

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2022
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	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 2 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Caden Berg	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
John Halbleib	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Nichole Wallsch	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Stacey Sperlingas	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Marcia Kyes	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others Present: Kristen Kelm, Community Health Division Manager; Tim Easker, Human Services Director; Pauline Spiegel, Human Services Administrative Assistant; Audra Knowlton, Public Health Administrative Assistant; Sarah McQuillan, Public Health Fiscal Manager; Paul Brenner, Senior Fiscal Manager; and Leslie Fijalkiewicz, Aging and Disability Resource Center Division Manager

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	James Ericksen, District 8
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 15, 2022

5. REPORTS

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1. Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report

Easker presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report and highlighted several items from his report: promotion of Erica Campbell to Child Protective Services Supervisor and Ashley Brott to Child Protective Services Manager, Michelle Collins as the new Foster Care Coordinator to recruit foster care homes and support foster parents, compiling the results from the ProQOL and present at a future Board meeting, attend the Wisconsin Counties Association meeting August 22 for the opioid settlement funds, Children and Youth Out-of-Home placements were the lowest in July, Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) placements are down, and Child Protective Services numbers remain low.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. Human Services 2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan Updates

Easker presented the Human Services 2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan Updates and reviewed progress made to date for the Leadership Team objectives. Fijalkiewicz also reviewed the progress made to date with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) objectives.

There was a recommendation to have staff attend the Board meetings to present on activities being completed within the department to share the positive outcomes and promote employee engagement.

A reminder was given that the Epidemiologist position in Public Health was hired to help with data analysis for all departments within the County.

Easker congratulated Economic Support on the great work they recently completed with their website redesign.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report

Community Health Division Manager Kristen Kelm presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report in the absence of Public Health Director Angie Weideman.

Kelm thanked Steele and Ives for attending the 140 Review for remaining a Level III Health Department, the Medical Equipment Loan Closet has been very busy and purchased new equipment, there are now cases of Monkeypox in Wisconsin and vaccine has been ordered to have on hand, Chippewa County is in a Low Level for COVID-19, new guidance from CDC changed for quarantining, Kelm and Weideman completed Naloxone (Narcan) training and Kelm trained over 40 individuals in the community and will be training staff in the Chippewa County Jail, Environmental Health has 77 licensed tourist rooming houses and had an Intern research unlicensed facilities in the county, a couple county beaches have had elevated bacteria levels and blue/green algae, August is World Breastfeeding Month, the USDA Public Health Emergency for WIC was extended to January 2023 and will continue to meet virtually, Western Regional Center submitted a grant proposal to continue to fund the Regional Center, and she reviewed the years of service for Public Health staff in August.

There was discussion held on the recent blue/green algae on the lakes in the County and the need to look more at the water quality and safety of the beaches.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 vaccine administered and ensuring individuals know the side effects

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prior to receiving the vaccine. It was recommended to have information on the Public Health website. Kelm stated a consent form is given at the time of administration of the Janssen vaccine that lists the risk factors.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 46-22: Resolution to Proclaim September 2022 as "Recovery Month in Chippewa County"

The Resolution to proclaim September 2022 as "Recovery Month in Chippewa County" was reviewed and discussed. The Resolution was approved to forward to the County Board.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/13/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Caden Berg, District 13	
SECONDER:	Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep	
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes	
ABSENT:	Ives	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Steele recommends adding funding in the County Budget for more extensive beach water testing.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 AM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Caden Berg, District 13
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2022
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Health & Human Services Board meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Vice-chair Harold Steele.

2. ROLL CALL

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Stacey Sperlingas	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
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Others Present: Angie Weideman County Health Officer/Public Health Director; Tim Easker, Human Services Director; Pauline Spiegel, Human Services Administrative Assistant; Sarah McQuillan, Public Health Fiscal Manager; Randy Scholz, County Administrator; Lori Wedemeyer, Human Services Fiscal Manager; Paul Brenner, Human Services Senior Fiscal Manager; Leslie Fijalkiewicz, ADRC Manager; Kyra Secraw, CYF-CWDA Division Manager; Tom Diel, RWC Division Manager

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

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MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Caden Berg, District 13
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - August 18, 2022

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5. REPORTS

1. Advisory Boards/Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of July 7, 2022 Aging & Disability Resource Center Board Meeting were presented for review.

2. Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report

Director Tim Easker presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report and highlighted several items from the written report: children and youth out-of-home placements, Child Protective Services (CPS) staff updates, financial information, and Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) information. Easker also provided new information from Department of Children and Families (DCF) on increasing targeted safety support funds (TSSF), a program that serves families when children are unsafe and at risk of removal from their home by reducing trauma to keep them safely in the home, thus reducing out-of-home placements.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report

Director Angie Weideman presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report and highlighted several items from the written report: COVID-19 vaccine, monkeypox on the rise geographically, environmental health (fair and Rockfest held last week), PFAS water contamination, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) (presence at weekly farmers market), Western Regional Center (WRC), and financial information. Weideman also provided an update on Chippewa County's risk level moving from low to medium since publishing of written report due to the new Omicron variant.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Public Health 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Updates

Director Angie Weideman highlighted accomplishments from each strategic priority area of Public Health's 2020-2023 strategic plan - Communications, Health Equity, Performance Management/Quality Improvement (PM/QI), and Workforce/Engagement.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Review Draft Resolution to Create Part-Time Options Counselor in ADRC Effective September 2022

ADRC Manager Leslie Fijalkiewicz explained the purpose of the resolution to create a part-time Options Counselor position in the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Division of the Chippewa County Department of Human Services. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dean Mueller, District 20
SECONDER: Caden Berg, District 13
AYES: Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT: Ives

2. Review Draft Resolution to Create a FT Environmental Health Position in Public Health

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Director Angie Weideman explained the purpose of the resolution to create a full-time Environmental Health Specialist position in the Chippewa County Department of Public Health. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caden Berg, District 13
SECONDER:	James Ericksen, District 8
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

3. Public Health 2023 Budget

The Public Health 2023 budget was reviewed and approved as presented to forward to the Chippewa County Administrator.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

4. Review Draft Resolution to Create a CLTS Social Worker in DHS Effective 1-1-2023

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Manager Kyra Secraw explained the purpose to create one full-time Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) social worker position in the Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA) Unit of the CYF Division in the Department of Human Services. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caden Berg, District 13
SECONDER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

5. Review Draft Resolution to Create 3 CCS Social Worker Positions in DHS Effective 1-1-2023

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Manager Kyra Secraw explained the purpose to create three full-time Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) social worker positions in the Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA) Unit of the CYF Division in the Department of Human Services. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caden Berg, District 13
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

6. Review Draft Resolution to Create Clinician Position in RWC Division to Provide CCS

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Recovery & Wellness Consortium (RWC) Division Manager Tom Diel explained the purpose of this resolution to create one full-time clinician position in the RWC Division in the Department of Human Services. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	James Ericksen, District 8
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

7. Human Services 2023 Budget

The Human Services 2023 budget was reviewed and approved as presented to forward to the Chippewa County Administrator.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Caden Berg, District 13
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

8. Revised Human Services Policy 12 - HIPAA Security and Privacy

The second wave of revisions to Human Services Policy 12 - HIPAA Security and Privacy were reviewed and approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

9. Public Health Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Appointments

Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) member appointments are approved by the Health & Human Services Board. The candidates for the PAC were approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Caden Berg, District 13
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

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The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caden Berg, District 13
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Ives

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1

Human Services Director Tim Easker provides a department program and financial report for review and discussion.

