

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Dan Hess, Ms. Tiffany Rohan, and Mr. Ted Cushing

Members Excused: Ms. Angie Koch and Ms. Debbie Condado

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Jenni Lueneburg, and Mr. Matthew Young

1. **Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:** The regular meeting of the Oneida County Human Services Committee was brought to order at 12:33 p.m. by Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson; starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Dan Hess to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of December 15, 2025 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Robb Jensen to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.

Veterans Services:

1. **Resolution to Appoint Veteran Services Officer and Request for Overlap Training:** Interviews were conducted by the interview team, comprised of the Chair and a Committee Member from the Human Service Committee, Administrative Coordinator, Human Resources Director and members from the Veteran Services Commission. The interview team by majority vote selected Mr. Matthew Young for the Veteran Services Officer. Mr. Robb Jensen made a motion to approve the Resolution to Appoint Veteran Services Officer and Request for Overlap Training as presented, Mr. Ted Cushing seconded. All ayes, motion passed to go to the County Board.
2. **2025 Financial & Statistical Reports, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vender Payment Report:** It was noted by Mr. Robb Jensen that the Financial Reports were received.

Human Services:

1. **Request for two Behavioral Health Therapist Positions:** The current waitlist is up to 41 clients as of today. Asking to use opioid funds only for the onboarding. After the onboarding process, these positions will be able to fund themselves through billing. We are asking Forest County (20%) and Vilas County (30%) to use their opioid funding as well as 50% from Oneida County. Mr. Ted Cushing made a motion to approve the request for two Behavioral Health Therapist positions, Mr. Steven Schreier seconded. All ayes, motion passes.
2. **Request for two-week overlap of CLTS Position:** We have an employee leaving to do an internship in April. Requesting a two-week overlap for training purposes. Mr. Ted Cushing made a motion to approve the request for the two-week overlap of CLTS position with funding coming from the budget, Mr. Dan Hess seconded. All ayes, motion passed.
3. **Request to purchase two vehicles out of existing Department Vehicle Appropriation Account:** Our vehicle appropriation fund currently has a balance of \$71,984.14 prior to any 2025 year end close out adjustments. Additional funds of about \$27,000 is anticipated to be added to this balance. Asking to purchase one vehicle for the ADRC and one vehicle for Timber Drive. The bid for these vehicles came in at \$24,994. Discussion regarding what the vehicles will be used for at each facility. Ms. Beth Hoerchler explained that they are mostly to conduct home visits. Mr. Robb Jensen motioned to approve the request to purchase two vehicles out of the existing Department Vehicle Appropriation Account, Mr. Dan Hess seconded. All ayes, motion passes.
4. **Agency Update:** We are making an offer for the Economic Support position today. Once that is filled, our agency will not have any vacancies. There are a number of Program Updates.

In Child Support the agency met or exceeded three out of four performance-based goals. Meeting these goals helps maximize federal program funding. This is the first time in the agency's history that it exceeded 80% for current child support collections, making it the highest current support collection rate ever achieved, which is over \$4.3million in support for our families.

In Child Protection there is a team of workers participating in the First Placement Project, which is a statewide effort to explore child welfare practices aimed at increasing initial placement with relatives and like-kin when children enter out-of-home care.

In the Outpatient Clinic we launched Curogram, which is a text based communication platform. Ms. Sara Tienhaara explained how this program worked and stated we've had a lot more communication with our clients since we went live in December.

Emergency Services worked with Woodruff Police Department to have a Crisis screener stationed at the Woodruff Police Department building two days per week. This will improve response time and outreach to this area of the county.

Our community was very generous this year with the amount of donations they gave us for Christmas.

The Recovery event last month was a movie night at the Rouman Cinema.

5. **2025 Financial & Statistical Reports, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vender Payment Report:** It was noted by Mr. Robb Jensen that the financial reports were received. Ms. Beth Hoerchler wanted to note that the number of children in out-of-home care dropped and is going to continue to drop in this coming year, which will help our budget tremendously. We are still working with the state regarding our dashboard numbers and correcting them.
6. **Public Comment:** None
7. **Agenda Items for future Meetings:** Usual agenda Items. Members should contact Ms. Beth Hoerchler or Mr. Robb Jensen if they would like something placed on the agenda.
8. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be March 16, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.



Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: February 4, 2026