

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

Members present: Mr. Jim Winkler, Chairperson, Ms. Linnaea Newman, Mr. Ted Cushing, and Mr. Robb Jensen

Approved absence: Mr. Anthony Rio

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Mr. Jason Dailey, and Ms. Jeri Driscoll

Other: Ms. Lauren Sackett, Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce

**1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:**

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Jim Winkler, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – October 19, 2023:**

Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2023 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**Veterans Services:**

**1. Northwoods Veterans Homestead Update:**

We had the Pig Roast Fundraiser and raised approximately \$30,000 before expenses. It should be around \$25,000 after expenses. Informational only, no action needed.

**2. 2023 Financial & Statistical Report, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vendor Payment Report:**

Mr. Jason Dailey went over the reports. Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen acknowledging the receipt of the reports, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. Public Comment: None**

**4. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

- Northwoods Veterans Homestead
- Normal Agenda Items.

## **Social Services:**

### **1. Oneida County Child Care Coalition:**

Ms. Lauren Sackett from the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce is part of the Oneida County Child Care Coalition and gave the committee an update.

In 2022, the Oneida County Childcare Coalition (OCCC) was formed and is comprised of individuals representing employers, providers, parents, local government, and nonprofit organizations. This task force grew out of Grow North's Oneida County Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building Grant.

The coalition has been established to raise awareness on the current state of childcare in our county, interconnect the network of services available within our county for parents and childcare facilities and advocate for the childcare industry.

#### Coalition and Grant Accomplishments:

- Supported 17 child care facilities with \$55,000 of sub-granted funds.
- Start an "Early Childhood Education" scholarship at Nicolet College. We were able to fund one \$1000 scholarship per school year for 3 years.
- Developed the Oneida County Childcare coalition website for education, resources and advocacy regarding childcare.  
Website – <https://ocwichildcare.com/about/>
- We launched our "State of Childcare Video" in October.
- We will be launching our other video series by the end of the year.
- We surveyed our community in April/May and will do so again in April/May of 2024 to see what has changed.
- We worked with Inspire WI to get "Early Childhood Education" added as a career path for high school students to see with the hopes of building up a career pipeline.
- Since we started the grant child care slots have increased from 390 to 453 as of 10/9/2023.

### **2. Human Service Center Structure Update – Consultant Contract:**

Ms. Mary Rideout updated the County Board on Tuesday and went to the Human Service Center Board last night. The Human Service center board questioned the authority of the Oversight Committee and will be asking their legal counsel to review. They also approved a retention and severance package.

Employees are needed no matter what the structure may be. That message is not being heard. Ms. Mary Rideout did offer to meet with staff.

Mr. Patrick Cork was hired as the consultant effective yesterday. It will cost an estimate \$10,800 for 2023, and an additional contract will be needed for 2024.

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the \$10,800 contract for the consultant for 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. 2023 Budget Year End Projections:**

Ms. Mary Rideout explained as long as there are no major changes we are anticipating breaking even at the end of 2023.

**4. Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Update – 2024 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant Application:**

TAD Grant Sub-Committee Progress:

- Sub-committee in favor of pre-charge options and received first pre-charge referral
- Welcomed and on-boarding of new Oneida County Case Manager, Shawna Malueg
- Discussions of the future of Oneida County OWI Court
- Outreach: Bar Association Discussion-October 18; met with Recovery Coaches and OC Sheriff's Department-October 26; Public Safety-November 9; Social Services Department Staff-November 14; Chiefs Meeting-January; stats/quotes for website: WJFW-waiting on JusticePoint approval.

Referrals:

- Since 10/12/23 Meeting: 4 new referrals. YTD Referred: 12.

2024 Grant Application is due today and will be submitted.

The CJCC Website is live: <https://cjcc.oneidacountywi.gov/>

**5. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Report:**

Viewed commercial from WJFW which is part of marketing at the ADRC.

Nutrition Program Update:

- Congregate (C1) meal and socialization had nice increases.
- Home Delivered (C2). We do a lot more home delivered meals.
- Concern is the meal cost and the funding received doesn't cover the cost. Lynn's Catering provides the meals.
- ADRC allocations for 2024 got an addition \$85,000. The Department of Health Services is using the increase to more equally distribute funding to the ADRCs.

**6. Agency Update: Staffing, Holiday Program:**

Staffing/Vacancies:

- We currently do not have any vacancies.

**Holiday Programs:**

- Through our Friday Jean Day donation program, staff provided a Halloween themed dinner to residents at NATH.
- Thanksgiving Program – We were able to help 38 families with Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Staff have also started organizing the Christmas program. We receive very generous contribution to this program.

**7. 2023 Financial & Statistical Reports, and Vendor Payment Report:**

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen acknowledging the receipt of these reports, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing; All ayes; motion carried.

**8. Public Comment:**


No Public Comment.

**9. Agenda Items for future Meetings:**

Introduction of Pat Cork, Consultant  
Usual Agenda Items

**8. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be December 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the ADRC.

  
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Mr. Jim Winkler, Chair

Date: November 16, 2023