

ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
JUNE 27, 2017

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

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Ms. Mary Gadzalinski,
Ms. Angela Beauchaine, 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 – May 23, 2017:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of May 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Grant application for January 1-June 15, 2017:

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that the Grant application was scanned and emailed to the WDVA on June 13, 2017. Ms. Tammy Walters stated that \$3,021.41 was the amount applied for.

2. Usage of Future WDVA Grants:

Ms. Tammy Walters discussed usage of future WDVA Grants. She and Darcy Smith, Finance Director, recommend that it be used toward Ms. Tammy Walters' salary, as it was originally intended when it was created in 1973. Additionally, it will make any future audits much less complicated.

Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to approve disbursing the WDVA Grant money to Ms. Tammy Walters' salary. Motion carried unanimously.

3. WDVA Access and Data Sharing Agreement:

Ms. Tammy Walters discussed the WDVA/CVSO/TVSO VBATS Access and Data Sharing Agreement, which gives the Oneida County Veterans Service Office access to the State VA data bases and the benefits of that access.

Due to time constraints, the Agenda of the meeting was temporarily interrupted by the introduction of Ms. Apryl Rickert, who has been hired as the new supervisor of the Children's & Family Unit.

4. Office Closure for June 30:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that she and her staff, Jason, will be hosting a meeting/training on June 30 and requested permission to close the Oneida County Veterans Service Office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on that date. The Committee approved this request.

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

Ms. Tammy Walters requested to put "Potential Impact of Proposed Federal Budget on County Veterans Service Office" on the Agenda because of a proposed cut to 100% Individual Unemployable (IU) benefits. Since then, VA Secretary Shulkin has announced this cut will not happen so Ms. Tammy Walters is considering this a dead issue.

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

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

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the vouchers as presented; with revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

2016 Annual Report
2018 Staffing Request

Social Services:

1. 2016 Annual Report:

The Annual Report was reviewed and will be on the July Agenda for approval.

2. Unborn Child Abuse Law-Temporary Stay:

Ms. Mary Gadzalinski discussed the temporary stay of the Unborn Child Abuse Law. Ms. Mary Gadzalinski stated that at this time unborn child abuse will not be screened in; instead the Access worker can only pass along information on community supports to the person making the referral.

3. Request for New Social Work Position-Children and Families Unit:

Ms. Mary Rideout and Ms. Mary Gadzalinski discussed the rationale for requesting a new social work position, ranging from caseload increases; standard requirements and documentation have increased significantly; increase in the difficulty of cases due to AODA issues; increased needs in Access, CAANs, foster home licensing; we have had the same number of social workers in this unit since 2002; and preventing turnover and burnout of staff.

Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the Request for a New Social Work Position in the Children & Families Unit in the 2018 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution for the Administration of the Children's Community Options Program:

Mr. Mary Rideout and Ms. Tamara Feest, Executive Director of the Human Service Center, discussed the Resolution for the Administration of the Children's Community Options Program (CCOP). Ms. Mary Rideout would like the Oneida County Department of Social Services to administer the funds for Oneida County residents as having CCOP under this Agency's umbrella will result in direct services mainly because many youth involved with this Agency may be eligible for CCOP and CLTS and the Agency has the expertise to case manage these cases, whereas Ms. Tamara Feest would prefer that the Human Service Center continue to administer the funds for all three counties (Oneida, Vilas, and Forest) involved.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to table the Resolution until the August Committee meeting. Mr. Alan VanRaalte, No; Mr. Jim Winkler, No; Ms. Carol Pederson, No; Mr. Bob Metropulos, No; and Mr. William Freudenberg, No.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to table the Resolution until the July Committee meeting. Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, Yes; Ms. Carol Pederson, Yes; Mr. Bob Metropulos, Yes; and Mr. William Freudenberg, Yes.

5. State Budget Update:

Ms. Angela Beauchaine gave a summary of the State Budget. Regarding ES, there will be an increase in fraud funding; FSET; Food Share eligibility; and that if someone is behind in Child Support, that person may not be eligible for Food Share. Ms. Angela Beauchaine also stated that the Budget will also have an increase in Foster Care/Kinship Care rates; an increase in Children and Family Aids; and \$1 million annually to expand services for victims of child sex trafficking.

6. Family Care Transition Update – County Contribution:

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that the ADRC has enrolled 157 clients for the July 1 roll date and they are now working on enrollments for August 1 and subsequent

months. Ms. Mary Rideout stated that the Oneida County Department of Social Services, the Human Service Center, and the ADRC meet weekly to discuss issues and concerns. Ms. Mary Rideout stated the Human Service Center is facing a significant loss of staff by the end of June. Ms. Mary Rideout reported that LTE social worker Vickie Voss will only be needed until July 31. Ms. Mary Rideout stated the remainder of clients will be rolled into Family Care on the first of the month of the months of August, September and October, at approximately 50 cases per month.

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the Oneida County contributions to Family Care and the next five years are projected as \$374,900 due May 31, 2018; \$388,800 due May 31, 2019; \$369,220 due May 31, 2020; \$347,639 due May 31, 2021; and \$330,058 due May 31, 2022. The County contribution is the result of County tax levy and Community Aids Funds used by the Human Service Center for their Waiver programs in 2006. No County tax levy was used by the Department of Social Services for the Waiver Program

7. Agency Updates: Social Work Vacancy; Supervisor Recruitment; Dementia Grant application; and YASI Software:

Ms. Mary Rideout reported that the social work position in the Children's Unit has been offered and accepted and we are expecting a start date of July 10.

Ms. Mary Rideout reported that LTE worker Vickie Voss will be done working by July 31, 2017.

Ms. Mary Rideout reiterated that Ms. Apryl Rickert has been hired for the social work supervisor position being vacated by Ms. Mary Gadzalinski.

Ms. Mary Rideout discussed the Regional Dementia Early Intervention and Crisis Prevention Grant application. Oneida, Vilas, and Forest Counties, in cooperation with the Human Service Center, are the key members of the coalition applying for this grant. Ms. Mary Rideout stated the coalition intends to use this funding to improve the status of the chapters 51/55 system of care in the Tri-County region by creating a coordinated, dementia-capable crisis prevention and crisis response system focused on stabilization in place.

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that everything is in order for the YASI software to start being used effective July 1, 2017.

8. 2017 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency anticipates a \$180,000.00 surplus based on May projections for 2017.

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

9. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

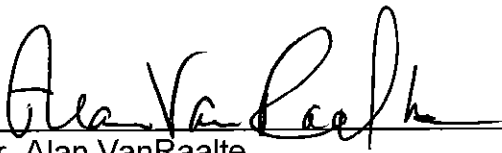
Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Audit of Payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

2016 Annual Report
CCOP

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: June 27, 2017