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ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

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

Excused: Mr. Jim Winkler

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Ms. Mary Gadzalinski, 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. Bob Metropulos, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee – August 23, 2016:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee minutes of August 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. CVSOA Fall Conference:

Ms. Tammy Walters emailed the CVSOA-WI Fall Newsletter, which contained the agenda for next week's conference, to the committee members. Ms. Tammy Walters discussed the goals of the conference besides training, including getting information to vets regarding benefits and healthcare, with an emphasis on suicide prevention.

2. 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to accept statistical and comp time report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that her office incurred the cost for Jason becoming a Notary Public and for Jason to attend a conference on suicide prevention.

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that her office incurred the cost of taking an elderly WWII ex-POW veteran to and from a POW/MIA ceremony in Iron Mountain, MI.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the vouchers and line item transfers as presented; with revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:
Grant and budget updates.

Ms. Tammy Walters would like to attend a Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) forum in Minocqua on October 27 and will be requesting that her office close that day as Jason will also be at national accreditation training in Peoria, IL that week.

Social Services/Family Care:

1. Resolution in Support of Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented information on the Children and Family Aids funding. For Oneida County, the Community Aids-Base Allocation has gone up only 3.5% since 2011; yet expenditures have increased 10.15% from 2011 to 2015. The DCF Base funding was 35.2% of total Children and Family expenses in 2015.

Mary Gadzalinski, Lead Social Work Supervisor, reported statistics as of September 1, 2016, *i.e.*, 63 ongoing cases from court orders, 25 cases that are less formal such as courtesy supervision, Informal Disposition Agreements, etc.; and that 30 children are in out-of-home placement.

Ms. Gadzalinski discussed issues such as AODA, methamphetamine use/manufacture, heroin/opioid use and that the family system has changed and that these cases last longer, sometimes years.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Resolution, and forward to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, in Support of Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Family Care Implementation and Budget:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed that Oneida County will be absorbed into a new region and we hope to know in early 2017 which MCO will be selected for Oneida County.

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed county contributions to Family Care in the coming years. The first payment will be due in 2018 and will be for the prorated contribution for 2017 and all of 2018. The full year 2017 contribution is \$408,381.00 and will decrease for five (5) years until we reach the final annual contribution of \$330,059.00.

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that the 2018 "draft" budget includes eliminating two additional social work positions (one eliminated in 2017 Budget) and 1.6 support staff positions.

3. 2017 Budget Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that the original 2017 Budget requested an increase of \$65,711.00. Ms. Mary Rideout stated if that is denied, the Department has prepared a 0.00% increase budget. To accomplish 0.00%, we further reduce staff and associated costs due to the implementation of Family Care, and reduced the Out-of-Home care budget by \$24,168.00.

4. Kinship Care Payments and Funding:

Ms. Mary Rideout notified the Committee that the Kinship Care account (out-of-home placements with relatives) is estimated to be over budget by \$14,888.00 for 2016. The State allocation for Kinship Care is \$58,946.00 and it is estimated that we will spend \$73,834.00 in 2016. The Department would request using funding available in the Foster Care account to cover current placements. A wait list has been established for any new requests. The Department has requested a "re-obligation" of funds from the Department of Children and Families, but there is no guarantee that we will get additional state funding.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to allow the transfer of funds from the Foster Care account to the Kinship Care account. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Agency Updates:

Limited Term Employee (LTE): Ms. Mary Rideout reported that the Agency is fully staffed; one worker is on leave and the Agency received authorization for an LTE to temporarily fill that position part-time.

Mr. William Freudenberg left the meeting.

Trauma Project: The Trauma Informed Project will be having its mid-year meeting in October and social worker Apryl Rickert will be attending and presenting how this Agency is progressing.

Youth Leadership Teams: The DCF is looking at feedback from former delinquent youth on what did or did not work for them. Social worker Jenna Kishketog is working on this program for the Agency.

6. 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency will have a surplus of approximately \$42,472.00 for the year 2016.

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

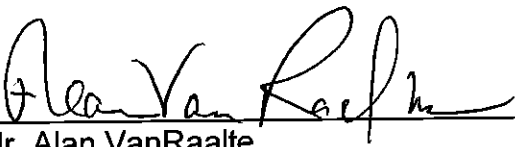
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

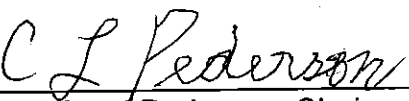
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9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 1 on the second floor. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: September 29, 2016