

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023**

Members present: Ms. Linnaea Newman

Members via Zoom: Mr. Bob Thome, Jr., Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Anthony Rio

Approved absence: None

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Ms. Jeri Driscoll, Ms. Lori Garber

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr., 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. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – December 19, 2022:

Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2022 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

No public present.

Veterans Services:

1. Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA) Grant Application:

This Grant is applied for every year in the amount of \$11,000. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the grant application. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Wreaths Across America:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that there was a very good turnout this year. Approximately 200 wreaths were placed. There was actually more donations for wreaths that were needed. Next year's Wreaths Across America will be on December 16, 2023.

3. Northwoods Veterans Homestead:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that they elected a new member to the Board of Directors. His name is Peter J. Carlson who was voted in unanimously. Ms. Javenkoski also explained that they currently have over \$20,000 in donations but the property they want is more than one million dollars so they have a lot of fundraising to do. Also, there is grants through Wisconsin Housing and Economic

Development Authority that are giving grants up to \$600,000 as long as the organization serves Native Americans, which this organization will. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other reason. Although we don't have a tribe in our county, we have three in close proximity to us, which appears to meet one of their qualifications. A Board Member also talked to Oneida County Economic Development Corporation. They have a program where they help organizations like us purchase property then we would pay them back. Informational only, no action needed.

4. Multi-County Veterans Benefits Expo:

Ms. Javenkoski handed out a list of who they will be inviting to the Expo which will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the Hodag Dome. Informational only, no action needed.

5. 2022 Veterans Service Office Budget Update:

There were no line item transfers yet in December. We are sitting pretty well. We will be at approximately a positive \$3000 that will be turned back into the general fund. Informational only, no action needed.

6. MOU with WDVA for ARPA Funds:

In accordance with the Governor's Veteran Investment Initiative, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs announces the county Veteran Service Office Supplement Grant. Oneida County will be getting \$15,878 to be used over the next two years. If the full amount is not spent the remainder will go back to the State. Informational only, no action needed.

7. 2022 Financial & Statistical Report, Vouchers, Audits of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

- There were no line item transfers or vouchers.
- The Statistical Report shows decreased numbers for the month of December. Ms. Javenkoski reported that there is no pattern and the numbers vary. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Statistical Report as presented.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- Ms. Tammy Javenkoski's Evaluation.
- MOU with WDVA
- Northwoods Veterans Homestead
- Multi-County Veterans Benefits Expo (Monthly until the event occurs)
- Normal Agenda Items

Social Services:

1. Purchase of Service Contracts – Justice Point for Treatment Alternative & Diversion Grant, CW Solutions for Children First, Technology Management and Staffworks Group:

The committee received copies of the Purchase of Service Contracts:

- CW Solutions is the provider for our Children First Program. The Children First Program is administered through the Child Support unit. The program works with non-custodial parents in the Child Support Program. This program is funded by the Children First Grant.
- Justice Point – Justice Point is the contracting agency that will be providing Diversion Services for non-violent, first-time offenders in the criminal justice system with substance abuse issue. This contract is funded through the Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant.
- Staffworks Group – formally known as Nicolet Staffing. Staffworks provides temporary staff for businesses. We use them for in-home services for some of our elderly or disabled clients. This is funded with a mix of State, Grant or county funds depending on the eligibility of the client being served.
- Technology Management – We contract with Technology Management for IT functions specific to Social Services, such as trouble shooting our server, back-up, system security (ITS also contracts with Technology Management). Once we fully transition to the Counties IT system, we will no longer need this contract. This is funded with a mix of State, Grant or county funds depending on the service provided.
- Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the Purchase of Service Contracts as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Children’s Community Options Program (CCOP) – Risk Reserve Balance Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that the State will take back a portion of the Risk Reserve that is over the approved maximum allowed. We would have had to spend the excess money in 2022. There is County Board resolution that requires the Human Service Center to seek Social Services approval for expenditure of these funds and that is no longer necessary. Mary will work with Mike Fugle in Corporation Counsel to draft a resolution to make this obsolete and bring back to the committee next month. Informational only, no action needed.

3. Joint community Human Services Agreement Update – Date for joint meeting with Public Safety:

Ms. Mary Rideout reported that the joint meeting will tentatively be at the next Social Services Committee Meeting on February 27, 2023 with Public Works. Mr. Steven Schreier will make sure it works with Public Works. Informational only, no action needed.

4. Extra FoodShare Benefits to end after February 2023:

Ms. Lori Garber explained the Extra FoodShare Benefit that has been in place will end in February 2023. People have been getting the maximum benefits for their household size. This will be a big decrease for people. There is concern that this will not go very well, as recipients are used to the extra money. The ES Department will be educating people on other nutritional supports such as local food pantry's, check to see if they are eligible for the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and see if they are eligible for WIC which is a state program that helps Wisconsin families, including dads and other caregivers with food benefits, nutrition education and breastfeeding support. Medical Assistance will start transitioning back to pre-pandemic rules starting with renewals in April 2023. Informational only, no action needed.

5. Agency Update: Staffing, Christmas Program Statistics, Remodeling Update:

Staffing/Vacancies:

- We received four applications for the Social Work position. Initial interviews as well as second interviews are completed. We hope to make an offer this week.

Christmas Program Statistics:

- Staff worked very hard and had a successful Christmas program again this year. We were able to help 134 families and 294 children.

Remodeling Update:

- The remodeling started on schedule, and seems to be moving quickly. The contractor is hoping to have the majority of the construction done by early February and then cabinets will be installed.

- 6. Closed Session: It is anticipated that motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c). "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility." Topics: Department Head Evaluation and Goals; Social Services Director. It is anticipated that the committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to move into closed session, roll call vote Ms. Linnaea Newman, yes; Mr. Anthony Rio, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Ted Cushing, yes, Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, yes to move into closed session at 9:45 a.m.**

Motion to return to open session by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to return to open session, roll call vote Ms. Linnaea Newman, yes; Mr. Anthony Rio, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Ted Cushing, yes; Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, yes; to return to open session at 10:25 am.

Mr. Bob Thome, Jr. announced that no further action needed, the committee reviewed Social Services Director Performance Evaluation and goals.

7. 2022 Financial & Statistical Reports, Vouchers, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical Reports, Vouchers, and Audit of Payment. The projected 2022 deficit for the Department of Social Services is approximately \$322,498.

- Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Jim Winkler, to approve Financial and Statistical Reports, Vouchers, Line Item Transfers and Audit of Payments as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

7. Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

8. Agenda Items for future Meetings:

-Usual Agenda Items

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be February 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board room, Oneida County Courthouse.

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