Director's Report to the Health & Human Services Board

Tim Easker

Board Meeting Date: August 18, 2021

1. WCHSA Updates

Division of Children's and Families (DCF)

- **Additional TSSF Funds**-An additional 10 million dollars of funds will be made available from August of 2022-December of 2023. Division of Safety and Permanence is currently conducting sessions related to the origin, use and purpose of these funds. The first presentation was completed during the last week of July the and two more are slated for August 2nd and 4th.
- **Division of Safety and Permanence Informational Memo 2022-16i** "County Child Welfare and Youth Services Complaint Process" has been posted to the Department of Children and Families' memo website. This memo has been discussed previously with WCHSA and has gone through the review process.
- **Division of Safety and Permanence Informational Memo 2022-17i-** "Changes to the Federal Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Voucher Program" This memo is a revision to Department of Children and Families (DCF) Informational Memo 2020-36i, providing a review of the Federal Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) housing voucher program and detailing a change to program eligibility. Originally, eligibility criteria required that an individual was in foster care at age 16 or older and homeless or at risk of being homeless on or after that age to qualify for FYI. However, there is no longer a specific age requirement related to time in foster care. Rather, an individual's initial foster care involvement could have occurred at any age. This change is reflected throughout this memo; all other content remains unchanged.
- **Authorizations for School-Age Children for the 2022-2023 School Year**-Since the COVID-19 pandemic, school districts have offered a virtual learning option and during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, Wisconsin Shares implemented a temporary policy to allow school-age children to receive an authorization if a child participates in virtual instruction in a location other than the school building or completes schoolwork at a time other than during the typical school day. This temporary policy will continue for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Children in grades K through 12 can receive an authorization if the child attends virtual school at a child care provider location or if the child is temporarily absent from school due to a health reason and independently completes packets of school work. This policy will be permanently incorporated into the next handbook update.

An Operations Memo will be published in August providing local agencies with this guidance. The postcard mailing to families with current Wisconsin Shares authorizations reminding them to request their fall/back-to-school child care authorizations is going out this week and DCF wanted to also provide this information to local agencies ahead of the Operations Memo.

Division of Health Services (DHS)

- **DHS Receives First Opioid Settlement Funds Payment, Submits updated Proposal to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance** - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced today that it has received the first payment of more than \$6 million from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation (NPOL) settlement funds. Last Thursday, in anticipation of receiving the NPOL funds and in compliance with state law, DHS submitted an updated proposal to the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance for how to use and invest the nearly \$31 million Wisconsin was awarded from the NPOL for calendar year 2022. The NPOL funds are part of a nationwide agreement that was made with three major pharmaceutical distributors and Johnson and Johnson, to prevent, treat, and support recovery from opioid use disorder.

- **Gov. Evers, DHS Announce \$2.5 Million in Telehealth Grants for Behavioral Health Providers-** Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) today awarded more than \$2.5 million to 27 providers for community behavioral health services that will provide access to mental health and substance use treatment and recovery supports through telehealth. Grantees will use this one-time funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to expand access to these important services by removing location and technology barriers to care. Private behavioral health telehealth stations with the tools needed for virtual appointments will be set up in central locations for people who may be struggling to access the services they need. There are several providers in the area that received a grant award.
- **Peer Recovery Center Opens in Menomonie** Wisconsin's newest drop-in center offering support to adults experiencing mental health concerns is now open in Menomonie. Kaleidoscope Center is managed by the Wisconsin Milkweed Alliance, which received a \$30,000 peer recovery center grant last summer from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). Staff are trained members of the community who have experienced their own mental health concerns. They use their experiences to help others through stressful situations.
- **Training Available: Managing Threatening Confrontations**-The Bureau of Children's Services is partnering with Community TIES of Community Outreach Wisconsin to offer a free training to support the implementation of changes to restrictive measures policy that went into effect in January 2022. The training is open to both county waiver agencies and providers for the Children's Long-Term Support Program seeking to expand their toolbox for supporting children and youth with complex behavioral support needs. This training is free but registration is necessary.
- **Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid HCBS Grants Supporting Quality and Innovation**-DHS is investing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to create a statewide home and community-based services (HCBS) grant program. Available to organizations operating statewide, regionally, or locally, these grants will be able to reach any community, from rural to urban, and be responsive to the needs specific to operating in those settings. Visit the ARPA HCBS Grants webpage for details about the grant opportunity. Applications will open August 11, 2022.
- **988 Now Available**-The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides care and support to people experiencing stressful situations—whether that is thoughts of suicide, a mental health concern, or a substance use issue. It is a free and confidential service that is available 24/7. People of all ages who need help for themselves or a loved one can access the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling 988 (multiple languages), sending a text message to 988 (English only), or using the chat feature at 988lifeline.org (English only).

