

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MAY 23, 2017**

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

Excused: Mr. Bob Metropulos

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Amy Mayo, 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 – April 24, 2017:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of April 24, 2017. Mr. William Freudenberg abstained.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Recognition of Employee Service Awards.

Veteran's Services:

1. Update on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Grant:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that the WDVA Grant, pending approval by Gov. Walker, will now be disbursed as a Block Grant. Usage will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

2. Survey of Vendors who were at the Veterans Benefits Expo on April 21, 2017:

Ms. Tammy Walters survey results of the Expo and stated that all in all they were very positive. Ms. Tammy Walters stated they will probably not have an Expo in 2018 but they are considering quarterly veterans benefits information sessions to discuss specific topics.

3. Potential Impact of Proposed Federal Budget on County Veterans Service Office:

Ms. Tammy Walters discussed the impacts of the Budget and stated that the majority of the money will go to healthcare. Ms. Tammy Walters talked about the Veterans Choice program and its flaws. Ms. Tammy Walters stated with the possible end to the Fuel Assistance program that the Department of Social Services should refer veterans to her office to utilize the Heat for Heroes program.

4. Debrief on County Veterans Service Officers Association (CVSOA) Spring Conference:

Ms. Tammy Walters updated the Committee on the Conference. Ms. Tammy Walters discussed the poor quality of video conferencing as some members did not want to travel to the northern part of the state. Ms. Tammy Walters stated the next Conference will be September 18-22 in Oshkosh. Ms. Tammy Walters anticipates being elected as President of the CVSOA for 2018 since she is now the current 1st Vice President.

5. 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the vouchers as presented; with revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Ms. Tammy Walters to have Ms. Darcy Smith attend a Committee meeting to discuss the \$10,000.00 grant.

Ms. Tammy Walters to discuss office closure on June 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Social Services:

- 1. Closed Session:** It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), "Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved". Topic: Child Support Legal Procedures-Stipulations and Orders.

It is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to move into Closed Executive Session at 9:41 a.m. Roll call vote: Ms. Carol

Pederson, aye; Mr. William Freudenberg, aye; Mr. Jim Winkler, aye; and Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye. The committee moved into Closed Executive Session.

Staff present during Closed Session were Ms. Mary Rideout, Mr. Brian Desmond, Mr. Thomas Wiensch, and Ms. Amy Mayo.

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to move into Open Session at 9:46 a.m. Roll call vote: Ms. Carol Pederson, aye; Mr. William Freudenberg, aye; Mr. Jim Winkler, aye, and Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye. The committee moved into Open Session.

Ms. Carol Pederson announced that no action was taken during closed session.

2. 2016 Annual Report:

Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to table approval until the June meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Social Work Position-Children and Families Unit:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the need for another social worker in the Children & Families Unit. Ms. Mary Rideout stated data is being gathered to support this request. Ms. Mary Rideout discussed caseloads, expectations, length of cases, etc. Ms. Mary Rideout discussed funding sources and that it will have to be funded by Oneida County and that the position will be included in the 2018 budget. Ms. Mary Rideout stated she will have the data available at the next Committee meeting.

4. 2017-2019 State Budget Proposals-Badger Care:

Ms. Amy Mayo updated the Committee on proposed changes to the Badger Care program that are being submitted by the State to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These changes would affect the childless adult population. Proposed changes include the implementation of monthly premiums, Health Risk Assessments, limiting the time of eligibility unless participating in employment or employment related activities, and drug screening and treatment options. Ms. Amy Mayo indicated that these changes, if approved by CMS, would take about one year to implement. Ms. Mary Rideout indicated that funding for Income Maintenance (Economic Support) in the 2017-2019 budget has been approved by the Joint Committee on Finance at the same level received in the 2015-2017 budget.

5. Family Care Update-Enrollments to Date:

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the benefits of the continued weekly conference calls with the state and meetings with other agencies regarding the transition to Family Care. The transition to Family Care for Oneida County residents begins July 1, 2017 and will take four months to implement. Ms. Mary Rideout stated that 95 of the Agency's clients are scheduled to transition July 1 so far. Ms. Mary Rideout stated that there are 309 cases between the Human Service Center and the Department of Social Services that will need to transition by October 1, 2017.

6. Introduction of Social Work Intern:

During the Recognition of Employee Service Awards, Terra Swanson, summer intern, was introduced to the Committee.

7. 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 April 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.

8. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the Audit of Payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Unborn CHIPS ("U-CHIPS")
Budget
Children's Community Options program

10. 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 10:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: May 23, 2017