

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Members present: Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler

Members via Zoom: Mr. Bob Thome, Jr., Ms. Linnaea Newman

Approved absence: None

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

Other: Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Lisa Charbarneau (Zoom), Ms. Tamara Feest (Zoom)

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr., 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. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – January 23, 2023:

Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2023 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

No public present.

Social Services:

1. Joint Meeting with Public Safety regarding Human Services – March 27, 2023:

The joint meeting with the Social Services Committee and Public Safety will be March 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The regular Social Services Committee will then be held after the meeting with Public Safety.

2. Children and Family Services Agreement between Oneida County Social Services and Forest County Social Services:

Ms. Mary Rideout went over the Children and Family Services Agreement between Forest County Department of Social Services and Oneida County Department of Social Services. Ms. Rideout explained that this agreement will remain in effect until April 29, 2023. The agreement may be extended if the need continues and all parties agree with an extension. This agreement may be terminated by the departments involved in the event that the assistance is no longer needed or the department requires the contract be terminated in order to fulfil duties within their

own respective counties. Oneida County DSS will assist with Access for Children Services when requested and available. OCDSS will assist with visitation and transportation on an as needed basis as requested by Forest County and approved by the OCDSS CPS Supervisor. FCDSS is contracting with OCDSS for the services at the OCDSS case management rate of \$90.77 per hour. Mileage will be reimbursed at the going Federal Rate. Ms. Rideout further explained that Forest County is doing everything they can to hire staff. Oneida County is able to assist based on our staffing. The committee suggested that the following be added into the payment portion of the agreement: The Case Management Rate will be used plus any other costs/compensation with staff assisting with Forest County be added to the agreement. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Agreement with the above addition. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Compensation for hourly staff taking on additional duties for other counties and/or organizations:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that they would like to explore compensation for hourly staff taking on additional responsibilities which are outside of the organization. There is additional compensation in place for doing additional/higher job duties within the organization but not outside of the county. The committee approved exploring options of compensation and bringing it back to the committee.

4. Resolution to rescind resolution #74-2017 Children’s Community Options Program:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that they do not want to rescind the Resolution but rather Amend the Resolution. We would like to remove line 39 starting at “These funds will be earmarked specifically for services under Wisconsin Statute 46.272, Children’s Community Options Program, and will be used only for eligible Oneida County youth with the recommendation of the Department of Social Services” There was discussion where Ms. Tamara Feest would like to remove the monthly CCOP report. Ms. Rideout would like the report to continue as she finds it beneficial. The committee suggested that Ms. Rideout and Ms. Feest work together on a report that could be used and potentially not be in the resolution and bring back the Amended Resolution next month.

5. Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) 2023-2025 Budget Priorities:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented the WCHSA budget priorities – APS, ADRC’s, Crisis Intervention Services, Community support program, Human Service workforce, and Income maintenance administration.

6. Human Service Day at the Capital – April 12, 2023:

Human Service Day at the Capital is April 12, 2023 if anyone on the committee is interested and would like to attend.

7. Woodland Enhanced Health Services commission Meeting Update:

Mr. Jim Winkler attended the meeting. Mr. Winkler reported that Clark County is looking for help with nursing staff and are working with a company to assist with finding nurses in the Philippines. They would have to meet our standards.

8. Agency Update: Staffing, Remodeling Update:

Staffing/Vacancies:

- Lauren McNamee has joined our team as a Social worker in the On-Going/Youth Justice Children's Unit. She started on February 13, 2023.

Youth Aids (YA) Emergency Funds award for 2022:

- We received \$33,686 in YA Emergency funds for 2022. YA Emergency funds are available to counties with a total general population of no more than 45,000 people. A total of \$250,000 is available to be allocated among eligible counties. YA emergency funds may be used to reimburse eligible counties for the cost of placement of youth placed under Wis. Stat.s.938.34 (delinquent) and s. 938.345 (JIPS - Juveniles in needs of Protection and Services) in residential care centers (RCC) and juvenile correctional facilities (JCF). Counties are eligible for reimbursement if their 2022 placement expenses exceed the county's annual average RCC and JCF placement expenses over the past three years.

Remodeling Update:

- The remodeling is moving along. The contractor has the majority of the construction complete. We are waiting on some additional electrical work and the doors to be installed. The cabinets are scheduled to be installed beginning March 27th. Building and Grounds is working with the carpet and painting contractors to get that scheduled. The County Board approved additional funds to allow for all hallways in the agency to be painted and carpeted. We also have additional funds of \$5,000 to purchase furnishing for the new area.

9. 2022/2023 Financial & Statistical Reports, WC Reports, Vouchers, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical Reports, Vouchers, and Audit of Payment. Ms. Mary Rideout explained that they were notified that Social Services will be getting approximately \$264,000 in the Anti-Human Trafficking money. That will put Social Services at an approximate \$4,000 deficit but with the ADRC will have a surplus.

Reviewed Workers Compensation Report.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the Financial and Statistical Report, Workers Compensation Report, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers. There were no vouchers. All ayes; motion carried.

10. Public Comment:
No Public Comment.

11. Agenda Items for future Meetings:
Compensation
Resolution
Usual Agenda Items

Veterans Services:

1. ARPA funds from WDVA:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that she is trying to find out when they will get the funds. Once received it needs to be used by December 31, 2024. Ms. Javenkoski reported that she would like to use it for the Veterans Benefits Expo. Informational only, no action needed.

2. Northwoods Veterans Homestead:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that there isn't anything new. At the last meeting they discussed property and how to fund it. Informational only, no action needed.

3. Multi-County Veterans Benefits Expo:

Ms. Javenkoski handed out a spreadsheet of providers who were asked to participate in the Expo. Informational only, no action needed.

4. 2023 Financial & Statistical Report, Vouchers, Audits of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

- There was one voucher for the Veterans Day Advertisement which came out of the 2022 budget.
- Reviewed Statistical Report.
- Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Statistical Report and Vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- Multi-County Veterans Benefit Expo.
- Northwoods Veterans Homestead
- ARPA Funds
- Normal Agenda Items

11. **Closed Session:** It is anticipated that motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c). “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility.” Topics: Department Head Evaluation and Goals; CVSO. It is anticipated that the committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to move into closed session, roll call vote Ms. Linnaea Newman, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Ted Cushing, yes, Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, yes to move into closed session at 10:16 a.m.

Motion to return to open session by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to return to open session, roll call vote Ms. Linnaea Newman, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Ted Cushing, yes; Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, yes; to return to open session at 10:26 am.

Mr. Bob Thome, Jr. announced that no further action needed, the committee reviewed CVSO Performance Evaluation and goals.

12. **Adjourn:**
There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be March 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board room, Oneida County Courthouse.

Mr. Anthony Rio, Secretary

Mr. Bob Thome, Chair

Date: February 27, 2023