

**ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**July 26, 2011**

Members present: Mr. John Hoffman, Mr. Peter Wolk, Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Jim Sharon, Mr. Paul Dean

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Tara Vandenberg, Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Donna Levknecht

Guests: Mr. Brian Desmond, Mr. Thomas Wiensch, Ms. Margie Sorenson

**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. John Hoffman, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Jim Sharon to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Minutes of June 28, 2011:**

Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Peter Wolk to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**4. Aging and Disability Resource Center (update report):**

Ms. Tara Vandenberg, Social Work Supervisor, advised the committee that the ADRC application has been turned in and it takes approximately 60 days for it to be reviewed. The committee was provided with a handout that showed who is on the Implementation Team that has the responsibility for responding to the questions posed by the review committee. It is hopeful that a Board is put together by September. All ADRC staff will be employees of Oneida County for at least two years.

**5. Future Direction Economic Support Program:**

A handout was provided to the committee regarding changes to Economic Support. The Governor's proposal centralizes the administration of the State's income maintenance program. All counties are required to organize into no more than 10 multi-county consortia for the purpose of administering income maintenance programs. The county must submit to DHS no later October 2, 2011 if it plans to join a consortia or opt out, and DHS is to approve composition no later than October 31, 2011. The county would then be required to enter into contracts with the consortia beginning January 2, 2012. The handout also provided to the committee the State's responsibilities.

The committee was advised that if we don't join a consortium, the department will lose 7 employees and the State would take over. If the county joins a consortium

or opts out we would need to contribute to an amount at least equal to the amount the county expended for those purposes in 2009 (\$90,594.00).

Ms. Amy Mayo, Economic Support Supervisor advised the committee that she believes the agency does better service, her staff know the clients, and knows the resources available in the area. She explained that her staff works very closely with other units in the department to provide quick service and lower fraud rates due to communication.

Discussion held. A decision needs to be made at the August meeting on how to proceed. Mr. Paul Spencer was advised to attend meetings and continue to meet with other counties on consortiums (Brown and Marathon).

**6. Vacancy Review – Social Worker Position:**

The committee was informed that Ms. Melissa Clark resigned from her position as social worker to take a job in the Lac du Flambeau School District. Mr. Paul Spencer requests that this position not be filled until after the first of the year, as he'd like to see if money could be saved by using current staff and contracted workers to provide the Coordinate Services Team services.

Motion made by Mr. Peter Wolk, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson to hold this position open pending further review. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. 2011 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports**

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that \$576,756.79 will be returned to the county for 2011. Motion made by Mr. Peter Wolk, seconded by Mr. Paul Dean to approve the 2011 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The bills and line item transfers were reviewed by the committee. Motion made by Mr. John Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Jim Sharon to approve the bills and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Agenda items for the August 30, 2011 meeting:**

Next meeting will include more information on Economic Support and updated information on the Aging and Disability Resource Center. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee was moved to August 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**10. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. John Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be August 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Paul Dean, Secretary