

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 23, 2013

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

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Mary Gadzalinski, Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Donna Levknecht, Ms. Mary Grefe, Ms. Brenda Vandenberg, Ms. Karen Smith

Guest: Mr. Marcus Nesemann - The Northwoods River News

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

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee - March 26, 2013:

Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of March 26, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Service Awards:

Service awards were presented to employees by their Supervisor. The committee voiced their appreciation of the staff members.

**5. Biennium Budget Update: 1) Income Maintenance Program Changes
2) Child Support Funding**

Ms. Amy Mayo, Support Programs Supervisor provided a handout to the committee with updated information on changes in the Income Maintenance Program to begin October 1, 2013. Most significant change is in the medical assistance programs. The state dropped the poverty level which will make many people ineligible for the Core Program, and they would then need to reapply for the Marketplace. Marketplace isn't set up yet, so it is unknown as to how this program will work, and whether applications are taken locally, or some other way. Issues: 1) case load increases; 2) no system to apply for Federal Program, with an estimate of 60% choosing to apply locally; 3) clients could apply for other programs at time of application; 4) employers must carry insurance if they employ over 50 employees full time, or pay a penalty of \$2000 per employee.

Some employers cutting employee's hours below full time; and 5) staffing issues – difficult to know if more staff are needed – 3 months training. Biennium Budget Update will be placed on the May 28th agenda.

Mr. Paul Spencer, Jr. informed the committee that the Governor's Budget is cutting 1.5 million from the child support budget. If passes, we will lose between 25-50% of the local funding. This will be dealt with in the budget process.

6. Cap changes on CBRF funding:

Ms. Mary Rideout, Lead Financial Services Supervisor explained the handouts provided to the committee. Money is being shifted between Long Term Support categories to maximize services and address the waiting list for CBRF. There was a 25% cap set by the County. By combining special funding, the new cap will be 60%. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the Cap change in funding for Community Based Residential Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution of Support for Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38:

Ms. Candy Sorensen provided information on Resolution in Support for Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38. Wisconsin County Associations are endorsing these two bills as well as 40 hospitals so far. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the Resolution and to pass it on to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2014 Budget Priorities and Schedule:

Handouts provided to the committee on Prevention and Intervention programs. A new area is Adult Welfare Concerns. It was recommended by Mr. Bob Martini, that a short paragraph be added before presenting the budget what is happening with the department and addressing the problem areas. This will be brought back before the committee at the May 28th meeting.

9. 2013 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that the agency will have a deficit of approximately \$151,558.44 for the year. Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the 2013 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

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

11. Agenda items for the May 28, 2013 meeting:

Agenda items for the May 28, 2013 meeting will include Biennium Budget Updates and the 2014 Budget Priorities.

12. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Candy Sorensen

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: May 28, 2013