

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

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

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

Public: None

**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. Steven Schreier seconded by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – August 24, 2021:**

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of August 24, 2021. All ayes; motion carried

**3. Public Comment:**

No public present.

**Veterans Services:**

**1. American Relief Plan Act Funding**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported she provided the ARPA information to Northwoods Home for Heros. Their next meeting is October 12; however, she won't be there but her husband will, so she can update the Committee at the next meeting.

**2. Discuss 2021 Veterans Service Office Budget**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that she has concerns of funds being taken out monthly for common equipment such as mail machine. This was not planned in her budget as her budget is small. If items were known sooner, it could have been in the 2022 budget. Tina will take care of this at the budget meetings.

**3. 2021 Financial & Statistical Reports, vouchers, audits of payments and line item transfers:**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported there was no vouchers or line item transfers. Concerns were brought up regarding statistical report in the monthly average for office activity is not correct. Ms. Tammy Javenkoski will get this corrected. Motion by Mr. Bob Thome, Jr, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the statistical report. All ayes; motion carried.

4. **Public Comment:**  
No public present.
5. **Agenda items for future meetings:**
  - Update Northwoods Home for Heros October meeting
  - Usual Agenda Items

### **Social Services:**

1. **Family First Update:**  
Ms. Mary Rideout presented that Family First will be starting October 1, 2021. Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) will only be used when children and youth cannot receive the appropriate services in their home or in a home like setting. At this point, there are no established QRTP's in Wisconsin. Facilities will be able to apply for certification. Updates to the state wide welfare system will be completed in October 2021. Additional training will be provided to staff on changes associated with Family First.
2. **Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission Meeting Update**  
At the August meeting, the rate for 2022 was approved. The cost went from \$65.00 per day to \$75.00 per day. Currently we do not have anyone placed there.
3. **Contract to Perform Child Protectives Services- Forest County**  
Ms. Mary Rideout reported the significant turn over in staffing in Forest County. Oneida County is willing to help as a temporary agreement. Oneida County will be taking Forest County's Access calls Monday through Wednesday's and Vilas County will take the calls Thursday's and Friday's. The agreement is that we will take the report and forward the information back to Forest County. Oneida County will help with visits that are out of Forest County if needed. Oneida County will be tracking their hours and send a bill to Forest County for the hours. This is a 6 month agreement which can be terminated at any time. Corporation Counsel is working on the agreement.
4. **Funding Opportunities Committee Update on Social Services Request for Use of American Rescue**  
Ms. Mary Rideout reported that our request for funds are currently included in the draft county plan. Funds are requested for a Child Services Support position and the remodel to move the visitation room, as well as funds to assist with the substance use issues in the County. The plan needs to be approved by the Oneida County Board.
5. **Agency Update, Staffing, 2021 Youth Aids Funding Increase**  
Staffing/Vacancies:
  - Missy Landenberg will start as a Social Worker on September 29<sup>th</sup>. She comes from Forest County and is a Certified Social Worker.

- We have received funding through the latest state budget to provide for a Dementia Care Specialist on 2022. We are discussing combining this position with the part- time ADRC specialist.

Youth Aids funding increase for 2021:

- Youth Aids is the primary source of state funding for community-based juvenile justice services. Our Youth Aids allocations varies year to year.
- Our 2021 increase is \$15,059 bringing our total 2021 allocation to \$599,523.
- These funds are used to support our Youth Justice Social Workers, Supervisor, and support staff.

**6. 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 \$113,654.

- Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve Financial and Statistical Reports and Audit of Payments as presented. There were no vouchers or line item transfers. All ayes; motion carried.

**9. Public Comment:**

No public present.

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

- Economic Support Program changes
- Forest County update
- Family First
- Updated Budget process

**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 10:43 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

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Mr. Bob Thome Jr.

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Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Chairperson

Date: September 28, 2021