

**Troy Township**  
**Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Committee Chairperson Trustee Jerome Nudera, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Supervisor Joseph D Baltz.

**In Attendance:**

Chairperson Trustee Jerome Nudera, Jr.	Vice-Chairperson Trustee Johnnie Greenwood
Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Collector Dawn Damiani
Administrator Jennifer Dylík	Community Services Director Cindy Stasell(non-voting)

A quorum is established.

Guests and Citizen Comments:

Chairperson Nudera opened the meeting up for public comment. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Chairperson Nudera closed the meeting for citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Nudera presented the minutes from July 24, 2025 Social Services Committee meeting, for approval. The motion was made by Administrator Dylík; seconded by Vice-Chairperson Greenwood to approve the minutes from July 24, 2025, Social Services Committee Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Nudera-Aye; Greenwood-Aye, Baltz-Aye, Damiani-Aye, Dylík-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Review and Discussion: Administrator Dylík reported on the following: At the last meeting we discussed reaching out to the township attorney about the 4 areas to provide assistance: lodging, pet boarding, medication and possibly food. To break down the categories to insured and uninsured, for hotel if insured the insurance usually helps after Red Cross; uninsured Red Cross picks up 1-2 nights then maybe we could pick up 1, 2 or 3 nights after that. For pets to check with the attorney, which he responded yes, we could probably consider that under lodging assistance. Medication to help with a gift card to a local pharmacy for a few days' prescription. Dylík presented the written documentation from the attorney and discussed what the written documentation states and the categories proposed. Lodging could cover 1,2 or 3 nights, pet boarding 1,2 or 3 nights can be reframed and recommends coverage under lodging assistance category. Medication assistance aligns with health-related purposes and food assistance category supports health and wellness objectives. Dylík referenced all the sections that the attorney had stated in his written document and attorney's opinion to establish a foundation but that is something to consider later. Nudera asked were there any questions on the recommendations from the attorney. It is his understanding we can combine the pet boarding into the lodging assistance. Greenwood asked about lodging not being designated for pets or a set dollar amount for pets, as some places allow pets. Nudera stated some pets can be service animals and would be covered. There was no other discussion on the attorney's opinion.

Coverage, Policies, Applications Review and Discussion:

- Coverage: Lodging, medical, food. We would be coverage of last resort. If they were unable to get coverage through anyone else, then they would come to us.
- Lodging could be 2-3 nights, estimating number of nights we could provide. Per Dylík, Cindy is still trying to contact the Red Cross. Other programs we found, criteria number one is has the Red Cross been contacted and have they deemed this as an emergency for these people. Our thoughts were, if the Red Cross is involved and helping to provide lodging and our next criteria is for lodging, if they are uninsured, could we possibly enter into a service agreement with the Red Cross. Then we don't have to relocate people. We have not made contact yet with the Red Cross, as we are still looking at that option. Baltz ask if we could put verbiage in that if you are insured that we will cover up to 7 days and then they have to reimburse us. Stasell stated usually housing with insurance is immediate. If your house burns down Red Cross could step in and then, if you have insurance, your insurance steps in. Stasell discussed that

insurance companies work with companies to find housing for the insured, and it is paid directly to the vendor. Nudera spoke about a person at the Red Cross, Brian McDaniels, and whether he is still there. Stasell asked what if the event was on a weekend and we are working with the Red Cross how would be go about seeing if they qualify. Dyluk stated that we need to make contact with Red Cross and hopefully the Red Cross helps the person through the weekend. Nudera discussed the amount of coverage and how many nights. Stasell presented information on local motels costs and availability. Baltz asked about the rates and why some of the hotels are sold out of double bedrooms for the year. Stasell explained that Catholic Charities or other organizations may be using for housing. Nudera and Baltz asked if we could contract directly with the motels. Dyluk reminded everyone that is why we want to work directly with the Red Cross and requested additional time to make that contact with Red Cross.

- Medications 1-3 days supply. It would have to be from the pharmacy that they currently buy their medications. We could give them funds to buy the medication directly from the pharmacy. Greenwood stated that some pharmacies will give them 3 days of medication. A full prescription would go through their insurance. Nudera stated if we are dealing with someone and we are last resort then they may not be receiving anything. Hopefully they will have some type of insurance, Medicare or Medicaid that it could pricey for 1-3 days of medication cost. Nudera asked if Red Cross covers this. Dyluk stated we do not know. That we will need to check on this.
- Food 1-3 days. Nudera stated we could contract with Jewel or Mariano's for groceries. Stasell stated we could give gift cards to Aldi's or local restaurant for a couple of days. Nudera asked again about contracting with a grocery store or restaurant. Dyluk explained how gift cards are used in General Assistance and rules that went with receiving gift cards. Nudera discussed a per diem for meals at a restaurant. Stasell explained that other townships did set amounts. Greenwood asked about an overall limit per family. Dyluk agreed that we should set a max. Damiani asked about formula and diapers. Stasell sited information from other townships and having flexibility. Nudera asked to establish what our max amount should be and break it down to categories. Baltza about the old voucher system, Nudera responded it would be gift cards. Nudera went on to discuss income guidelines and Stasell presented what the past emergency assistance guidelines were. Dyluk discussed not requiring an income and asset guideline. That Red Cross could communicate to the residents.
- Nudera discussed on defining coverage, limits, policy, and application procedures. Dyluk stated items to be done will be reach out to Red Cross, Wheeling Township policy, sample table benefit amounts and bring the information back to the committee. Nudera asked if there was any other questions or information. Stasell reported that Village of Shorewood does not have any help in these situations, as was requested by Nudera.
- Date and time for next committee meeting was agreed upon by the committee for September 18, 2025. Nudera stated if more time was needed then we would decide on another meeting date and notify the committee.
- Nudera asked for any other announcements. No other comments or announcements made.

Motion for adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Joe Baltz and seconded by Administrator Jennifer Dyluk. All were in favor (no roll call vote).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Cindy Stasell, Secretary