

**ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 2016**

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. William Freudenberg,
Mr. Jim Winkler, and Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, and Ms. Donna Schultz

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee – May 24, 2016:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of May 24, after corrections are made in second paragraph of No. 5 on page 2.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Social Services/Family Care:

1. 2015 Annual Report:

After the Committee took an additional month to review the 2015 Annual Report, Ms. Mary Rideout explained the addition of the Vision and Mission Statements to the Annual Report.

Ms. Mary Rideout hopes future Annual Reports will reflect the outcomes and improvements made by this Agency for Oneida County residents.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to accept and present the 2015 Annual Report to the August County Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vacancy Review – Social Worker:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the current social worker vacancy. The social worker leaving is the primary APS worker and the new worker will train as both an LTC worker and an APS worker. Ms. Mary Rideout explained that an LTC worker will be retiring at the end of the year so an LTC/APS trained worker will be beneficial. Ms. Mary Rideout stated that LRES has approved filling this position.

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to fill the current vacant social worker position. Motion carried unanimously.

3. WI Act 180 – Changes to Workers Compensation:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed her meeting with Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond and his feelings on this situation. The plan is to obtain a Workers Compensation policy for home care providers as soon as possible. Ms. Mary Rideout stated the Oneida County Department of Social Services will have a separate policy for supportive home care providers and they will not be on the County policy. Ms. Mary Rideout stated she will request “high cost funds” from the State if needed to cover the cost.

Ms. Mary Rideout stated Oneida County will be looking at transferring supportive home care workers to employment agencies as this Agency will not want to be fiscal agent when Family Care arrives.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to acquire a workers compensation policy for supportive home care providers working under the Agency’s LTC program. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Family Care 2.0 Planning:

Ms. Mary Rideout provided the committee with the letter from Secretary Rhoades regarding the withdrawal of the Family Care 2.0 concept paper. Ms. Mary Rideout informed the committee that at this point in time it appears that any progress towards Family Care 2.0 has ended. This may mean that the current version of Family Care may be expanded statewide more quickly. We will continue to work with the Department of Health Services on the timeline for Family Care.

5. 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency will have a deficit of approximately \$88,000.00 for the year 2016.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Family Care 2.0

Mr. Jim Winkler voiced a request for the Social Services Committee meetings to be held, on a permanent basis, during the third week (*Monday*) of the month(s).

The Committee agreed the July meeting would be held July 18; and the Committee also agreed that changing the dates of the meetings would be on a month by month basis.

Mr. William Freudenberg departed the meeting.

Veteran's Services:

1. 2015 Annual Report:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated she made a great effort to shorten the Veteran's Services' Annual Report and make it more reader-friendly.

Ms. Tammy Walters pointed out that benefits for veterans increased even though the population declined.

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to accept and present the 2015 Annual Report to the August County Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution regarding possible legislation to regionalize WI County Veterans Services Offices:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that the plan to regionalize County Veterans Services Offices is still on the table. Ms. Tammy Walters explained that CVSOs offer personalized services to elderly and disabled veterans, as well as veterans who have mental health needs and need individual care. No one else in the VA system offers these kinds of services and she is certain it will be detrimental to veterans if this plan comes to fruition.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve a resolution regarding possible legislation to regionalize WI County Veterans Services Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on WDVA Grant application package:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that the application package has been submitted.

4. Resolution regarding WI Department of Veterans Affairs annual grant:

Ms. Tammy Walters discussed how the WDVA Grant used to be a \$10,000 block grant; however, it was changed to a reimbursement grant. The problem is there was no specific guidance on what could and could not be applied for or what kind of information to submit to support a request for reimbursement. Additionally, it's extremely time-consuming putting together a grant application which may or may not be approved. Because of this, she requested a resolution supporting the WDVA Grant be changed back to a block grant.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Resolution regarding WI Department of Veterans Affairs annual grant and pass on to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the vouchers and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

None.

8. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in First Floor Conference Room on the first floor. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: June 20, 2016