

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2023**

Members present: Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Anthony Rio, Mr. Ted Cushing, Ms. Linnaea Newman

Approved absence: None

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

Other: Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Tamara Feest

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mr. Jim Winkler, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – March 27, 2023:

Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2023 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Election of Vice Chair:

Mr. Ted Cushing nominated Ms. Linnaea Newman which was seconded by Mr. Anthony Rio. Mr. Ted Cushing made motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler. All ayes; motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

None

Veterans Services:

1. Northwoods Veterans Homestead:

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encouraged committee members to stop in at the Expo. Informational only, no action needed.

3. 2023 Financial & Statistical Report, Vouchers, Audits of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

- We had line item transfers which were previous expenses before the \$16,000 Grant was received that were transferred to the Grant funding.
- Vouchers were reviewed.
- Reviewed Statistical Report.
- Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman to approve the Line Item Transfers, Vouchers and Statistical Report as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- Success of Multi-County Veterans Benefit Expo.
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Social Services:

1. Structure of Human Services in Oneida County-Discuss issues/concerns with current structure:

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3. Discussion on the creation of a Case Management position:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that a Case Management position is someone that has a degree but is not a Certified Social Worker. They would complete the functions of a Social Worker under the supervision of a Social Work Supervisor. Ms. Rideout explained that they are not receiving applications for people who are Certified Social Workers. The proposal is to create a Case Manager position who is paid less than a Social Worker but may also have tuition reimbursement with stipulations of future service or paying the tuition reimbursement back. This is not an additional position but filling current/future vacancies. The committee felt this was appropriate and should be put on the May agenda.

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5. Agency Update: Staffing/Vacancies, Forest county and Building Project Update:

Staffing/Vacancies:

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6. 2022/2023 Financial & Statistical Reports, WC Reports, Vouchers, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical Reports, and Audit of Payment. There were not any line item transfers or vouchers. Thus far Social Services has a projected \$162,445 net surplus.

Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Anthony Rio to approve the Financial/Statistical Report and Audit of Payments as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

7. Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

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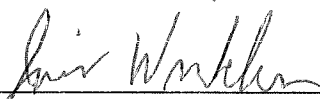
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Motion to return to open session by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman to return to open session, roll call vote Ms. Linnaea Newman, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Anthony Rio, yes; to return to open session at 10:56 am.

Mr. Jim Winkler announced that no further action needed, the committee reviewed the closed session minutes from January and February of 2023.

10. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be May 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board Room, Oneida County Courthouse.



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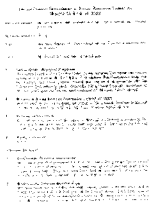
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