

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE
September 2, 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); Tom Jerow, Dr. Mike Henry, Jane Banning (citizens).

Call to order: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.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 Thome, second by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of the August 18, 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 three public comments from zoom. Tom Jerow, Dr. Mike Henry and Jan Banning all spoke in support of the committee reconsidering the Public Health Department request for funding for response efforts related to COVID-19 which could include an incentive to individuals who get the vaccine.

Team Updates

Team A-Financial

Smigielski indicated that the draft Relief Funding Plan categorized topics into buckets. These items still need to be investigated and flushed out, but all appear eligible under the ARPA funds. Committee discussed options for some of the topics and other funding opportunities. Rideout indicated that the ADRC received approximately \$8,000 in funding to promote vaccines. Public Health is not certain what money make come to them directly. The committee felt that \$150,000 of ARPA funds be allocated at this time for COVID promotion. The committee agreed that this plan is a working document.

Motion by VanRaalte, second by Schrier to reduce Community Investment/Matching and Child Protective Services by \$75,000 each and assign to COVID promotion. Motion carried; nine ayes, one nay (Fried).

Team B-Workforce Challenges/Opportunities

Charbarneau gave an update that the items referred to the LRES Committee continue to be evaluated and that only one of those topics will affect the 2022 Budget. That topic is the health insurance renewal.

Team C – Social and other services

Rideout indicated that the team felt Child Protective Services and Substance Abuse Mitigation be combined as one item.

Team D – Other Opportunities

Hess indicated that the team combined the Law Enforcement Center cleaning and infrastructure items should be combined and listed as one item on the list.

The committee agreed that an appendix should be added to the document that contains a list of all of the requests made to the committee with dollar amounts attached. This draft Relief Funding Report will be presented to the Administration Committee on September 7, 2021 for review and further direction.

Efficiency and Revenue Generation Ideas

Items that the committee felt needed review and updated status from the Committee of Jurisdiction and department head:

- UW-Extension-how does it look moving forward
- Fair-privatization
- Northcentral Regional Planning Commission-relationship to the County
- Tourism
- Single point of Entry
- Human Service Center-significant surplus/refund, contracted services
- Less regulations-Planning & Zoning
- County Structure-County Administrator form of government
- Outside Legal Counsel
- Transit Commission-business model, collaborate with the City
- Tourist Rooming Houses
- Highway-can services be contracted out
- Solid Waste-revenue generating
- Combine administration of Branch I and II
- Health Insurance for 2022
- Criteria developed to deviate from wage schedule
- Efficiency Team Report-five years old, roadmap

The committee felt that questions needed to be answered and brought back to FOC for further review.

Next Steps

Questions regarding outstanding efficiency items to department heads/committee of jurisdiction
Draft Relief Funding Plan to Administration Committee
Develop timeline

Public Comment

There was no public comment from the meeting room. Via zoom-Jerow thanked committee for adding COVID dollars into the plan. He also pointed out that on the Efficiency Report it specifically says that programs/departments are “not targeted”. Dr. Mike Henry also thanked the committee for their reconsideration on COVID dollars.

Future agenda topics

- No team updates
- Rank what has been placed in buckets
- Follow up information from department heads/committee of jurisdiction
- ARPA funding update.

Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting of the FOC is for Thursday, September 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Hintz adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

David Hintz, Chair

Lisa Charbarneau, Recording Secretary