

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

Members present: Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Jim Winkler and Mr. Bill Liebert

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski and Ms. Megan Mode

Public: Ms. Debbie Meye, Mr. Todd Marks, Ms. Dawn Winquist and Ms. Tamara Feest

**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 Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Vice Chairperson. Vice Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – October 22, 2019:**

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to amend October 22, 2019 meeting minutes by striking "developed by both agencies" under number 1 under Social Services. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

None.

**4. Resignation of Bob Metropulos and Selection of New Chairperson:**

The Committee was informed Mr. Metropulos has resigned from the County Board and is no longer the Social Services Committee Chairperson. The County Board Chair will appoint a new member and Chairperson for the committee. Vice Chairperson, Mr. VanRaalte, will act as Chair in the meantime.

**Veterans Services:**

**1. Debbie Meye, to speak about Supportive Services for Veteran Families:**

Ms. Debbie Meye presented information on the SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) program. It is a federally funded program that helps veterans with very low income and who are homeless. Ms. Meye will be working with veterans in Oneida, Vilas and Iron Counties. The Veterans Service Officers will refer individuals as needed. Mr. Todd Marks also presented information on the VORP (Veteran Outreach and Recovery Program) for veterans struggling with homelessness and mental health or AODA issues. There is a Coordinated Entry database to track services and also locate services throughout the state of

Wisconsin. The only veterans Ms. Meye and Mr. Marks are unable to assist are dishonorably discharged.

2. **Update on Northwoods National Cemetery:**  
Opening anticipated in Spring 2020.
3. **2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:**  
Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to accept the October 2019 Financial/Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**  
Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Audit of Payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**  
None

*Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Vice Chairperson, proposed the sixth Social Services agenda item be moved to first and Ms. Javenkoski stay for that discussion.*

**Social Services:**

6. **Organization of Human Services in Oneida County – Social Services and ADRC Merger Discussions:**  
Ms. Mary Rideout presented the Committee with a document with additional information and in response to information provided at the ADRC Committee meeting and County Board meetings in November. There was also discussion regarding a Resolution being drafted to form a committee to discuss the possible merger. A committee structure would allow for open discussion regarding concerns and to explore all options regarding these departments.
1. **Department of Health Services State and County Contract for 2020:**  
Ms. Rideout presented the 2020 State and County Grant Award Contract in the amount of \$117,587.00. Funds are used for Adult Protective Services and Coordinated Services Team. Mr. Brian Desmond reviewed and has the same concerns as last year. All concerns will be forwarded to the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA).  
  
Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to accept the Department of Health Services State and County Contract for 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **A Review of Administrative and Service Systems – Pat Cork report on Human Service Center:**  
Ms. Rideout presented Pat Cork's report reviewing administrative and service systems of human services in Forest, Vilas and Oneida Counties. Ms. Tamara Feest stated the Human Service Center Board is establishing a sub committee to

implement the recommendations in the report. County Board members and staff will be part of the sub committee. Discussion was had on the report and if it should be presented to full County Board.

**3. Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative – Carrie Mikalauski:**

Ms. Carrie Mikalauski stated Social Services first became aware of the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative during the Dementia Grant that has now ended. Ms. Mikalauski informed of what the initiative is, to have a better understanding of how it is to live with dementia and to treat all with dignity and respect. Currently, Ripco Credit Union is the only fully trained business locally, but efforts are being made to train other businesses/establishments, including media and newspaper coverage.

**4. BadgerCare Plus Program Changes for Childless Adults – Amy Mayo:**

Ms. Amy Mayo informed of BadgerCare Plus changes. A waiver was approved for co-pays and premiums for childless adults in the 50-100% poverty level starting February 2020. There will be up to an \$8.00 monthly premium, as well as an \$8.00 co-pay for all Emergency Room visits that are non-emergency, to be determined by the provider. There is an optional health survey to reduce the monthly premium by reporting healthy behaviors such as wearing a seatbelt, exercising and not smoking. There is also a treatment needs question to be answered, indicating whether or not they have used drugs in ways that have caused problems for themselves or others in the past 12 months.

**5. Workers Compensation Loss Run report for Social Services – new process for reviewing these reports:**

Ms. Rideout informed that Department Heads are now going to present quarterly workers compensation reports to be reviewed by their committee. Ms. Rideout provided information on how to read the report and went over 2018 and 2019 reports, thus far for Social Services.

**7. Agency Update; 2020 Budget, Staffing, Status of MOUs with Human Service Center:**

- There were no changes to the Social Services budget as a result of the November budget meeting. The CIP budget did include a new vehicle for Social Services for 2020 and that was not approved.
- Three new staff began employment this month; Rachel Saeger, Clerical Support II, and Brenda Lindgren and Erin Gross, both Child Support Specialists. The Finance Technician position has been filled and Makiesha Roberts will start on December 2.
- After 23 years of service, Amy Mayo is leaving. Ms. Mayo's position was posted internally and filled by Ms. Lilyen Mueller, creating a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator position vacancy. This position has been posted internally, with applications due November 25; this will likely create a Social Worker vacancy.
- The Chapters 51.55 MOU has been finalized and was resubmitted to all parties on October 4, 2019. Oneida County and the Human Service Center

have so far signed the agreement. Meetings are still being had on the Chapters 48.938.51 MOU.

**6. 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports:**

The Committee reviewed the Financial and Statistical Reports. Ms. Rideout informed the projected 2019 budget deficit is now approximately \$164,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the 2019 Financial/Statistical Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to approve the Audit of Payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

Recruitment Process  
Judicial Process for Children's Services

**9. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Alan VanRaalte to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room.

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Mr. Steven Schreier



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Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Vice Chairperson

Date: November 26, 2019