

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 28, 2014

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

Absent: None

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Mary Gadzalinski, Ms. Amy Mayo, and Ms. Heidi Brown

Guest: Mr. Jonathan Anderson, Lakeland Times, Ms. Lisa Charbarneau, Human Resources Director, Ms. Erin Tenderholt, Rhinelander High School Board Representative

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 Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – December 23, 2013:

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of December 23, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

3. The Social Services/Family Care Committee shall be requested to adjourn into Closed Executive Session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to Discuss Employee Medical Leave.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Candy Sorensen to move into Closed Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Bob Martini, aye; Mr. Greg Oettinger, aye; Ms. Candy Sorensen, aye; Ms. Carol Pederson, aye. The committee moved into Closed Executive Session.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to move into Open Session at 9:35 a.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Bob Metropulos, aye; Ms. Candy Sorensen, aye; Mr. Bob Martini, aye; Mr. Greg Oettinger, aye; Ms. Carol Pederson, aye. The committee moved into Open Session.

4. Announcement of Action in Closed Session, If Any.

No action was taken.

5. Public Comment:

None

6. Social Service Director Vacancy Review and Recruitment:

Ms. Lisa Charbarneau stated the current director will retire on February 3rd. According to county code the board can choose to promote from within the agency, within the county, or recruit for employment outside of the county. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to fill the Social Service Director Vacancy within the Department and recommends Ms. Mary Rideout for the position. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Affordable Care Act Implementation Status:

Ms. Amy Mayo provided a handout to the board with the changes to the Affordable Care Act Implementation. Staff will be finishing their final training this week. The department will start processing applications in February under the new tax guidelines.

8. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that at the January 16th meeting of the Commission, it appears that they will approve us as being accepted as a member. This acceptance allows us to be in the Commission as of October 2013. This means we will be charged a lower rate for placement effective in October 2013.

9. Vacancy Review Social Worker:

The position being requested is Long Term Care Social Worker. Motion made by Ms. Carol Pederson, seconded by Mr. Bob Martini to approve the filing of the vacant Social Worker position. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Review Potential Fees for Guardianship/Protective Placement Action:

Ms. Mary Rideout stated that this would be based on income limits and would need further investigation. It was requested that this be looked further into at a later date due to current Agency changes. Board agreed.

11. Coordinated Service Team (CST) Grant Application:

Coordinated Service Team allows a group of individuals involved in a case to work together to problem solve and keep the family intact. The agency has the ability to apply for a Grant program for up to \$62,123.00 due on February 15, 2014 to help restart this program in Oneida County. The final step in the application process will take County Board action. There would be no additional funding needed by the county for this program. Motion made by Ms. Candy Sorensen, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve moving forward with the application process. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Social Worker Training Review:

Ms. Mary Gadzalinski provided the board with information on training requirements of the Social Workers in the agency for the Children and Families Unit. The state requires every Social Worker have 40 hours of Pre-Service training, 15 days of Foundation Training, and Basic Juvenile Intake Training. Basic Juvenile Intake Training is required to be on-call since it allows the worker to take children into custody. The initial training of a worker takes about 1-2 years to complete. Every 2 years social workers are required to have 30 hours of training completed to renew their license.

10. 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 \$303,064.41 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.

11. Audit of Payments and Line Item Transfers:

The bills were reviewed by the committee. Motion made by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There were no Line Item Transfers.

12. Agenda items for the February 25, 2014 meeting:

Agenda items for the February 25, 2014 meeting will include updated information on the Affordable Care Act and funding waitlisted clients.

13. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Martini, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Candy Sorensen

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: February 25, 2014