Department and Division Updates

Department Updates:

- On the 22nd of this month, I will be attending a Wisconsin Counties Association meeting to gather more information regarding allowable expenses for the opioid settlement funds noted above under DHS updates.
- I am pleased to announce Ashley Brott has been promoted to manager in the Child Protective Services unit and Erica Campbell has been promoted to supervisor. Ashley has been a supervisor/lead worker in CPS for many years and a member of our leadership team. Erica's name may sound familiar as she was involved in the Child Abuse and Neglect reporting consortium with Pepin, Monroe, and Taylor Counties as lead access worker. When the partnership dissolved, she assumed the lead worker access role for Chippewa. She has also been a part of the leadership team for well over a year. It is always my desire to promote from within when possible. Both have earned their positions through hard work, knowledge, leadership ability and a shared vision with the entire Chippewa leadership team to make this a great place to work. I thoroughly believe a door does not close without another (or two) opening. We are very fortunate.



- We are currently in the process of compiling data from two surveys that have been recently administered. One is the ProQOL or Professional Quality of Life Scale. This was administered to DHS staff and measures compassion satisfaction, burnout, and secondary traumatic stress. The second is the consumer satisfaction survey that lets us know how satisfied customers are with the service they receive.
- We would like to recognize the following dedicated staff for their years of service: Chris McNamara (Child Protective Service) 1 year, Erica Campbell (CPS) 7 years, Trish Houle (Recovery and Wellness Consortium), and Kelly Zimmerman (ADRC) 16 years. THANK YOU!

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- Retirements are bittersweet...hard to say goodbye while still wishing the best for the person retiring. This is how we are feeling about the retirement of our long time Disability Benefit Specialist, Kay Hebert. Kay started working for Chippewa County in 2001 with the Development Center (CRI). In 2008 she was hired as the Disability Benefit Specialist for the ADRC. Those are actually county years, but she was a contracted employee with the Development Center 1989-2001. We are planning to do a retirement party in the near future.
- We were able to hire an Administrative Assistant to assist folks with enrolling in our in-home support and caregiver programs. Carmen Olson will be starting on August 22 and we are very excited to have her join our team.
- We are still accepting registrations for the Chippewa Valley Advocacy Training on September 20th. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills AND learn about issues you didn't even realize were issues! This event is a partnership between ADRC of Chippewa and ADRC of Eau Claire Counties. It will be at the Eagle's Club 1:00-3:00 pm. It is free and you can register by going to www.adrcevents.org and click on the calendar event for September 20. You can also call 715-839-4735.
- On August 9, 2022, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors approved the part-time Options Counselor position. Jessica Gibson, our LTE Options Counselor will be increasing her hours in the coming weeks! We are happy to have her smiling face around the office more hours each week. And our customers will be happy too.
- Keep an eye on our Bridging Chippewa County newsletter or Facebook page because we have a lot more workshops starting this fall. Whether you are interested in learning more about brain health, Medicare, memory loss, preventing falls, managing your health, or just want to join a book club, we probably have something that will fit your schedule. Registration details will vary per workshop.

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division

- **Chippewa County's Birth-to-Three (B-3) Program** received a "meets requirements" for their State Determination Status for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022. Staff worked very hard to receive this determination. Staff are starting to sign families up for the Children's Museum Passes from the grant they received. Staff are also scheduled to complete the Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN) training in November. FAN is a conceptual framework and training model for improving the communication skills of professionals who serve families. It is an approach to building better relationships between professionals and parents and ultimately between parents and their children. Referrals continue to be busy. Ashley Brott was promoted to Manager of Birth-to-Three and Child Protective Services in August.
- **Child Protective Services (CPS)** has many staffing changes occurring including new transfers and hires. The team is focusing on Secondary Trauma and Burnout to support staff. The team is also partnering with the community to offer Conscious Discipline Parenting Courses in October 2022. Erica Campbell was promoted to Supervisor of Child Protective Services in August.
- **Youth Justice:** Staff are gearing up for the start of the school year.
- **Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA):** Our new CWDA Supervisor, Karla Halverson, joined us at the end of July. Karla will be supervising the Children's CCS workers. Welcome, Karla!!



