

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Members present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Jim Winkler (Zoom), Mr. Ted Cushing (Zoom), Mr. Anthony Rio (Zoom at 1:15 p.m.)

Approved absence: Ms. Linnaea Newman

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

Other: Ms. Bridget Plautz (Zoom), Ms. Christine Wieninger (Zoom)

**1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:**

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Robb Jensen, Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – September 25, 2023:**

Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2023 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**Veterans Services:**

**1. Northwoods Veterans Homestead Update:**

We will be having our big event on November 11, 2023 – Veterans Day. We will be having a Pig Roast at the Cabaret Cove from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Raffles from 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Committee suggested getting the flyer to all County Board Members. Ms. Javenkoski will talk to Ms. Tracy Hartman to get these to the County Board Members. Informational only, no action needed.

**2. Veterans on Social Services Committee:**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that she will not be requesting a Veteran to be on the Social Services Committee. The Committee stated that anyone is welcome to come to the meeting as it is open to the public. Informational only, no action needed.

**3. CVSOA Fall Conference Debrief:**

Ms. Javenkoski reported that there were two exciting things that happened at the Fall Conference.

- They elected the first Native American as Wisconsin State President, Bruce, Wilber who is a Tribal and Veteran Service Officer.
- Ms. Javenkoski nominated Jarrod Olson for the Veterans Advocacy Award. He was given this award.

**4. 2023 Financial & Statistical Report, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vendor Payment Report:**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski went over the reports. Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the Financial and Statistical Report as well as the Vendor Payment Report. All ayes, motion carried.

**5. Public Comment: None**

**6. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

- Northwoods Veterans Homestead
- Normal Agenda Items.

**Social Services:**

**1. Human Service Center Structure Update – Human Services Feasibility Study:**

- Initial meeting with other counties being scheduled for October.
- Meeting scheduled with the Directors of Social Services Departments and the Human Service Venter Executive Director for October 23, 2023.
- Research consulting firms – two potential with Human Service backgrounds.
- Drafted request for proposal for consulting work, currently being reviewed by Corporation Counsel.
- Scheduling/holding meetings with Oneida County representatives on HSC Board.
- Scheduled meeting with Department of Health Services Area Administration – they are able to assist with discussion regarding structure.
- Reviewed State Statutes on development of Human Service Departments.
- Meeting scheduled with Oneida County Department leadership to discuss what they would like to see in a new structure. (LE, Corporation Counsel, LRES, Public Health, Finance, ADRC) on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on Oneida County Board of Supervisors, October 17, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to request funding for a consultant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to assist in determining an effective Human Services structure for the tri-county region, assist with a feasibility study if needed and an implementation plan. Project to begin November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Request will be made to

Forest and Vilas Counties to contribute a share equal to their percentage of funding of the Human Service Center. The request to be forwarded to the Administration Committee for consideration. All ayes; motion carried.

**2. Secure Detention Report – Year to Date Usage at Marathon County:**

Ms. Mary Rideout reviewed Secure Detention Report on Usage:

In 2023, Marathon County offered the choice of two options for juvenile placement as follows:

- \$500.00 per day without an agreement
- \$250.00 per day with an agreement to pay for 365 days.

We decided to enter into this agreement with Vilas County and share the cost of the 365 day contract. The total cost of the agreement is \$91,250 for 365 at \$250 per day. Oneida County contracted with Marathon County for the bed. Marathon County bills Oneida County monthly for the beds used, or the number of days in the month, whichever is greater. Oneida County then bills Vilas County monthly for their percentage of beds that month. At the end of the year, the number of bed days used by each county will be reconciled, and an adjustment made to correct any over/under payment issues. Currently the arrangement is working well, and we have not been denied placement by Marathon County. No action needed at this time, but we will be deciding in December if we want to contract with Marathon again in 2024. Informational only, no action needed.

**3. 2024 Budget Update – Oneida County Budget Hearing:**

The budget hearings took place. We had to cut \$20,000 out of the budget. \$10,000 was cut out of Out of Home Care and \$10,000 was cut out of in-home services. We received \$11,000 in additional grant allocations. Informational only, no action needed.

**4. Family First – Oneida County Data:**

Oneida County data was shared with the committee. Social Services has always looked at keeping children with relatives so it was not a big change. The State is looking to expand the definition of “like kin” and who may be eligible for Kinship Care payments. This would allow for placement with close personal friends of the family, and extended relative relationships. Informational only, no action needed.

**5. Agency Update: Information from Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK), Staffing Update, “child Care Coalition Awareness Video”:**

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK):

- Ms. Rideout provided information on FORKs food resource directory. The Directory is available on FORKs website as well as a link on the OCDSS website.

Staffing/Vacancies:

- Stephanie Keckeisen started October 2 in an Administrative Support position. We currently have no vacancies.

Child Care Coalition Awareness Video:

- Lori Garber, our Support Programs Supervisor represents the Department on the Oneida County Childcare Coalition. The coalition is working to increase quality childcare in Oneida County. They have developed the following video.

<https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCoChildcareCoalition/videos/635048582118380/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOSGKOT1C&MIBEXTID=CR9u03>

**6. 2023 Financial & Statistical Reports, and Vendor Payment Report:**

The committee acknowledges receipt and acceptance of the Financial and Statistical Report, and Vendor Payment Report.

**7. Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**8. Agenda Items for future Meetings:**

Usual Agenda Items

**8. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be November 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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Mr. Jim Winkler, Chair

Date: October 19, 2023