

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Dan Hess, Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Debbie Condado, Mr. Jim Winkler , Ms. Tiffany Rohan, Ms. Miranda Gavrilescu

Members Excused: Mr. Ted Cushing, Ms. Angie Koch

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Ms. Tracy Bellman

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. Dan Hess to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of July 21, 2025 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Robb Jensen to approve the minutes of August 18, 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.

Human Services:

1. **New Citizen Member Miranda Gavrilescu welcome and introductions:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler introduced and welcomed our newest citizen member, Miranda Gavrilescu. Introductions occurred.
2. **Conversion of CCS Service Facilitator position to Mental Health Technician position:** Currently have a CCS Service Facilitator open. Would like to change that position to a Mental Health Technician. This would be 100% program funded which means it is cost neutral. Basically, this would be a change to name and position. Mr. Robb Jensen made motion to approve the change of CCS Service Facilitator to a Mental Health Technician as presented; Mr. Steven Schreier seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried. Forward to Executive Committee.

3. **Second Quarter Worker's Compensation report:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler went over the quarterly report. Mr. Dan Hess asked where this report comes from, as there was a name on this document. This document comes from LRES. Ms. Beth Hoerchler will notify them to remove names prior to putting into this packet.
4. **Impact of Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill on Wisconsinites:** Discussion on how the Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill ("Big Beautiful Bill") will impact Wisconsinites. Since SNAP was established, the federal government funded every dollar of SNAP food benefit. Starting October 1, 2027, states will be required to share 5-15% of SNAP benefit costs if the state's annual payment error rate is above 6%. Oneida County's only option is to work with the State to ensure that the cost of the State's portion won't trickle down to the Counties.
 - a. **SNAP (FoodShare) resolution:** Mr. Steven Schreier is interested in updating the resolution to be more Oneida County based, not just Wisconsin based, showing Oneida County numbers. This could be an attachment to the resolution. Ms. Lori Garber indicated that she wouldn't be able to pull out just Oneida County's number as we are in a consortium, but that currently our consortium's error rate is a zero percent error rate. Mr. Robb Jensen made a motion to send back to committee for more local information. Ms. Debbie Condado seconded. All ayes; motion approved.
5. **Energy assistance On Call Pay:** Currently Oneida County is required to be on call during the heating season, which is October thru May. The past couple of years, this has been completed by Ms. Lori Garber, but she is not able to be on call this entire time any longer. Asking that staff be compensated with \$20 per day when they are assigned the on-call phone. This would only be on Saturday, Sundays and Courthouse Closed days. A schedule shows this would be about 39 days. It was thought this was a good idea. Mr. Robb Jensen made a motion to approve On-Call pay as presented, Mr. Dan Hess seconded. All ayes; motion passed to move onto the Executive Committee.
6. **Biomarker rate increase:** One of the services that we charge for in the OWI Program is drug testing. The cost of running the Biomarker test has increased so we would like to increase the rate to \$95.00 to reflect that increase. Mr. Dan Hess made a motion to approve the rate increase. Ms. Debbie Condado seconded. All ayes; motion passed.
7. **Agency Update: Vacancies and Recruitment, Recovery Events, Foster Parent Grant award:** We have one Economic Support Specialist open, but we have to wait until October to post for this position due to the training schedule. There is a clerical position open and they're in the process of second interviews. The social worker position is also in second interviews at this time.

Having a Light up the Night Recovery event on Wednesday, September 17 at Hodag Park from 4:00-8:00pm. All are welcome to join. Judge Sowinski is the guest speaker.

We are working on an event at Grandpa's Farm this fall for Foster families that the Foster parent grant will pay for.

8. **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. There was a question raised regarding why there is a significant increase in RCC numbers since 2023? Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that it is the Judge that determines if a child is placed in out of home care. Once a child is placed then our agency works with the facility to get the child home as soon as possible. Currently our agency meets every Monday to discuss these cases to try to come up with ways to better serve these children/families.
9. **Public Comment:** None
10. **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.
11. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be October 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.



Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: September 15, 2025