

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 22, 2015

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. William Freudenberg, Mr. Mitchell Ives, and Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Ms. Susan Liberski

Excused: None

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 Ms. Carol Pederson, 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. Mitchell Ives, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee – November 24, 2015:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee minutes of November 24. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. Update on Assistant CVSO Position:

Jason Dailey is currently doing Training, Responsibility, Involvement, and Preparation of Claims (TRIP) training online, most of which is being done from home. He has four online classes to complete then will begin the accreditation. He is expected to be accredited by spring 2016. There is a grant which will pay for his accreditation so there is no cost to the county.

2. 2016 Budget Status:

Ms. Walters reports that nothing has changed except that the accreditation for Jason will be paid for by grant money so therefore there should be extra money left in the budget.

The current WDVA grant is effective for 2016 and 2017. The grant can pay up to \$10,000. In 2016, only \$5,000 can go towards the CVSO's salary and the remainder of the money can be applied for if costs were incurred for certain, pre-determined equipment, training, or mileage. In 2017, only \$2,500 can go towards

the CVSO's salary and the remainder of the money can be applied for. It is not known at this time what will happen with the grant after 2017.

3. 2015 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

Ms. Tammy Walters reports that the line item transfers, per Margie Sorenson in Finance, need to be done by February.

Monthly report was reviewed. Comp time is working well.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the vouchers and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Update on how things are going in the office.

Update on Jason's training process.

Department Head Evaluation

Social Services/Family Care:

1. 2016 Blanket Purchase Orders:

Ms. Mary Rideout reported that the authorized payments are now categorized and on one page and the signing of this report allows Social Services to make all payments as needed for 2016.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to accept blanket purchase orders. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2016 Meeting Schedule:

2016 meetings will be scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month. Changes can be made if needed.

3. 2016 Long Range Plan:

Ms. Mary Rideout reported that this has now become the 2016-2018 Long Range Plan as it has become a much more involved process. She reported there will be more follow up meetings with the Long Range Plan (LRP) Committee and then quarterly meetings will continue thereafter.

The vision elements have basically remained the same as we've had in the past, however based on the results of the SWOT process the LRP Committee added a new goal, #4 "Provide effective community education to increase service awareness."

The committee will review the plan and make recommendations at the January meeting.

4. Social Worker Retention Strategies Update:

The agency has replaced one social worker this year. This is a great improvement over previous years.

The agency is looking at more staff flexibility, has a new interview process and a shortened hiring process.

Internships are being looked at and the agency is working with Upper Iowa and Corporation Counsel to have an approved agreement by spring of 2016.

New social workers now must sign a contract for length of service which has been signed by two workers so far.

Though we have seen improvement in retention, the Department will continue to monitor and update our plan.

5. Staffing and Legislative Update:

Interviewing has been completed for the Information Specialist and the position should be filled sometime in January, 2016. Economic Support interviews will begin soon and it is hopeful that the position will be filled by the end of January. The part-time Clerical Support position has been filled by Megan Fawley.

Ms. Rideout provided information on pending legislation. Senate Bill 323/Assembly Bill 429 is still being discussed and monitored. This bill would require the Department of Social Services to report all referrals to Law Enforcement and coordinate the investigation.

Senate Bill 280/Assembly Bill 378 that would move first-time, non-violent 17 year olds back to the Juvenile Justice System is still pending. The agency has no problem with this happening as it feels that's where they should be, however there is no funding allocated for this population.

There are several bills pending regarding Public benefits. One limits the types of food that can be purchased with Food Share. Another requires a photo ID cards for Food Share recipients.

Assembly Bill 284/Senate Bill 204 would make causing or threatening bodily harm to certain child welfare and juvenile justice workers a Class A Felony.

6. 2015 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency will have a surplus of approximately \$392,000.00 for the year.

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the 2015 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Approval of the Long Range Plan

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Mitchell Ives seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, January 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in First Floor Conference Room on the first floor. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: December 22, 2015