

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

Members present: Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Michael Roach (Zoom), Mr. Bob Thome, Jr. (Zoom)

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Ms. Jeri Driscoll,

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, 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. Steven Schreier, to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – October 26, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Social Services Committee Minutes of October 26, 2021. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

No comments.

Veterans Services:

1. Fall Conference Debrief:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that the conference was good. Ms. Javenkoski reported that she nominated Dan Keck for the CVSOA Veterans Service Advocacy Award and he was selected to receive the award.

2. Wreaths Across America:

Wreaths Across America will be occurring on Saturday, December 18, 2021. The Northwoods National Cemetery will be having a program starting at 10:30 a.m. on that date. The goal was to get 100 wreaths, which was met. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, you may sign up at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/WINWNC

3. Northwoods Homes for Heroes Update:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported this group had a meeting on November 9, 2021.

- Sam Filippo filed for a 501(c)(3) but there is not an EIN yet. Sam Filippo will check on that.
- The board agreed to bank with Associated Bank when the EIN number is received.
- This group is looking for two acres minimum, preferably three, in the city of Rhinelander for this project.

- They would like to start with having 10 tiny homes built. In these homes would include a half bath since the winters are too cold and slippery to have veterans walking outside in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom.
- There would also be a community center that would contain laundry facilities, showers, full kitchen and a recreation room.

4. 2021 Financial & Statistical Reports, Vouchers, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski presented the statistical report and voucher. There were no line item transfers. The voucher was for her mileage to a Veterans Day Event in which she was a guest speaker. Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the statistical report and vouchers. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Public Comment:

No public present.

6. Agenda items for future meetings:

- Wreaths Across America – December Event
- Update Northwoods Homes for Heroes
- Long Range Plan
- Usual Agenda Items

Social Services:

1. Family First Update – Out of Home Care Statistics:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented the Out of Home Care Statistics from 2017 to 2021. This is what will be used to measure success as a result of Family First changes. There still are not any approved QRTPs. Social Services continues to work through the changes in Family First.

2. Contract with Forest county Department of Social Services Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that we began taking Access Calls for Forest County Monday and Tuesday. We did not receive any calls for Forest County.

3. Request to utilize Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recover Funds (CLFRF) for Children Services Support position:

We are requesting a second Child Services Support Worker to increase visitation using ARPA funds. Looking for committee's support for this position. We will also request that both positions be 40 hours per week. The current Child Services Support Worker is 37.5 hours per week. This position will be re-evaluated yearly. Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr to approve the Child Services Support Worker. All ayes; motion carried.

4. Agency Update - Staffing/Vacancies, Agency Renovations in 2022, Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF) for 2022:

- Courtney W. started as a Social Worker on November 1, 2021.

- We have begun recruitment for the Dementia Care Specialist position that was approved as part of the 2022 budget.
- We are still trying to hire a LTE to assist Public Health with outreach to older adults, caregivers, and others. We have not received any applications for this position.
- Renovations to our office area has been approved through the Capital Improvement Projects for 2022. This project is to be funded with ARPA funds received by the county.
- Oneida County DSS was approved for TSSF funds for 2022. We use these funds to provide in-home safety services to prevent the removal of children from their home. We also use them for post-reunification services to prevent children from re-entering out of home care once reunified with their parents.

5. 2021 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 2021 surplus for the Department of Social Services is \$ 87,543

- Motion by Mr. Jim Winker, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve Financial and Statistical Reports and Vouchers as presented. There were no line item transfers. All ayes; motion carried.

9. Public Comment:

No comments.

10. Agenda Items for future Meetings:

- ARPA Funds Process
- Agency Remodel
- Safety Committee – January meeting

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Alan VanRaalte to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 am. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Approved VIA Zoom

Mr. Bob Thome Jr.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Chairperson

Date: November 23, 2021