

**ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2026**

Members Present: Mr. Robb Jensen, Chairperson, Mr. Dan Hess, Ms. Tiffany Rohan, Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Jim Winkler and Ms. Debbie Condado (Zoom)

Members Excused: Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Angie Koch and Ms. Miranda Gavrilescu

Staff: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, 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 1:02p.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. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
2. **Minutes of February 4, 2026 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Minutes of February 9, 2026 Human Services Committee Meeting** Motion made by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026. All ayes; motion carried.
4. **Public Comment:** None.

**Veterans Services:**

1. **Veteran's Service Officer Report:** Mr. Matthew Young reported that VBATS account has been created. Looking to be fully accredited by June 15, 2026. Memorial Day ceremony is being planned. There is interest with the UW-Extension to get youth more involved with veterans. Will be meeting with them to discuss. There's been an increase in calls/walk-ins. The County has been helping cover in the Veteran's Office until their open position is filled.
2. **2025 Financial & Statistical Reports, Department Head Expense Voucher and Vendor Payment Report:** It was noted by Mr. Robb Jensen that the Financial Reports were received. Mr. Matthew Young indicated that there weren't anything out of the ordinary regarding finances.

## **Human Services:**

1. **Succession Planning IM Consortium workers:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that the IM Central Consortium (Langlade, Oneida, Marathon, Portage counties) has a workforce shortage. There are currently 5 vacancies and one worker on extended leave. This makes 110 additional cases per worker. Asking for the ability to hire immediately to overlap the time of hiring, which will be paid for by enhanced funding. The last recruitment took 8 months before we could hire someone. The State has given us a half million dollars to pay for positions that will reduce the error rate. Ms. Jenni Lueneburg indicated that what would be the difference is that the training for Economic Support only happens a couple time of the year, so to have to wait to hire someone until the training starts makes it difficult to hire. The uniqueness of this position is that the State is doing the training. Ms. Jenni Lueneburg is in support of this. Motion made by Mr. Robb Jensen that when Human Services receives a notice of vacancy for an ES position, the agency will be able to start the recruiting process and overlap the time in hiring, second by Mr. Ted Cushing. All ayes – approved to send to the Executive Committee
2. **Agency Update:** The child support position was accepted today. For program updates there are a number of events that we've done. 160 people participated in the Strengthening Families Dome Night. We have a number of interns with us so we highlighted them in this update. Ms. Sarah Hein accepted a position with our Birth to 3 program. Ms. Leahan Drone will be starting in the CLTS program.
3. **Closed Session: It is anticipated that motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c). "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility." Topics: Department Head Evaluation and Goals; Human Services Director. It is anticipated that the committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda. Announcement of action taken in closed session, if any.:** Motion made by Mr. Dan Hess, seconded by Ms. Tiffany Rohan to go into closed session. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, second by Mr. Dan Hess to go back into open session. We met to go over the evaluation and goals of the Human Service Director. Final document will be forwarded onto the Performance Review Team.
4. **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. Mr. Jim Winkler indicated that there were strange anomalies on the ES numbers. Ms. Beth Hoerchler stated she believed this was a typo, but will get back to the committee. It was noted that the out of home cases are coming down. Ms. Tiffany Rohan asked about the number of foster homes in this area. Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that we don't have very many and are actively recruiting for more foster homes.
5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Agenda Items for future Meetings:** Usual agenda Items. Mr. Dan Hess asked if we could move the meetings to 10:00am. All members present agreed that it would work better for them at 10:00am. Members should contact Ms. Beth Hoerchler or Mr. Robb Jensen if they would like something placed on the agenda.
7. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Robb Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee will be May 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mr. Robb Jensen, Chair

Date: April 20, 2026

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