Economic Support Division

No updates this month.

Fiscal & Contracts Division

The Fiscal team continues to be busy ensuring timely provider payments. We are also continuously looking to increase efficiencies and processes which is also part of our Strategic Plan. The Fiscal team is also starting the recruitment process for a new Fiscal Manager as Lori Wedemeyer is done as of August 15, 2022, as she accepted a Senior Accountant position with the State of Wisconsin.

Recovery & Wellness Consortium (RWC) Division

RWC – Core Counties (Buffalo, Chippewa and Pepin) have been awarded from Department of Human Services the Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth (CCISY) grant. Why this grant is important?

- A CDC survey in August 2020 on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting Americans' mental health found 75% of respondents between 18-24 years of age reported at least one adverse mental or behavioral health symptom. Twenty-five percent of respondents in this age group seriously considered suicide in the 30 days before completing the survey.
- According to The National Institute of Mental Health, 20% of American youth will experience some degree of depression and 30 percent of depressed teens develop a substance use disorder. Additionally, teens have higher levels of anxiety than adults. NIMH found that nearly 32 percent of teens have suffered from an anxiety disorder in the past year.
- The focus of the grant will be to provide training (crisis intervention and DBT- Step A skills) to school personnel. This will then allow the school personnel to teach student resilient skill set derived from DBT Therapy. It is hope by equipping teens with these basic life skills through practice, teens will develop into healthier adults; better able to meet life's challenges.

3. 2022 Monthly Fiscal Information

Through Month of: July 2022

Prorated 2022 Budget (total is \$24,807,743):	\$14,471,183	7 months
Expenses paid through July:	14,596,545	
Variance to Budget:	\$125,362	

Note: The May Over/(Under) amounts are an estimated annualized amount for each placement category as of May 31st. Prior months estimated amounts are shown to indicate if expense variances are trending up, down or remaining the same.

2022 Kinship Placement with a Relative

Month	Kinship	Projected Cost	2022 Budget*	Over/(Under)
January	106	\$369,402	\$394,020	(\$24,618)
February	105	375,414	394,020	(18,606)
March	107	379,940	394,020	(14,080)
April	107	380,097	394,020	(13,923)
May	109	381,240	394,020	(12,780)
June	109	380,644	394,020	(13,376)
July	106	379,620	394,020	(14,400)

2022 Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Placements

Month	Out of Home*	Out of Home**	Projected Cost*	2022 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	86	15	\$2,729,304	\$1,577,818	\$1,151,486
February	85	14	2,745,456	1,577,818	1,167,638
March	81	14	2,819,543	1,577,818	1,241,725
April	89	10	2,803,043	1,577,818	1,225,225
May	78	9	2,780,072	1,577,818	1,202,254
June	80	6	3,024,355	1,577,818	1,446,537
July	74	5	3,021,844	1,577,818	1,444,026

* Children and Youth in Placement: Foster Care, Treatment Foster Care, Group Home, Residential Care

**Additional children placed with relatives (unpaid)

2022 Adult Mental Health and AODA Out-of-Home Placements:

Month	Out of Home	Projected Cost	2022 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	13	\$368,280	\$713,987	(\$345,707)
February	11	371,700	713,987	(342,287)
March	13	407,640	713,987	(306,347)
April	13	440,254	713,987	(273,733)
May	13	428,388	713,987	(285,599)
June	12	478,200	713,987	(235,787)
July	11	469,740	713,987	(244,247)

2022 Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) Placements

Month	Inpatient Days	Projected Cost*	2022 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	114	\$662,556	\$401,392	\$261,164
February	117	737,190	401,392	335,798
March	170	879,884	401,392	478,392
April	149	1,024,512	401,392	623,120
May	102	777,560	401,392	376,168
June	49	835,486	401,392	434,094

* IMD invoices are received two months in arrears

Note: The following reports show monthly disbursement amounts for each placement category. The month shown is the month the invoice was paid (not the month the charge was incurred)

