

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Ted Cushing (Zoom), Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Debbie Condado, Ms. Angie Koch (Zoom), Ms. Tiffany Rohan (Zoom), Mr. Jim Winkler (Zoom)

Members Excused: Mr. Dan Hess

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Carrie Miklauski, Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Lori Garber

1. **Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:** The regular meeting of the Oneida County Human Services Committee was brought to order at 1:00 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 by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of June 16, 2025 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Robb Jensen to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** None.

**Veterans Services:**

1. **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.
2. **Update on 2024 Annual CVSO Report:** None. Will be carried forward to next meeting.

**Human Services:**

1. **Federal Updates on Medicaid and Other Funding Effecting Human Services:** Ms. Lori Garber gave a presentation indicating there will be changes coming, but do not know when or what they are specifically for Medicaid and FoodShare. Wisconsin is not an expansion state. DHS will be getting us numbers regarding number of members affected and how it will affect our budget. Staff have been instructed to have clients keep their contact information current. Discussed possible changes in Medicaid and FoodShare. Biggest concern is for Admin funding for FoodShare. Currently there is a 50-50 split, that will be changing to 75-25 split with Counties paying 75%. Cost share for FoodShare will be

implemented based on error rate. Currently we are at a 7.9% error rate, which would mean a 5% cost share, which equals around \$100M for the State.

2. **WCHSA Update on 2025-27 State Budget:** The Legislature increased the juvenile correction rate from \$1,268/day to \$2,501/day in 2026 and \$2,758/day in 2027. The Governor used partial veto to reduce the rate to \$501/day in 2026 and \$758/day in 2027. There will be a 2.5% increase for Kinship Care & Foster Care rates effective 1/2026. There was increase in base funding for ADRCs by \$2.5 million for all funds annually effective 1/2026, which is about a 5% increase in base ADRC funding. There will be \$11.8 million all funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$20.9 million all funds in fiscal year 2027 for completion of the child support system modernization project to replace the KIDS system.
3. **2026 Budget Development:**
  - a. **Technology Plan:** Increase is due to combining with the Human Service Center. Our agency has over 100 computers and looking at upgrading 21 computers per year on a 6-7 year cycle. Currently have a contract for printing services with Rhyme at Timber Drive through 2027. After that we will work with IT to get on their printing system. Asking for \$147,026 to be budgeted. Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve \$147,026.00 for technology costs, Ms. Deb Condado seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.
  - b. **.5 Jail Crisis Service Facilitator:** Asking for a part time position to become a full time position. Sheriff's Dept. has the funds to cover this position, so it doesn't require additional county levy. Mr. Robb Jensen moves to approve the .5 Jail Crisis Service Facilitator, Ms. Deb Condado seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passes to move to Public Safety Committee, then to the Executive Committee.
  - c. **.8 LTE Recovery Worker (2) 29 hour Recovery Workers:** This position was previously provided by AmeriCorps. We are looking to bring these positions in house as LTE's. Funding from a Vital Strategies grant and Opioid Settlement funding would pay for the (2) 29 hour positions and funding from the COSSUP grant would pay for the .8 position, so again no county tax levy would be needed. Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the .8 LTE Recovery Worker (2) 29 hour Recovery Workers, seconded by Mr. Robb Jensen. All ayes. Motion passes to move to Public Safety Committee, then to the Executive Committee.
  - d. **Decision items – discretionary funding:** We'd like to continue to fund Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence as well as Supportive Home Care Program. We can eliminate funding for Chapter 55 Protective Placements

as this funding was typically folks that were put on a Chapter 51 hold. Since we are one agency we can absorb into our inpatient hospital stays budget. Doing this reduces the budget by \$40,000. Juvenile/Children & Family programs funding was cut in half in 2026. This is a big loss as this provided a bunch of services. Due to decrease in state funding and increase in cost, asking for \$19,208 increase to those program areas. Continue funding for Crisis Respite Child Program. Eliminate the Supported Housing funding. Mr. Jim Winkler made motion to approve as outlined; Mr. Steven Schreier seconded the motion. This is just preliminary estimation, as we will not know for sure until we start putting numbers into the budgeting system. All ayes. Motion passes.

- e. **Capital Improvement Project Process:** If we have any improvements that need to be made, we need to have them submitted by the next meeting.
- 4. **Applications for Citizen Member Vacancy - update:** We received 4 applications. Ms. Beth Hoerchler forwarded the applications to Ms. Tracy Hartman to give to Chairperson Mr. Scott Holowinski to appoint at the County Board Committee meeting.
- 5. **2025 Purchase of Service Contracts for review and approval:** A number of our positions are required to take an Ethics and Boundaries class every two years. We are looking to have our entire agency be trained in Ethics and Boundaries. We have a contract with UW-Steven Point to conduct this training. Reviewed the contract and noted that it is within the budget.
- 6. **Closed Session:** Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier to go into closed session. Second by Mr. Ted Cushing. Roll call vote – All ayes. Motion passed to go into closed session. Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing to go into open session, seconded by Mr. Robb Jensen. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 7. **Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session:** Motion made by Mr. Robb Jensen to approve step 6 for the Outpatient Clinic Manager. Ms. Deb Condado seconded the motion. All ayes with the exception of Mr. Jim Winkler voting nay. Motion passes. Also approved staff to work on contract with Forest County.
- 8. **Agency Update – Vacancies and Recruitment, Foster Parent Grant award:** We filled the Children's Service Support position with Ms. Amber Dickman, which leaves a Clerical Support position vacant. We have pending offers made to two CCS Facilitator positions and two CLTS Facilitators. We have an accepted offer for the ADRC Specialist with a start date of 8/11/2025 and an accepted offer for the ADRC/Dementia Care Specialist with a start date of 7/22/2025. We have posted for the Clerical Support and Economic Support positions. We received

applications for a CCS Facilitator. We are evaluating the need for the .5 FTE Billing Clerk position and reviewing a Peer Support Specialist position.

We were awarded \$5,794.00 for a Foster Parent Grant for normalcy and retention opportunities. The agency plans to hold Foster Parent events at Grandpa's Farm, ArtStart and Wildwood Wildlife Park Zoo and Safari. The normalcy dollars will be utilized to pay for items or fees that foster care payments do not cover.

9. **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.
10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **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.
12. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be August 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

  
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Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: July 21, 2025