Community involvement is being encouraged with meetings held with schools, The Human Service Center, UW Extension, Health Department, service providers and Vilas and Forest Co. Ms. Rideout also presented the results of the Organizational Self-Assessment where staff assessed their knowledge of trauma informed care before and after the initiative started, which showed great improvement.
2. **2018 Annual Report:**
Ms. Rideout presented the 2018 Annual Report. Discussion was had on some changes and additional information the Committee would like to see in the report.

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2018 Annual Report with changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Update on Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Closure:**
Ms. Rideout informed of the updates on Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake closure. Currently, it is at a holding point to see what makes it through the budget. The previous closure date has also been removed, and instead will close when new facilities are available. Milwaukee and Outagamie County have been identified as two possible sites for a Type 1 facility. No sites have been identified for a Secure Residential Care Center for Child and Youth (SRCCY).
4. **Quality Improvement Work Plan – Human Service Center:**
Ms. Rideout informed the Human Service Center approved Mr. Patrick Cork as a private consultant to conduct a study and make recommendations for service delivery in the tri-county area. Mr. Cork would be funded by the Human Service

Center. Ms. Rideout presented Mr. Cork's proposed agreement with Human Service Center and the three counties, and also informed the Committee that Mr. Cork may request interviews with them. Ms. Rideout will keep all informed as the work plan goes forth.

5. Agency Update; Staffing, 2018 Year End Funds Received, Status of MOUs with the Human Service Center, Foster Parent Recognition Event:

- There is one Social Work vacancy due to a resignation; applications were due April 19, 2019. Vickie Muth started as an Economic Support Specialist on Monday, April 22. Second interviews are being held this week for the two qualified Finance Technician candidates. The Department is still looking at a shared position with another department for the vacant part-time Account Technician.
- Additional funding was received from Kinship Care Benefits, Elder Abuse funds and YA Emergency funds to bring the 2018 budget deficit down to \$50,604.00.
- Changes are coming from Vilas County on the 51.55 MOU with the Human Service Center. We do not yet have a signed agreement. Nothing has been received regarding the 48.51 MOU.
- There is a Foster Parent Recognition Banquet being hosted by Oneida and Vilas County Departments of Social Services, Indian Child Welfare in Lac du Flambeau and Anu Family Services to recognize our foster families. This will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at The Waters of Minocqua.

6. 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:

The Committee reviewed the Financial and Statistical Reports. Ms. Rideout informed of the projected 2019 budget deficit of \$500,000.00, all due to out-of-home care costs.

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

CLTS and CCOP Funds

Update on Human Service Center Quality Improvement Work Plan

General Information on Out-of-Home Care Placements

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room.

Mr. Steven Schreier

Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson

Date: April 23, 2019