

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Ms. Beth Hoerchler,
Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch, and Ms. Donna
Schultz

Excused: Mr. Jim Winkler

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. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – January 24, 2017:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of January 24, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. Multi-county Veterans Benefits Expo:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that the Rhinelander National Guard Armory is confirmed for the Expo's venue. Ms. Tammy Walters stated that "save the date" news releases were sent, that numerous vendors will be attending, and that right now they have 50 tables and 200 chairs reserved for the Expo. Ms. Tammy Walters feels it will be a big event.

2. WDVA Secretary:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that Gov. Walker has appointed Daniel Zimmerman to serve as Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary. Ms. Tammy Walters informed that Zimmerman stated that regionalizing CVSOs will not happen on his watch.

3. WDVA Grant:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that they have received their WDVA grant check and that 2016 is now closed out. Ms. Tammy Walters stated that Daniel Zimmerman said grant spending will be less strict in the coming months.

4. **2016 and 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:**
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**
Ms. Tammy Walters presented vouchers for 2017 and line item transfers for 2016.

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.

6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**
Any new information regarding Daniel Zimmerman.

Social Services:

1. **Vacancy Review-Social Worker:**
Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the vacant Delinquency social work position. Ms. Mary Rideout stated there are only two Delinquency social workers in the Agency so this position needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the request to fill the Delinquency Social Worker Position as presented and any subsequent social work position due to internal posting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Vacancy Review and Appeal-Social Services Aide:**
Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the Social Services Aide position and responsibilities. Ms. Rideout emphasized the importance of this position and requested a waiver of the six-month wait period.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the request to fill the Social Services Aide Position for the Children and Families unit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Family Care Update:**
Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the first Kick Off meeting for Family Care; State, County, and ADRC personnel attended, along with representatives from the two MCOs. Ms. Mary Rideout distributed and discussed the time line through the end of 2017. Ms. Mary Rideout discussed losing staff and feels we need to work to keep staff. Weekly updates will begin March 1 and participant meetings are being scheduled.

4. **CY17 State County Child Welfare and Child Support Contracts:**
Oneida County will not receive any contract payments until signed contracts are submitted to DCF. Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch discussed concerns with DCF contract language, *i.e.*, language allowing the State to unilaterally amend the contracts; language allowing the State to cut funding if we

don't perfectly comply; we would like to see language added making it clear that we would have the right to sue if we disagree with the result; and language stating that in defending suits "each party shall be responsible for matters within that party's authority" and that language may represent an effort to require us to cooperate with litigation. We do, however, need to have the contracts in place to provide statutorily required programs.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve for signing the State County Contracts for Child Welfare and Child Support as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. HSC Request for Payment for Winnebago Mental Health Institute Placement:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed a bill received from the Human Service Center for placement costs of an Oneida County resident at Winnebago Mental Health Institute. These costs are typically the responsibility of the Human Service Center. The original request was for approximately \$150,000.00 in mid-2016. This was discussed at that time and it was determined that a written agreement should be in place so that these types of payment requests are treated equitably between the three counties that are part of the Human Service Center.

Ms. Mary Rideout reports that no written agreement has been developed; therefore the Department of Social Services has denied payment. The current request is for \$87,642.41.

Ms. Tamara Feest, Human Service Center Executive Director, informed the committee that her committee chairperson was instructed by the Human Service Center Board to contact Oneida County and have this item placed on the Administration Committee agenda for consideration.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to forward the request on to the Administration Committee for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Agency Update (Information Only):

Ms. Mary Rideout offered an Informational Agency Update:

- (i) a recently retired social worker returned as an LTE for the Long-Term Care unit and that is working out well.
- (ii) the Information Specialist position is open again and is being reassessed. Ms. Mary Rideout is looking at this Agency joining the County's IT Department and hopes to come to the Committee meeting next month with a recommendation on this position.
- (iii) Lead Social Work Supervisor Gadzalinski has announced she will likely be retiring in August.
- (iv) ES interviews start March 1.
- (v) Discussed accomplishments as a result of the Trauma Project.
- (vi) Informed we are waiting on DCF regarding utilizing YASI.

- (vii) Accounting software; Mr. Zamzow will again support the WISSIS software and Ms. Mary Rideout is waiting for an updated licensing agreement.
- (viii) Additional funding for child welfare is included in the Governor's budget. If another social worker is hired, that could be partially covered with this funding.
- (ix) Child support had no errors in a State review.
- (x) Oneida County Department of Social Services will again begin recruiting for new foster parents.

7. 2016 and 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 \$275,000 for 2016 and anticipates breaking even based on January projections for 2017.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to approve the 2016 and 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

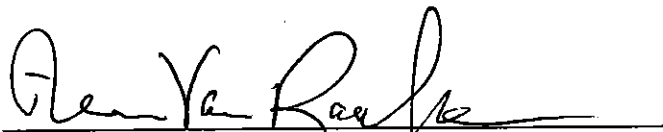
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Family Care
IT Position
Update on Staffing

10. 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, March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: February 28, 2017