

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2025**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Dan Hess, Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Debbie Condado

Members Excused: Ms. Tiffany Rohan, Ms. Angie Koch

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Mr. Joel Gottsacker (Zoom), Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Amber Dickman, Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Sara Tienhaara

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. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of May 19, 2025 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the minutes of May 19, 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. **Staff Presentation – Outpatient Clinic:** Ms. Sara Tienhaara presented on the Outpatient Clinic's duties, strengths, and opportunities for improvement. Most notably, there is no waitlist for any of their services provided.
2. **Federal Updates on Medicaid and Other Funding Effecting Human Services:** Congress is considering making changes to the Medicaid work requirement. The change would require able-bodied adults to work or participate in community services for 80 hours per month, or be enrolled in an education program at least half time to maintain their Medicaid eligibility. This requirement would go into effect in October 2029, although some members want it to take effect sooner. Another change they are looking at is doing redeterminations every six months instead of annually. This would essentially double the workloads for the Department's Economic Support staff.

3. **Committee Update – Citizen Member Vacancy:** Ms. Michele Hartness has resigned from the Committee. There will be information posted on the website and Facebook page to recruit applicants.
4. **Annual Report – 2024:** Ms. Heidi Chavez presented highlights from the Annual Report. The biggest change this year is the report also contains information on the programming from the Human Service Center. Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Ms. Debbie Condado to forward the Annual Report to the County Board. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Contract Approval: Dr. Oyinloye, Psychiatry Services:** The Department is requesting approval of the contract with Aptitude Pyschiatry Inc – Gbolahan Oyinloye, MD. The contract is for \$148,000 for the period of June 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. The contract is funded by a mix of insurance payments, County funds, and State funding. Dr. Oyinloye will provide services to children 11 and up, as well as adults, through the Outpatient Clinic. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Dan Hess to approve the contract for Dr. Gbolahan Oyinloye, All ayes; motion carried.
6. **Approve Continued Use of Limited Term Employee for Administrative Support:** The Department is seeking approval to continue using the Administrative Support LTE. Currently, a retiree has been brought back to help assist in training new staff on Netsmart. This has been invaluable. There continues to be vacancies within the Administrative unit due to an extended leave. This will allow for the LTE to help cover the vacancy for an additional eight weeks at up to 20 hours per week. The cost would be covered by vacancy dollars. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve continued use of LTE for Administrative Support. All ayes; motion carried.
7. **Request to Reduce to .8 for Substance Use Counselor Position:** The Department is requesting approval to reduce a current Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselor's hours from 40 to 32 hours per week, due to the employee's personal circumstances. The change would allow us to retain a highly trained, experienced, and effective counselor. It is hard to recruit new employees and it takes a long time to have a counselor fully trained. We are requesting this as a temporary reduction, until December 31, 2025, so we can evaluate the effectiveness of this reduction and any effects on service. Motion by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the request to reduce the Substance Use Counselor position to a .8. All ayes; motion approved.
8. **Request to Change Classification of Clinical Coordinator Position from Non-Exempt to Exempt Status:** Resolution 53-2024 was approved by the County Board on May 21, 2024. At that time, the County Board was aware there could be

changes to the staffing as the Human Service Director evaluated positions within the Department. Upon observation and further review of the Clinical Coordinator position, the Human Services Director and Human Resources Director do recommend the Clinical Coordinator position should be considered exempt. This position is responsible for providing frontline clinical and programmatic supervision to case management staff, assessing consumer functional eligibility, and for planning, arranging, monitoring, and coordinating programs and services provided. Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the request to change the classification of the Clinical Coordinator position from non-exempt to exempt status. All ayes; motion carried. Will move on to the Executive Committee.

9. **Request to Allow Part-Time Employee to Work up to 40 Hours per Week During Long Term Vacancies:** The Emergency Services Program is a state-certified program offering services to all residents of Oneida and Vilas Counties, experiencing a crisis. This program offers a 24-hour per day crisis line and crisis response team both in-person and telephonically. This fall, we are expecting a long-term (approximately 12 week leave) within the unit, followed by another staff taking long-term leave. Our part-time staff member is willing to work up to 40 hours per week to cover these vacancies. Additional costs could occur if the employee opts to take the County's health insurance as a full-time employee. We anticipate having sufficient budget within that unit to cover these costs should that occur. Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Ms. Debbie Condado to approve the request to allow the part-time employee to work up to 40 hours per week during vacancies. All ayes; motion carried.
10. **Agency Update – Vacancies and Recruitment, Recovery Events, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Events:** Five positions were hired since the last meeting. They include two Social Worker positions, a Social Worker Manager, a Behavioral Health Therapist, and a CCS Facilitator. Two CCS positions have interviews scheduled and there is an offer pending for one of the CCS Facilitator positions. An internal posting was listed for a Children's Service Support position. An ad will be going out in June for two CLTS positions and an ADRC Specialist. The .5 Billing Clerk is being evaluated for need. The Peer Support Team hosts monthly events for people in recovery and their families. The events have been well attended. The Peer Support Team is also collaborating with New Horizons to host summer events for Oneida County youth, ages 11-15. There will be bowling and movie nights alternating weeks. An event was held at the ADRC to recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. They hosted SINGO, BINGO with songs that symbolize all different types of scams. Resources on how to manage scams were provided to participants. Law Enforcement finished out the event with some local education on abuse topics.

- 11. 2024 and 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. Out-of-home care costs continue to drive the deficit. Department Managers and the Social Worker assigned to the case began to meet weekly to develop plans for youth who are in residential placement and are returning home. This allows time for youth to have necessary paperwork and/or screening completed for in community programs and shortens or eliminates the wait time for services. The transition back home is a critical time in the case process and becoming one agency has been crucial in this type of coordination of services. Staff from Child Protective Services, Behavioral Health and Children's Long Term Care will also meet monthly on youth at risk of out of home placement to coordinate care to keep them out of placement.
- 12. Public Comment:** Thank you to Ms. Mary Rideout for all you have done for the Agency and during the transition of becoming Oneida County Human Services.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be July 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.



Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: June 16, 2025