

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2021**

Members present: Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Jim Winkler,
Mr. Michael Roach (Zoom)

Members absent: Mr. Bob Thome Jr. (Excused)

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Ms. Jeri Driscoll, Mr. Joel
Gottsacker (arrived 9:40 a.m.), Ms. Heidi Chavez

Public: None

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Chairperson. 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. Jim Winkler, to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – June 22, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of June 22, 2021. All ayes; motion carried

3. Public Comment:

One person present via Zoom but no comments made.

Veterans Services:

1. 2020 CVSO Annual Report:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski gave an overview of the Annual Report. There was one correction to be made on the cover letter being in the last paragraph fifth sentence should be versus rather than vice. Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the CVSO Annual Report. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Update on CVSO Grant:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that the Governor signed Act 58, and Sections 184 and 185 address the grant. The grant amount will be \$11,000 which went up from \$10,000.

3. 2021 Financial & Statistical Reports, vouchers, audits of payments and line item transfers:

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski reported that they continue to work on the scanning. Should see a little increase next month as the LTE was back in the office to do some of the scanning. No line item transfers. Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

One person present via Zoom but no comments made.

5. Agenda items for future meetings:

- ARPA – if applies.
- Usual Agenda Items

Social Services:

1. 2022 Budget – Technology Plan:

- Ms. Heidi Chavez presented the 2022 Technology Plan.
 - o The department received approximately 20 new computers this year due to COVID. Typically, computers are replaced every 5-7 years. It would not be feasible to replace 20 computers at one time in a typical year. The department has approximately 49 computers and would be replace 7 per year to keep on the 7 year rotation.
 - o The agency network is evaluated each year at budget time. The department will work with the County IT department closely to move DSS Servers onto the county servers by March 30, 2022. This will help to eliminate duplicate costs.
 - o Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve the Technology Plan. All ayes; motion carried.

2. State Budget Update – DSS/ADRC Items:

Ms. Mary Rideout went over the Wisconsin 2021-2023 Budget Summary for DSS/ADRC focusing on what effects this agency:

- Youth Justice
 - o Lincoln Hills daily rate increased from \$532 to \$1,154 (2021-2022) and \$1,178 (2022-2023).
 - o There will be a small increase in Youth Aids Funding.
- Children & Families
 - o Appropriated funds for the State to take payment responsibility for subsidized guardianships. Separate legislation is necessary to require DCF to take on this responsibility.
 - o Small increase in funding for child support enforcement.
 - o Increase in Targeted Safety & Support funds (TSSF), 1 million annually.
- Adult
 - o Dementia Care Specialists expanded statewide.
 - o Alzheimer's Caregiver program increased by \$250,000.

3. Capital Improvement Project request/update:

Ms. Mary Rideout reviewed the capital improvement project request/update:

- The request is for more permanent office/storage and meeting room space. Also the agency would like to move the visitation room from the back of the department to the front, near the entry door. This will provide for additional privacy for families and additional security, as families/participants will not be deep in the department where a number of offices are located. Ms. Mary

Rideout also explained that this could also be submitted under the rescue act funds. Total estimated cost is \$110,000. The request will come through Building and Grounds.

- Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte to approve the Capital Improvement Project request/update. All ayes; motion carried.

4. American Rescue Plan funding request:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented the Oneida County Funding Opportunities Relief Funding Request Forms for the Child Services Support Worker, Social Worker, Treatment Court, and DSS Offices Remodel. It is the hopes that this will reduce the cost of out of home care which would assist in covering the costs of these positions in the future if needed. Motion by Mr. Jim Winker, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve American Rescue Plan funding requests. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Opioid Lawsuit Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented a press release regarding Governor Evers Signing of Opioid Settlement Bill into Law. This puts in place a structure for the state and counties to receive opioid lawsuit settlement funds. Assembly Bill 374 will permit counties to use these funds to assist families which have been impacted by the misuse and abuse of opioids. Wisconsin needed to have a structure in place to receive the funds. AB 374 created such a structure, allocating 70% of the funds to counties and local government and 30% to the State's Department of Health Services.

6. Request for Limited Term Employee for family visitation:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that with the increase in out of home care we still need to maintain visits with families. 450 hours were already approved for this. The person currently in the Limited Term Employee position will be leaving the agency. We would like to continue for the rest of the year which would exceed the 450 hours. Motion by Mr. Jim Winker, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the Limited Term Employee position. All ayes; motion carried.

7. Agency Update: Staffing:

- After 20 years with Oneida County Department of Social Services Kim Haugen will be retiring on August 13, 2021.
- We have hired a new Social Worker for the current Youth Justice opening who will start on August 2nd.
- Because we had just completed interviews for Social Worker, we have made an offer to another candidate to fill the vacancy created with Kim's departure.

8. 2021 Financial & Statistical Reports, Vouchers, Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical Reports, Vouchers and Audit of Payment. The projected 2021 surplus for the Department of Social Services is \$ 30,251.

- Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler to approve Financial and Statistical Reports, Vouchers as presented. There were no line item transfers. All ayes; motion carried.

9. Public Comment:


None.

10. Agenda Items for future Meetings:

- Budget
- Usual agenda items

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Alan VanRaalte to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.



Mr. Bob Thome Jr.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Chairperson

Date: July 27, 2021