

**ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**November 26, 2013**

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

Absent: None

Staff: Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr., Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Amy Mayo, and Ms. Heidi Brown

Guest: None

**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 Ms. Candy Sorensen, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – October 22, 2013:**

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of October 22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**4. Affordable Care Act Implementation Status:**

Ms. Amy Mayo stated that the changes to Badgercare that were to take affect January 1, 2014 are now being proposed to be postponed until April 1, 2014 in a Special Legislative Session next week. The updates that were supposed to go into CARES by November 18<sup>th</sup> did not. Therefore, childless adults will still not be able to be covered by Badgercare yet. We are telling those people to apply to the Marketplace for now. After the state legislature meets next week, we may have more information. One staff member is trained that was hired for the Affordable Care Act changes, and the other staff member starts December 2, 2013.

**5. 2014 Vision Elements (Long Range Plan):**

There was a handout provided that indicated the changes being made to the plan. This is a plan that is updated annually. Maintain Prevention and Intervention was added at well as Recruit Foster Home placements. All the services we provide are mandated by State Statute; therefore this is just how they are implemented. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob to approve the 2014 Vision Elements (Long Range Plan). Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Agency Staffing Update:**

Mr. Paul E. Spencer, Jr. presented the agency organizational chart and indicated that 36% of the staff started in 2011 and after. He stated that the agency is a very young agency. He indicated that the Children and Families Unit is a big driver to our budget because of children being placed in out of home care. This unit only has 3 Social Workers hired prior to 2011, so it is a very young unit that is still in training.

**7. Staff and Agency Security:**

Mr. Paul E. Spencer discussed the risks staff face being part of the agency. A handout was provided of how the front desk handles being verbally abused or threatened. The agency is a locked agency that can only be accessed by employee key cards. Visitors must wear a visitors pass and be escorted by a staff member. Armed officers in the courthouse help to monitor the agency. Lights were put up in the parking lots so staff wouldn't have to walk in the dark to their vehicles while being on call or after hours. The agency works very closely with law enforcement for the safety of our staff.

**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 surplus of approximately \$296,012.11 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.

**9. Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:**

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

**10. Agenda items for the December 23, 2013 meeting:**

Agenda items for the December 23, 2013 meeting will include updated information on the Affordable Care Act.

**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 10:05 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Monday, December 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. Candy Sorensen

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Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: December 23, 2013