

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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August 27, 2013

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

Absent: Mr. Greg Oettinger

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Amy Mayo, Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Donna Levknecht, Ms. Heidi Brown

Guest: Mr. Jonathan Anderson, Lakeland Times

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 – July 23, 2013:

Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of July 23, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Counties to Access Federal Enhanced Funds- (Request Letter):

Handout of Letter for Accessing Federal Enhanced Funds for the Affordable Care act was given to committee. Ms. Candy Sorensen brought to the attention of the committee that there might be funds available to the counties and consortiums through the Federal Government. Also, wanted to let everyone know this is still in the works and it has not gone away. Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr. believes this would be something that needs to be accessed through the consortium not individual counties.

4. Affordable Care Act Implementation Process:

Ms. Amy Mayo, Support Services Supervisor, provided a power point presentation on the Affordable Care Act Implementation Process. The committee was informed that interviews for the two new positions were done on 8/21/13 and 8/22/13 and the anticipated start date is 9/9/13. Staff will complete both online and class room training which will be done by 10/24/13. The agency will still be required to start taking applications on 10/1/13. When notices go out to clients in September stating that there may be changes to their benefits, additional staff will be put on the call center. Applications can be accepted online through Access for Badgercare and Healthcare.gov for the Marketplace. Single Adult applications will be held until 11/18/13 and then the agency will be required to

process all of the applications received within 30 days. As a consortium, there will be the ability for the counties to process each other's applications, and there is additional funding for overtime to get the applications processed.

Open enrollment for the Marketplace ends on 3/31/14. After this date, individuals will have to pay a fee for not having insurance. Fees will be applied when taxes are filed in 2015 for 2014. Fees will go up for the year 2015.

Economic Support will be changing to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules when processing applications to have processing consistent and uniform. This system will follow tax guidelines.

Any changes on the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act will be brought to the attention of the committee on a monthly basis.

6. 2014 Final Budget:

Ms. Mary Rideout, Lead Financial Services Supervisor, provided a power point presentation on the 2014 Final Budget. The agency will be operating on the same tax levy as last year. Mr. Bob Martini requested the wording of the goal be changed to put the services up front as being most important. Out-of-home placements were brought up as being the key driver in the budget. This is a required service. Graphs and charts were used to display this information.

Committee had discussion and questions on prevention and intervention services for children.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the 2014 Budget for the Department of Social Services as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Vacancy Review Certified Social Worker:

Handout of the Vacancy Analysis was given to committee for a Social Worker position in Child Welfare Unit. Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr. informed committee this position is due to an employee being on a Family Medical Leave and being unable to return to work. Position does not require 6 month waiting period.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the filing of the vacant Certified Social Worker position and refer it on to LRES. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2013 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that the agency will have a return of approximately \$131,343.10 for the year. Motion made by Ms. Candy Sorensen, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the 2013 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. 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 Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the bills and Line Item Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agenda items for the September 30, 2013 meeting:

Agenda items for the September 30, 2013 meeting will include updated information on the Affordable Care Act and study results on Social Services Secretary position.

11. 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 10:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Monday, September 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Candy Sorensen

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: September 30, 2013