

ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 24, 2017

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

Excused: Mr. William Freudenberg

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Mary Gadzalinski, 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 Committee – March 28, 2017:

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of March 28, 2017. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. Veterans Benefits Expo:

Ms. Tammy Walters reported the Expo was successful. Ms. Tammy Walters stated that 189 people signed-in but she believes about 350 people attended. Ms. Tammy Walters stated there was positive feedback from both veterans and vendors. Ms. Tammy Walters stated counterparts from other counties attended as well.

2. WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Grant:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that both the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin (CVSOA-WI) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) support the WDVA Grant having no restrictions under the "Training" and "Salary" categories. In other words, the grant will reimburse all training, not just Department of Veterans Affairs training as is currently approved, and any portion of the grant can be used for the CVSO's salary, not just a percentage as it is now. Mr. Alan VanRaalte requested letters be written to our local state legislators asking them to support these changes.

3. **Co. Veterans Service Officer Assoc. (CVSOA) Spring Conference and Use of Limited Term Employee:**
Ms. Tammy Walters discussed utilizing 29.75 hours for an LTE during the Spring Conference. Ms. Tammy Walters will inform via newsletter and Facebook of limited hours during that week (May 15-19, 2017).
4. **2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:**
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**
Ms. Tammy Walters presented vouchers for 2017

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the vouchers as presented; with revisions. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**
Letter to legislators regarding the WDVA Grant;
Federal budget impact; and
Feedback from the vendors at the Expo.

Social Services:

1. **Family Care Transition Update:**
Ms. Mary Rideout states the transition is going well. Ms. Mary Rideout informed there are weekly phone conferences/meetings with the State and local agencies. Ms. Mary Rideout reported that 18 Oneida County residents have enrolled through April 11, 2017, and, once enrolled, this Agency provides information on client to the MCO or IRIS.
2. **Trauma Informed Care Project Update:**
Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the three domains focused on by this Agency. Ms. Mary Rideout discussed compassion satisfaction and how it affects workers and stated the numbers have been good for Agency workers. Ms. Mary Rideout informed that the Agency In-Service Day will cover self-care and secondary stress/compassion fatigue.
3. **Potential Impacts of Proposed Federal Budget on Social Service Programs:**
Ms. Mary Rideout disbursed copy of a current article by the National Association of Counties which outlines increases/decreases in the proposed Federal budget. Ms. Mary Rideout indicated that the proposed budget cuts the energy assistance program, which would be difficult for Oneida County residents.

4. Request for Approval of Social Work Intern:

Ms. Mary Gadzalinski discussed the social work intern project. Ms. Mary Gadzalinski stated the intern attends the social work program at UW-Superior. Ms. Mary Gadzalinski stated the intern would work 40 hours per week, and that she will not be paid but rather will receive four school credits for working in the intern program. Ms. Mary Gadzalinski stated the intern would receive hands-on experience in CPS, child welfare, and LTC services. The internship would begin in May and end in August 2017. Mr. Jim Winkler asked that the intern attend one of the committee meetings.

Motion by Ms. Carol Pederson, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Request for a Social Work Intern as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Staffing Updates: Social Worker Vacancy Status; Social Work Supervisor Recruitment; and Social Services Aide Vacancy Status:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed openings in the CPS unit and that three certified social workers applied. Applications are being reviewed and then interviews will be scheduled.

Ms. Mary Rideout informed that more than 40 people applied for the Social Services Aide position and ten were picked to be interviewed. Interviews are scheduled for the week of April 24, 2017.

The Social Work Supervisor position was approved by LRES. LRES also approved a four-week overlap for the retiring social work supervisor to train the new supervisor. Ms. Mary Rideout informed that LRES is asking the Agency to absorb the cost of the overlap, which Ms. Mary Rideout estimates to be around \$7,000.00. Ms. Mary Rideout stated that advertising for the social work supervisor position will begin in May.

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

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency anticipates breaking even based on February projections for 2017.

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

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

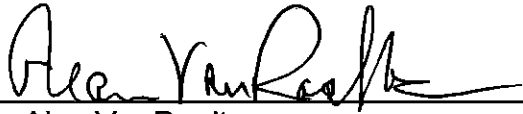
Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Actual number of Oneida County households relying on energy assistance; and Summary of State budget.

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: April 24, 2017