ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Dan Hess, Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler, Ms. Mary Roth Burns, Ms. Angie Koch, Ms. Debbie Condado and Ms. Tiffany Rohan

Members Excused: Ms. Miranda Gavrilescu

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Ms. Leahan Drone 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 10:00 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. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. **Minutes of June 15, 2026 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the June 15, 2026 meeting minutes that were included in the packet, seconded by Ms. Debbie Condado. All ayes; motion carried.

3. **Public Comment:** None.

<u>Veterans Services:</u>

1. **Staffing Request:** Mr. Matthew Young indicated that he would like to continue the LTE 40% position that was originally requested last year to continue into 2027. Mr. Matthew Young would like to add this to the 2027 budget to be approved. Ms. Tiffany Kallio, who currently fills this spot, would also need to go through accreditation training. Mr. Jim Winkler asked Chairman Robb Jensen if this was appropriate with what he's heard of the financial climate of the County. Mr. Robb Jensen indicated that this is having the same position that is in 2026 for 2027 and with going through the hiring of a VSO, he felt this was a needed position. Mr. Jim Winkler asked Mr. Matthew Young about the veteran population in Oneida County. Mr. Matthew Young indicated that more veterans are moving to the area and his office is busier than past years. Mr. Robb Jensen also noted that the amount of veterans may not have changed, but the amount of veterans that are seeking services may have gone up. Mr. Dan Hess indicated that this request was for a $18,000 position, but the VSO will be receiving a $14,000 grant so basically this is just a $4,000 request from County levy. Mr. Robb Jensen made a motion to approve the request and forward it to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Mr. Dan Hess. All ayes, motion passed.

2. **Veteran's Service Officer Report:** It was noted by Mr. Robb Jensen that the VSO Report was received. Mr. Matthew Young indicated that Ms. Samantha Negron was officially moved from the LTE Administrative Support position to the Assistant VSO and Ms. Tiffany Kallio has been hired for the LTE Administrative Support position. Once the 40% position gets approved by the County Board, Ms. Tiffany Kallio will be going through the accreditation process. Matthew has almost completed his accreditation process. Mr. Dan Hess commented that the report was done very well.

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.

__Human Services__:

1. **Woodland Enhance Health Services Commission:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that a new member needs to be elected to the Woodland Enhance Health Services Commission, as Mr. Steven Schreier was the elected official that had been on the commission. There are two meetings per year for this commission. Assistant Director, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, attends this meeting via Zoom as well. Ms. Mary Roth Burns volunteered to be the representative. These meetings are at 10:00am the last Thursday of February and August. Mr. Robb Jensen made a motion to have Ms. Mary Roth Burns be the representative with Mr. Robb Jensen being the alternate. Ms. Debbie Condado seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

2. **LTE Energy Assistance Worker Staffing Request:** As discussed in the Executive Committee, the two LTE Energy Assistance Worker positions were passed. This request is to extend these positions into 2027. These positions are completely funded by the State. Mr. Ted Cushing made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Winker seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

3. **CLTS/CCOP Presentation:** Ms. Leahan Drone, Community Service Manager, gave a presentation on the Children's Long Term Support/Children's Community Options Program (CLTS/CCOP). CLTS/CCOP is providing services to 274 children in all three counties. There is no wait list. Have one worker that is scheduled to start next Monday in the Vilas office. In Oneida County we have 172 clients. We currently have 7 workers with one more starting shortly. Shared the Supports and Services at a Glance handout, which indicates the supports and services provided. Services are provided for people aged 0-22 years old. We are the provider of last resort. Discussed the Deciding Together Guide. This guide is used with parents and clients in order to decide how best to utilize the supports that are available. This promotes the voluntary aspect of this program. Discussed the CCOP brochure. CCOP is a funding program we offer. Many clients use CCOP to pay for some of the services within the community. The State does provide guidance as to what CCOP is able to provide. Ms. Tiffany Rohan asked if there is any promoting of this program for the community to learn more about this. Ms. Leahan Drone indicated that she is working on some outreach for this program within the communities of the three counties. Ms. Tiffany Rohan indicated that there is a barrier for children between ages 3-5 as it takes a year to get into Kohler Behavioral Health in order to get a diagnosis to be deemed eligible for the program. Ms. Leahan Drone indicated

that they are looking at the child's medical record to see if there are eligible diagnosis in those records instead of having to wait for the psychological evaluation done through Kohler Behavioral Health. Ms. Angela Koch indicated her experience with this program. Ms. Mary Roth Burns asked if this is state funded, which it is. Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that if anyone knows of any areas to do outreach to please let her know.

4. **Discussion of Committee meeting day and time:** Mr. Jim Winkler indicated that the 10:00am time of the meetings won't work with his schedule come the fall. Would like to move the meeting to 11:00am instead. Ms. Angela Koch indicated that 11:00am time would be fine with her as long as it won't change during the school year. Mr. Robb Jensen made the motion starting September the meetings will be the third Monday at 11:00am. Ms. Angela Koch seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

5. **Agency Update:** Since last month two Economic Support Specialists were hired. The Dining Site Manager has been filled for Lake Tomahawk. The CLTS Coordinator will start on Monday. One Behavioral Health Therapist that had accepted an offer to start on Monday called and rescinded his acceptance offer, so we are back to the drawing board with those positions. We have an Account Tech that will be moving to the Highway Department so that position will be posted.

   Program Updates include:

   The ADRC received an AmeriCorps Seniors grant for $127,497.00.

   The Federal Government changed the rules for SNAP regarding an error rate. States with an error rate above 6% are required to pay a share of the Federal SNAP benefit. SNAP payment error rates released show Wisconsin's error rate of 5.72%, making Wisconsin one of just 9 states that achieved error rates lower than 6% last year. Had Wisconsin not be under the 6% error rate Wisconsin would have to pay the Feds $69 million.

   Recovery events this month include Yoga in the Park and Picnic in the Park.

   Received the Act 260 Foster Care Grant totaling $5,232.12. This grant will be used to provide two events, one in the fall to Grandpa's Farm and another event in the spring to Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua. Any left over money will be used to purchase concrete supports.

6. **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. The number most are interested in is the $1.4 million deficit that is mostly based on out of home care costs. We are down from last year, so we are moving in the right direction. Question by Mr. Robb Jensen regarding the Economic Support numbers. Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that we are just waiting for the grant to come through on that. Once the County Finance Director starts and money can be moved around between revenue and expenses the reports will have less red numbers. The overall projected deficit will remain the same. We

look at out of home care placements monthly to see if we can get them back in the home. It's been noticed that working within one agency has made a considerable difference in collaboration to get these children home.

7. Public Comment: Mr. Robb Jensen indicated that the packet he presented to the Executive Committee will be shared with the members of this committee.

8. 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.

9. Adjourn: There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be August 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Robb W. Jensen — 7/20/2026

Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair — Date: July 20, 2026