

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

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

Excused: Mr. Jim Winkler

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Mr. Jason Dailey, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Deb Smith, Ms. Mary Grefe, Ms. Brenda Lee, Mr. Brian Desmond, Ms. Tamra Feest and Ms. Heidi Chavez

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. William Freudenberg, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes of Social Services Committee – January 23, 2018:**
No Action Taken. Meeting date was actually January 25, 2018.
3. **Public Comment:**
None.
4. **2017 Employee Service Awards:**
Awards to Ms. Brenda Lee and Ms. Mary Grefe for 10 years of services and to Ms. Deb Smith for 5 years of service.
5. **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)(f), "Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations."
Topic: Veterans Services Office Medical Leave

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. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to move into Closed Executive Session at 9:16 a.m. Roll call vote: Mr. William Freudenberg, aye; Mr. Bob Metropulos, aye; and Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye; Ms. Carol Pederson, aye. The committee moved into Closed Executive Session.

Staff present during Closed Session were Mr. Jason Dailey, and Ms. Tammy Walters.

Motion made by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to move into Open Session at 9:27 a.m. Roll call vote: Ms. Carol Pederson, aye; Mr. William Freudenberg, aye; Mr. Bob Metropulos, aye; and Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye. The committee moved into Open Session.

Ms. Carol Pederson announced that the committee approved a Medical Leave for Mr. Jason Dailey for 7 weeks starting March 5, 2018.

Veteran's Services:

1. Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) Update:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed the committee the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) requested funding for the remainder of this biennium budget to continue VORP, which serves homeless veterans and veterans with mental illness who need emergent care. On February 7, she testified in front of the Joint Finance Committee as President of the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin in strong support of VORP. The Joint Finance Committee is recommending approval of the funds and it's anticipated the Governor will also sign off on the funding. VORP is the only VA homeless veteran program offered in Oneida County and many other northern counties. This is an essential program that is no cost to the county.

2. Watches that Help Veterans with PTSD - Update:

Mr. Jason Dailey discussed that there are new Night Ware Watches that do not have to connect with a smart phone anymore. They are designed for Veterans with PTSD that have nightmares to be able to wake them up enough to stop the nightmare, but not completely wake them up. These watches will hopefully be available in the Veteran Health Care system by the end of the year.

2. 2017/2018 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.

3. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

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

4. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:
Nothing at this time.

Social Services:

1. 2018 Elder Abuse Contract:

Mr. Brian J. Desmond stated he has reviewed the documents and stated that nothing is unusual. Any concerns he has will be shared with the contracting agency but most likely not be approved.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the 2018 Elder Abuse contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Social Work Recruitment Video and Foster Home Recruitment Ad:

Ms. Mary Rideout shared a video the State of WI put together to give insight to potential future Child Protective Services Social Workers on what it is really like to be a Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin. The video played for the committee was the shorter of the two videos available.

Ms. Mary Rideout stated the agency has contacted Parrot Films to put together an advertisement that will run before a movie at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander for foster parent recruitment.

3. Governor's Welfare Reform Proposals:

Ms. Amy Mayo presented proposal changes made by the Governor. These include adding parents with school-aged kids as an able-bodied adult that will need to meet work requirements, changing work requirements from 20 hours a week to 30 hours a week, providing drug testing and treatment for positive drug tests for individuals in the FoodStamp Employment and Training Program, having a photo on FoodShare cards, changes to assets, and having sanctions of benefits for non-cooperation with Child Support. Issues regarding these changes were discussed.

4. Vacancy Review Clerical Support II:

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that this position will be a shared position of front desk duties and clerical typing duties. She asked that the 6-month waiting period be waived due to shortage of staff in clerical.

Motion made by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the filling the Clerical Support II vacant position and forward to LRES for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Payments to Kinship and Foster Care Providers:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that Kinship payments are made to relatives of the child in placement and they are a set amount of \$238 per month regardless of the child's needs. Foster Care licensing requires more training and additional requirements. The rate paid to a Foster Care provider can be as much as \$2,000 per month but is based on the child's needs for service.

6. 2017/2018 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency anticipates a \$300,000.00 surplus based on Close 1 projections for 2017 and to break even for 2018 based on January projections.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the 2017/2018 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 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.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Update on Lincoln Hills and Staffing update.

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: February 27, 2018