

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 23, 2012

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Ms. Candy Sorensen, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Bob Martini – 9:25

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Beth Hoerchler, 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 9:00 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 made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee - September 27, 2012:

Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of September 27, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Resolution for participation in IM Central Consortium 2013:

The committee was provided a copy of the Resolution that needs to go before the County Board to continue in the IM Central Consortium for another year. This Resolution will be placed on the agenda as a Consent item. In the Resolution Line 44 gives the committee authority to continue in the consortium each year, without the need for it to go before the County Board, unless something unusual comes up.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Paul Dean to approve the Resolution as presented and to send it on to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chapter 55 Protective Placements: Status Report:

A handout was provided to the Committee regarding Chapter 55 Protective Placements. Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Social Work Supervisor and Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr. explained that more Chapter 55 placements are happening and they are high cost placements. Ms. Hoerchler explained that Chapter 55 is a protective service for adults, and there is no financial eligibility. Most protective placements last for life of the person. The department is trying to find other revenues to help pay for these placements, but if none is found, the county is responsible. These types of placements are usually an emergency, as they are usually unable to take care of themselves. Mr. Spencer advised the committee that there have been about a dozen referrals this year, and he believes this will keep increasing. There is currently \$65,000 in the 2013 budget for these types of placements.

It was explained that staff are able to take these clients into custody, and usually to an emergency room to see if any medical issues need to be addressed. The worker will screen the issues, and when medically released, find an appropriate placement. A requirement in Wisconsin Statutes is that the placement is licensed. Staff will check with relatives to see if they wish to care for the client, and if so, a criminal check is completed on the caregiver. A court hearing must be heard within 72 hours of placement for a guardian to be appointment.

The committee was informed that a supervisor reviews all intake referrals and assigns it to a worker. Depending on the situation, law enforcement might go along with the worker when contact is made.

A handout was provided to the committee on Adult Welfare concerns. Discussion held. Mr. Spencer advised that social worker staff have contact with their clients at least one time per month, either by telephone or face-to-face.

6. 2012 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that approximately \$589,812.83 will be returned to the county. Motion made by Mr. Paul Dean, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the 2012 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The bills and line item transfers were reviewed by the committee. Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Paul Dean to approve the bills and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda items for the November 27, 2012 meeting:

Ms. Candy Sorensen requested to be excused from the November 27th meeting.

9. 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 10:06 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Candy Sorensen, Secretary