

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 27, 2012

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Ms. Candy Sorensen, Mr. Bob Martini, Mr. Paul Dean

Excused: Mr. Bob Metropulos

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Donna Levknecht

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 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 made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee - August 28, 2012:

Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of August 28, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Update Economic Support Program Funding 2013:

Ms. Amy Mayo, Support Programs Supervisor, provided the committee with handouts showing statistical information on the IM Central Consortium. Information provided shows the IM Call Center below the standards, but in acceptable range. Discussion on time it takes to answer a call, compared to other consortiums. A Resolution should be ready by next month's meeting to go before the County Board to continue in the IM Central Consortium. The committee was advised that there are two consortiums failing, Northern and Western Consortiums, and they are asking for additional monies to keep them up and running.

5. 2012/2013 Fuel Assistance Program:

Ms. Amy Mayo, Support Programs Supervisor, provided the committee with handouts showing the number of families served and amount paid out in the Fuel Assistance Program. One employee is contracted and the Economic Support staff provide additional assistance in taking applications. The average benefits paid out is \$358.00 for heat and \$159.00 for electric. Payments go directly to the vendors and applied as a credit on their bill. This heating season 776 applications were mailed to families on fixed income, and 300 applications have already been received back. The Department contracts with Vilas County to take applications for them if clients are from their county at an outreach, and they pay the agency \$10.00 per application taken.

6. Status of Family Court Commissioner Support Services:

Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., informed the committee that we are continuing in providing support services to the Family Court Commissioner, which is about 2 hours per day. The County currently wants 2 offices from our department for additional space for other offices to move in to the Health Department's old space.

7. Vacancy Review – Certified Social Worker:

One of the social workers for the agency, who has been employed here 1 year 3 months, has taken a job elsewhere. The agency has paid \$4,000 to train her. Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr. states that he has proposed longer probationary periods, with a 4 tier plan for repayment of some of these trainings costs if they leave. Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini, to fill the Social Worker vacancy and to forward it on to Labor Relations/Employee Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2012 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that approximately \$485,079.16 will be returned to the county. Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the 2012 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The bills were reviewed by the committee. There were no line item transfers. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agenda items for the September 27, 2012 meeting:

On the agenda for next month will be the Resolution for continuing in the IM Consortium and an update on the talk with Labor Relations/Employee Services.

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Candy Sorensen, Secretary