Month	Kinship Amount Paid	Kinship Monthly Budget
January	\$0	\$32,835
February	31,529	32,835
March	30,739	32,835
April	32,417	32,835
May	32,095	32,835
June	32,202	32,835
July	31,040	32,835
Total	\$190,022	\$394,020

Month	Children & Youth	Children & Youth Monthly Budget
January	\$123	\$131,485
February	239,303	131,485
March	156,872	131,485
April	234,202	131,485
May	247,302	131,485
June	349,317	131,485
July	278,417	131,485
Total	\$1,505,536	\$1,577,818

Month	Adults	Adult Monthly Budget
January	\$2,650	\$59,499
February	20,966	59,499
March	20,787	59,499
April	28,790	59,499
May	53,561	59,499
June	32,237	59,499
July	38,196	59,499
Total	\$197,187	\$713,987

Month	IMD	IMD Monthly Budget
January	\$0	\$33,449
February	0	33,449
March	24,194	33,449
April	124,083	33,449
May	82,785	33,449
June	103,068	33,449
July	151,830	33,449
Total	\$485,960	\$401,392

Department of Human Services – Consumer/Caseload Data

Child Protective Services (CPS) Screened-in CPS Reports Yearly Comparison

Year	Screened in CPS Reports 01-01-22 to 07-31-22	Number of IA Workers	Projected End of Year based on 01-01-21 to 07-31-22	Actual End of Year
2022	123	4	211	N/A
2021	140	4	240	199
2020	179	4	307	261
2019	162	4	278	272
2018	158	4	271	250
2017	98	3	168	186

WCHSA Caseload Recommendations

Initial Assessments: 11 cases per worker with no more than 6 new assessments per worker per month

Ongoing: 10 cases per worker with no more than 15 children per worker

Current CPS Family Caseloads (08-10-22)

Caseload Type	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Initial Assessment	5	7	7	6						
Ongoing					17	16	14	13	16	14

Total Families/Cases Open: Initial Assessment = 25; Ongoing = 90; equals 115 Total

Out-of-Home Placement Yearly Comparison

Total Children/Youth Served January 1 to current Date of Each Year (includes Kinship)

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
150	161	162	169	189	168	110	59

Children/Youth Opened in CCS and/or CLTS (August 2022)

Children/Youth Opened	15
Children Waiting to be Screened to Determine Eligibility	5
Waitlist - CCS	0
Waitlist – CCS/CLTS (Dually Eligible)	0
Waitlist - CLTS	39

Current IMD Expenditures

Children/Youth – IMD	\$ 164,629
Adults – IMD	\$ 331,750
Total	\$ 496,379

Yearly Comparison Crisis: January – June

	Adults	Children
2022	432	123
2021	379	126
2020	421	108
2019	449	110
2018	389	108

Yearly Comparison Youth Justice Referrals

Year	Jan-May	End of Year
2022	130	312(Projected)
2021	109	236
2020	124	243
2019	176	362
2018	201	351

In the Spotlight



Featuring TWO Children, Youth & Families —
CWDA (Children with Differing Abilities) Division Staff

- ◆ Janelle Shearrow - New Employee
- ◆ Amanda Conrad - New Employee

- ◆ **What is the best career lesson you have learned so far?**
You can't control how other people treat you, but you can control how you treat them—be kind.
- ◆ **What would you do for a career if you weren't doing this?**
I think being a realtor would be a lot of fun, aside from all of the paperwork and unsteady pay.
- ◆ **What do you like to do when you aren't working?**
I like to spend time with my family and dogs. I also enjoy running and being outdoors.
- ◆ **What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?**
I have three dogs and one cat. My pets are like my children.
- ◆ **What is your favorite thing to do in the Chippewa area?**
I love to explore all of the little shops and restaurants.
- ◆ **Three words to best describe you:** Motivated, Caring, and Funny (or at least I try to be!)
- ◆ **Top three life highlights:** Meeting my husband, Graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Getting married
- ◆ **One thing you can't live without:** Diet Coke
- ◆ **One TV show/movie you are ashamed to admit you love:** The Office
- ◆ **If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?**
Gymnastics. I always wanted to be like Shawn Johnson after watching the 2008 Olympics.
- ◆ **How old is the oldest pair of shoes in your closet?** I'd say maybe 6 years old.

