

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Dan Hess, Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler (via Zoom), Ms. Mary Roth Burns and Ms. Debbie Condado

Members Excused: Ms. Tiffany Rohan, Ms. Angie Koch and Ms. Miranda Gavrilesco

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler and Ms. Carrie Mikalauski

1. **Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:** The regular meeting of the Oneida County Human Services Committee was brought to order at 10:02 a.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. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of April 20, 2026 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Ms. Deb Condado to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.

Veterans Services:

1. **Veteran's Service Officer Report:** It was noted by Mr. Robb Jensen that the VSO Report was received.
2. **2026 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. **Annual Report 2025:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler presented on the Human Services 2025 Annual Report. Items of note is the financial report on page two. The deficit we experienced in 2025 was primarily due to out of home care costs. Discussion regarding Kinship Care and the new state statute that incorporate "like-kin" now. The biggest challenge regarding the ADRC is the cost of the meals. Regarding the CJCC committee, Ms. Mary Rideout has started writing a new Treatment and Diversion (TAD) grant. We would like to add a treatment court using this grant. This program is such a great program that really helps the community. We should know by July if we received the grant. Mr. Ted Cushing made a motion to accept the Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Seconded by Ms. Mary Roth Burns. All ayes; motion passed.

2. **Agency Update:** We had pretty successful hiring. The two behavioral health therapist positions have been posted and interviews will be soon. We have all kinds of events happening in May. Mr. Robb Jensen noted that since the merger we have made significant strides in employee retention.
3. **2026 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 reported that we are currently projecting \$1.4 million deficit for this year due to out of home care costs. We are having to look to see if there is anything we can do to offset these costs in other areas. Ms. Beth Hoerchler was wondering if we could maybe make a budget amendment. Mr. Dan Hess stated that he will ask to have this item on the Executive Committee.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that we are looking to move the Fuel Program out of the Economic Support Unit. The plan right now is to have Ms. Heidi Chavez to supervise this program starting this fall. We are also looking at hiring two LTE positions this fall to work the fuel program.

The question from last meeting regarding the Economic Support numbers. Ms. Beth Hoerchler stated that because of the government shut-down the programs weren't being paid until the shut-down was over and everything was billed in the month of December, which is why that month looked out of the ordinary regarding budget.

4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Agenda Items for future Meetings:** Usual agenda Items. 2027 Out of Home Care Budget. Vote on the Vice-chair. Members should contact Ms. Beth Hoerchler or Mr. Robb Jensen if they would like something placed on the agenda.
6. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be June 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.



Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: May 18, 2026