

RESOLUTION # 93-2017

Resolution to authorize leasing office space to the Wisconsin Division of Veteran Affairs

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Social Services Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) applied for and received a \$1.2 million, 3-year grant for the Veteran Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) which provides mental health and substance abuse services to homeless and/or chronically homeless veterans in Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, in September 2017, the grant was given a 3-month extension to expire in December 2017.

WHEREAS, the WDVA, understanding the positive impact of the VORP program, agreed to continue funding the program indefinitely from their budget.

WHEREAS, the WDVA began looking for free or less costly office space in Rhinelander to house their VORP case manager.

WHEREAS, there is no other VA-funded homeless veteran program in Oneida County so the County Veterans Service Office works very closely with the VORP case manager to help keep veterans from becoming homeless or helps homeless veterans obtain housing.

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Medical Examiner, who has office space by the County Veterans Service Office, has agreed to allow the VORP case manager to use an office on a full-time basis.

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Ground Committee approved the lease of office space to the WDVA at their meeting on October 16th, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has agreed to rent office space in the courthouse to the WDVA for the use of administering VORP for the amount of \$1.00 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk and the Oneida County Board Chairperson are authorized to sign the attached lease;

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

10/24/17

Approved by the Social Services Committee this _____ day of _____, 2017.