Janelle Shearrow



Amanda Conrad



What's a fun fact about you many people may not know? I have my eyeliner tattooed on.

What, if anything, have you ever re-gifted? I got a set of really ugly raccoon coffee cups and they've been gifted from me and to me twice! They just keep coming back!

Where's your favorite place in the world? Pipa in Brazil. It was just amazing, beautiful and we got to see wild dolphins (including a baby one). Seriously one of the best days I've ever had.

Which way does your toilet paper hang on the wall-over or under? I honestly don't care at all and just throw it on there. It really bothers my boyfriend and he only wants it one way... so I constantly go change it to mess with him.

In the Spotlight

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Showcasing the ADRC - Off Site Nutrition Team

This month we feature two Nutrition Site Aides. Rose has been a site manager for 18 years at the Chippewa Falls site (volunteered about six years previous to that) and Laura is a new site aide at Bloomer and excited for this new role. Thank you for your dedication to the program and recipients of the home delivered meals.

Rose August

What is your favorite thing to do in the Chippewa area? I especially enjoy the summer months in the Chippewa area. We live on small Lake Wissota and love the lake activities. The very best time is the two weeks around the 4th of July when our three sons and their beautiful wives and our six grandchildren come to visit. We spend almost all our time on the lake. It's a very stress free and wonderful family time. It's better than Christmas. My husband Skip and I also love to bike and make good use of the many fantastic bike trails in the area.

One thing you cannot live without? Although I shouldn't call him "a thing", I have to say it is my husband Skip. He truly is my rock in an emotional and practical way. He's always there trying to make my life better. After 48 years of marriage it really would be hard to live without him.

What chore do you absolutely dislike? Dusting, of course! Doesn't everyone hate dusting??? You do it one day and two days later it looks like you never touched it.



Laura Henderson

What would you do for a career if you resented doing this job?

I would probably be working as a Phlebotomist. I took phlebotomy classes at CVTC in 2008 and absolutely enjoyed it.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

I love to spend time with my family, go for walks, take our son to The Great Wolf Lodge, go shopping, hang out with friends, play Bingo and relaxing at home with my significant other Jeremy and our son Kaeden.

Three words to best describe your personality?

Outgoing, funny and caring.

If you could eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life what would it be?

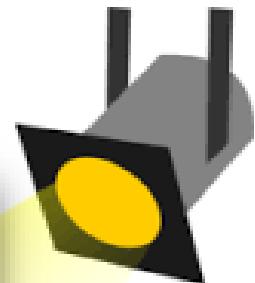
Anything meat, potatoes and gravy.



Andrea Tweed
DOA/IT Division
RWC Multi-County Consortium

My name is Andrea Tweed and I'm your resident IT person dedicated to the RWC. I handle SharePoint, myAvatar, and a few other random things here and there. Like most IT people I run predominately on geek stuff, generalized nerding, and caffeine. However, I also run on tacos – can't get enough of 'em.

On a personal level, I enjoy heated blankets, snacks, and never leaving the house. I am slightly addicted to Amazon Prime (okay, maybe a little more that slightly – don't judge) and I love to rearrange the furniture in the house, much to the dismay of my family. If you see me around the office be sure to say hi – I'm mostly a teleworker so I don't see other humans very often. :)



In the Spotlight



- Featuring TWO New Human Services Employees —
- ♦ Anna McCrackin - DOA/IT Division for RWC Multi-County Consortium
 - ♦ Joyel Metcalf - Recovery & Wellness Division

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

My family and I love to go camping, fishing, hunting and be outside as much as possible.

What is your favorite thing to do in the Chippewa area?

We spend many hours at Irvine Park and visit Olson's ice cream too much!

Where's your favorite place in the world?

My family's hunting land in Downsville, WI. It's very beautiful and peaceful there.



