

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE
August 18, 2021
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Dave Hintz, Billy Fried, Steven Schreier, Bob Thome, Alan VanRaalte, Dan Hess, Mary Rideout, Tina Smigielski, Lisa Charbarneau, Mike Romportl and Jeff Verdoorn.

Committee members absent: (excused).

Also present: Tamara Feest (Human Service Center)

Call to order: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and is in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by VanRaalte, second by Schrier to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All aye; motion carried.

Approve minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting: Motion by Schrier, second by Thome to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting as presented. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment

Hintz asked if there was any public comment from people in the room or participating on zoom. There were no other public comments at this time.

Team Updates

Teams were to provide any updates to the FOC spreadsheet.

Team A-Financial

Smigielski informs the group that items nine (9) and ten (10) have been referred to Risk Management and Corporation Counsel for review and recommendations. She reminded the group that there was a report due at the end of the month, however we are reporting as in the planning stages at this time.

Team B-Workforce Challenges/Opportunities

Charbarneau reports that the items assigned to the LRES Committee continue to be reviewed. Currently waiting for the 2022 Health Insurance renewal so the LRES Committee can review the plan for possible savings; PTO ceiling or caps; and reorganization of departments-continues as opportunities present themselves.

Team C – Social and other services

Rideout reports the following: 5-reorganization has been updated to include DSS/ADRC, met with Public Health to discuss other possibilities; 7-reduction in funding related to Human Service Center (HSC) will depend on other stakeholders, a joint agreement is being developed; 12 – indirect costs to grants, the ADRC has been updated to include these available savings, discussions with Public Health have started about doing the same; 25-Mileage verses fleet being discussed with Public Health and DSS, there may be a possibility; 7- ADRC meals, bids required

every three years, contracts are being updated with current provider; 18-increase in license fees, needs to be worked on

Team D – Other Opportunities

Hess told the group that most everything assigned to them is ARPA funding.

The committee then reviewed the Relief Funding Requests that had been submitted by department heads and ranked high, medium and low by the Teams they were assigned to.

High

1. UW-EX Fair: the Fair continues to work toward privatization. The Fair did loose revenue due to COVID in 2020. The Fair needs to reach out and explore other funding sources. The committee agreed that there are two issues with the Fair; one is privatization and the other is their infrastructure. Assigned to Thome for additional information.
2. Community/Senior Center/Minocqua: the Committee felt that any money for this request should be used as a “match” to another funding source: other towns, municipalities, Vilas County. Assigned to Fried.
3. Tourist Rooming Houses (TRH): based on work done to date, conservatively there are 500 units that are not properly licensed in Oneida County. Obtaining those licensures is \$600,000 in potential revenue. If Zoning were to take this one alone it would take four years to complete, our current vendor has an additional product we can purchase for approximately \$15,000 to move this project faster. Public Health also indicated if that many new units were added she would need additional staff to handle the work load. Assigned to Thome.
4. Child Services Support Worker: this position would allow the County to reduce it’s out of home placement costs. The goal would be enough savings to support the position. Assigned to Rideout.
5. Social Services remodel: currently \$40,000 in CIP, this is additional monies and could be tied to the Child Services Support Worker for funding purposes. Assigned to Rideout.
6. Treatment Court: broader strategy is needed, perhaps funding from Opioid Law Suite. Rideout and Hess will look into this further. Assigned to Van Raalte.
7. Zoom Setup at OCSO: will include door, Wi-Fi, stainless plumbing. Assigned to Hess.
8. Broadband: 1.6 million dollars would be used for a match of three times that from PFC. Continue to look at other funding opportunities. Assigned to Verdoorn.
9. HVAC at Courthouse: to include a battery backup system. Assigned to Fried
10. Single Point of Entry: resolution going to September County Board to determine what direction to move in. Assigned to Fried.
11. Systems Bucket: to include ERP System, Audit Costs, end user awareness training; security. Assigned to Smigielski and Rhodes.

Next Steps

Smigielski will review items to determine if they are eligible before people do any further research. Feest asked the committee to consider hiring an administrator to oversee these opportunities. “No brainer” items could move forward now.

Public Comment

There was no public comment from the meeting room or zoom.

Future agenda topics

- Consideration of other ideas to Hintz
- Efficiency Study Report
 - Cost Savings
 - Revenue generating
- Human Service Center/Department of Social Services review
- Policy development for Non-Profits and ARPA funds.

Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting of the FOC is for Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn

Hintz adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

David Hintz, Chair

Lisa Charbarneau, Recording Secretary