

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

Members present: Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. Bill Liebert and Mr. Jim Winkler

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Javenkoski, Mr. Jason Dailey, Ms. Amy Mayo and Ms. Megan Mode

Public: Ms. Tamara Feest

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

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – October 23, 2018:**

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of October 23, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

None.

**Veterans Services:**

**1. Veterans Services Office 2019 Long Range Plan:**

Ms. Tammy Javenkoski presented the Veterans Services Office 2019 Long Range Plan. Ms. Javenkoski stated it is difficult to develop a plan for a department with two people, but highlighted the key points in their vision for 2019.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2019 Long Range Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Introduction of Onyx, Assistant Veterans Services Officer's Service Dog:**

Mr. Jason Dailey introduced his service dog, Onyx. Onyx was trained by Custom Canine out of Merrill. Mr. Dailey presented the various skills Onyx is trained on and explained how she helps him.

**3. 2018 Financial/Statistical Reports:**

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to accept financial/statistical report. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the payments and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Carlson Dettmann Wage Study on Assistant Veterans Services Officer Position.

**Social Services:**

**1. WI Counties Association – County Ambassador Program:**

Ms. Mary Rideout informed the committee that she would like to apply for the County Ambassador Program. Applications are due by November 30, 2018. Ms. Rideout presented what this program is and why she has decided to join as it relates to receiving more child welfare funding. Ms. Rideout will be required to attend two to three meetings which will be held in Madison in 2019. Any county elected official may apply/participate, and Mr. Steven Schreier informed he also applied.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bill Liebert, to approve Ms. Rideout and Mr. Schreier's participation in the WI Counties Association – County Ambassador Program. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. 2019 Youth Justice Innovations Grant Contract:**

Ms. Rideout presented the Department of Children and Families 2019 Youth Justice Innovations Grant Contract, which is a \$50,000.00 continuation grant to assist with programming in older youth. Mr. Brian Desmond's concerns were outlined, which are not suspected to be changed by the State. All requests for changes are sent to the contract administrator and the Wisconsin County Human Service Association.

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2019 Youth Justice Innovations Grant Contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Federal Approval of Wisconsin's Medicaid Demonstration Waiver:**

Ms. Amy Mayo informed of the Federal Approval of Wisconsin's Medicaid Demonstration Waiver through 2023. This plan allows Wisconsin to provide BadgerCare Plus to adults without dependent children. Discussion was had on the goals and challenges with the waiver, specifically tracking of monthly community engagement activities needed to qualify, as well as the 48-month clock. Also discussed staff time associated with processing payments received on premiums.

**4. Request from The Human Service Center to Pay for Chapter 51 Mental Health Placement:**

Ms. Rideout presented the request from The Human Service Center to pay for a recent Chapter 51 mental health placement. A similar request was also made in

2016, with the Administrative Committee later approving the request in 2017, with the understanding an agreement needed to be made between the three counties and the Human Service Center to address these types of payments. No agreement has been developed. Ms. Tamara Feest from The Human Service Center was also present and discussion was had on how to resolve this issue. Ms. Feest stated she would agree to withdraw the current request and work on an agreement with Social Services for future cases.

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to direct Ms. Mary Rideout and Ms. Tamara Feest to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for Chapter 48/51 placements. Motion carried unanimously.

*The Agenda of the meeting was temporarily interrupted for a break at 9:47 a.m. and resumed at 9:53 a.m.*

**5. Resolution to Increase Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System:**

Ms. Rideout presented a WCHSA PowerPoint outlining county perspectives and recommendations to address Wisconsin's child welfare crisis. Ms. Rideout highlighted Oneida County's data. The Resolution is asking the State for \$30 million to be able to fund the rising out-of-home care costs and hire more social workers to help with increasing caseloads.

Motion made by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the Resolution to Increase Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Agency Update – Staffing; MOU with Human Service Center, Children First Program:**

- There will be interviews on Wednesday, November 28, for the Social Work Supervisor vacancy.
- The process for the MOU with Human Service Center regarding Chapter 51 and Chapter 55 placements had stalled, but has now resumed and hope to finalize an agreement in December.
- Children First Program provides funding to Child Support agencies to assist non-custodial parents find employment so that they can help support their children. Application for this program will be submitted by November 30, and the Department will seek committee approval in December.

**8. 2018 Financial/Statistical Reports:**

The committee reviewed the Financial and Statistical Reports. Ms. Rideout informed out-of-home placements have risen from 51 children in January to 84 currently. The Department is still projecting to be over budget, with a deficit of approximately \$200,000.00 for 2018.

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the 2018 Financial/Statistical Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Jim Winkler, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Update on Chapter 48/51 MOU with Human Service Center

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with Bob Kovar presenting

**11. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Steven Schreier

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Mr. Bob Metropulos, Chairperson

Date: November 27, 2018