Joyel Metcalf



Before working at Chippewa County, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? In my teenage years I worked in a window screen factory where I sat on a chair for eight hours with my index and thumb fingers pinched together getting plastic "boogers" off of windowsills that were being produced and cut. Absolutely mind numbing!

Where's your favorite place in the world?

Always have had dreams of going to Hawaii.

Which way does your toilet paper hang on the wall-over or under? Under

In the Spotlight



- ♦ What do you like to do when you aren't working?
 - ♦ With a tank full of gas, my GPS, and a nice weather day, nothing beats the adventure of discovering places that I've never been before.
- ♦ What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?
 - ♦ I am the 'baby' of a family of 13 children. I was an auntie to my 2-year old niece the second I was born!
- ♦ Where's your favorite place in the world?
 - ♦ Our multi-family owned cottage called the 'Bay Breeze' located on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay between Washburn and Bayfield.
- ♦ Which way does your toilet paper hang on the wall-over or under?
 - ♦ Without a doubt...it has to be OVER...making it so much easier to 'find the end' while semi-awake in the middle of the night 😊

Julie Nyberg
Fiscal & Contracts



Tracy Xiong
Children, Youth & Families
Children with Differing Abilities

- ♦ What is something you learned in the last day, week, month or year?
 - ♦ Recently, I learned that chicken fried steak is actually steak and not chicken. I always thought it was called chicken fried steak because it was chicken that was served as a big, flat piece of meat, similar to steak. It now makes more sense that it's called chicken fried steak because it's battered and deep fried like chicken. Mind blowing!
- ♦ If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?
 - ♦ I've always wanted to learn to play the piano/ keyboard. Once I finish school and have more free-time, I want to master the skill of reading music and being able to play anything on the piano.

- ♦ Before working at Chippewa County, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?
 - ♦ I was a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Okinawa, Japan, for a little over three years. I have a BS in Biology so my main focus was middle school and high school science.
- ♦ What would you do for a career if you weren't doing this?
 - ♦ I love being a social worker, BUT in an alternate universe I'd like to take vacationers out on my imaginary ocean cruiser for snorkeling and diving excursions...my sense of direction sucks so that could be problematic when it comes to finding our way back to shore.
- ♦ One TV show/movie you are ashamed to admit you love:
 - ♦ I'm not ashamed to admit that I love the best show ever written, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. It IS slightly embarrassing how many actual times I've watched all 10 seasons, and I that I can quote most lines of every episode. I might have a problem....



Holly Anderson, ADRC



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
HUMAN SERVICES 2022 - 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES**

5.2

Director Tim Easker presents Public Health or Human Services 2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan updates.



Strategic Plan 2022 – 2024

Progress Updates August 2022

Department/Division Goals:

1. Build a culture of community engagement.
2. Utilize data driven decision making.
3. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility.
4. Build a culture of service.
5. Continue to build and maintain a healthy workplace.

Objectives

❖ Leadership Team:

- Improve interconnectedness within Leadership Team by December 31, 2024.
 - *Informational sessions have begun at the leadership team meetings. Typically, managers/sups ask the team what they are interested in hearing about from their division/unit and then base their presentation on the area of interest.*
 - *We have had one potluck together followed by our leadership meeting. Another lunch is scheduled for August 11th.*
- Educate County stakeholders and decision-makers on DHS programs by December 31, 2022.
 - *We have decided to return to our old format regarding “A Day in the Life” event. This will be open to all board members, school staff, and community partners who are interested in learning more about DHS. Participants will be able to choose the area they are interested in. The first part of the event is a short presentation by the manager/supervisor followed by shadowing staff from that area. We are looking at spring 2023 for this event.*
 - *DHS will also begin People, Policy, and Practice presentations in January 2023 for the HHS Committee.*
- Continue to increase employee engagement by December 31, 2023.
 - *We have implemented an activity at our all staff meetings designed to provide the opportunity for staff to get to know one another a bit better.*
- Improve outcomes through data driven decisions by December 31, 2022.
 - *Each division/unit has evaluated the data they would like to track in order to improve outcomes. We will be compiling that into a department “scorecard” which will organize the data and allow for ease of viewing.*

❖ Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Division:

- