

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2025
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21, Chair	Absent	
Lee Hennick	Chippewa County	District 15, Vice-Chair	Present	
Darren Kirby	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
John Halbleib	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Nichole Wallsch	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
Robert Bullwinkel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep, MD	Late	8:06 AM
Marcia Kyes	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others Present: Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner, Caleb Johnson, David Pfeiffer, Kyra Secraw, and Sarah Zielke; Public Health Staff: Brittney Fortuna, Audra Knowlton, Sarah McQuillan, Allie Isaacson, Jenny Lenbom, Tabby Wessels, and JoAnna Bernklau; County Staff: Todd Pauls, Sam Renner, Chuck Hall, and Hillarie Roth; Members of the Public: Senator Jesse James, Bonnie Ackley, and Karen Lotts.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Bonnie Ackley spoke about Human Services programs for children. She feels the system has not been productive in helping a family member and would like to see more Human Services involvement for children and their safety.

Karen Lotts advocated for this child and is concerned for the child's safety.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
SECONDER:	Darren Kirby, District 5
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch
AWAY:	Bullwinkel

1. Introduction of new Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger - Paul Brenner

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger gave a brief history of her role as the Economic Support Manager, and she is looking forward to her new role and responsibilities.

2. Approve the Agenda

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3. Approve the Minutes

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4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - April 17, 2025

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Public Health 2024 Annual Report - Brittnay Fortuna

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the 2024 Annual Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch
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6. REPORTS

1. Human Services Success Story - Community Support Program - Caleb Johnson/David Pfeiffer
Social Worker Caleb Johnson and Social Worker David Pfeiffer shared a Community Support Program success story. They shared positive qualities of the client, challenges, and progress during treatment. Services are mostly in-house with a team approach, contributing to the program's success. She has been sober for four years with her determination and support from her team and family. She is graduating from the program and will transition to community-based resources for continued success.
2. Public Health Policy, Practice, and People - Community Health Division - Allie Isaacson/Jenny Lenbom
Community Health Division Manager Allie Isaacson and Community Health Nurse Jenny Lenbom talked about public health preparedness. Collaboration is a key component that strengthens preparedness efforts. They highlighted information on preparation, response, recovery, partnerships with community entities, ways to get involved with preparedness efforts, and the Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC) membership.
3. Friend of Public Health Recognition - Brittnay Fortuna
Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the 2025 Friend of Public Health Award to Senator Jesse James, recognizing his unwavering commitment to protecting children, advocating for mental health, and combating the opioid epidemic. Fortuna shared many of the ways that Senator Jesse James has been an advocate for mental health, substance abuse initiatives, and advancing policies that protect and empower Wisconsin's most vulnerable populations. Thank you for advocating for public health.

Senator Jesse James addressed the Board and shared his goals and passion for advocating for children. He is focusing on mental health and substance use disorders and working on getting more treatment facilities in the state. He stated the Overdose Aid Kits (OAK boxes) are making a difference and we need to continue to provide education to our youth.

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4. **Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report - Bobbie Jaeger**
Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. Jaeger highlighted several items from her report:
 - Brandi Engel was hired as the new Administrative Assistant IV.
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center - Aging Advocacy Day is May 13.
 - Children with Differing Abilities - Staff vacancies and welcome Jacob Keuler.
 - Youth justice - Cost of the Juvenile Detention Center rates have increased.
 - Economic Support - Beth Nyhus is the new Economic Support Manager.
 - Recovery & Wellness Consortium - Thank you to student intern Micah, recruiting for a mental health professional, received funds from the Substance Abuse Block Grant, and Dr. Kevin Hess will be leaving.
 - Brenner highlighted the Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Placements data and costs.
5. **Human Services 2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan Updates - Bobbie Jaeger**
Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger provided updates for the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, which included focusing on the education of programs and services, employee engagement, increased partnerships, opportunities for efficiency with the website and Facebook, marketing of programs to the community, CLTS has made great progress working to correct data and complete the Corrective Action Plan, and they are currently working on the 2025 Strategic Plan.
6. **Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report – Brittney Fortuna**
Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. Fortuna highlighted several items from her report:
 - Administration - Wrapped up billing, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, April, provides support to 72 moms and distributed five car seats.
 - Community Health - The Public Health kiosk was installed in January and the total of items dispensed was reviewed. Thank you to Tabitha and JoAnna for providing Narcan administration training in the Jail. Narcan administration training is displayed on the Jail's iPad and TV. Communicable disease data was reviewed.
 - Environmental Health - Thirty-eight inspections completed, three landlord and tenant complaints, thirteen water samples and seven bacteria samples collected, upcoming annual reviews, and meeting with Chippewa Valley Music Festival.
 - Nutrition - March is National Nutrition Month, March 12 is Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day, a grant received from Chippewa County Dental Endowment Fund to purchase supplies promoting oral health, Blood Drive on May 27.
 - Planning and Strategy - Partnered with stakeholders for Access to Care Collaborative, Bloomer School District will provide the PreVenture program, school road tours wrapping up, Chippewa County Healthy Communities newsletter, Single Point of Entry data, and functional screen data.
 - Years of Service - Pangya Thao celebrates 7 years
 - Recruitment for the vacant Planning and Promotion Specialist ended and interviews will be held next week.
7. **Public Health 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan Updates - Nikki Hoernke**
Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna presented the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan updates. Including the activity progress of the Communication Team and the creation of the Non-Emergency Media Relations procedure, the Health Equity Team and the completion of the all-inclusive voice mail system in Spanish and Hmong, the Performance Management/Quality Improvement Team will be launching a new performance management system, and the Workforce and Engagement Team with the creation of staff-

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individualized training plans.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Hennick, Kirby, Ericksen, Mueller, Halbleib, Bullwinkel, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives, Wallsch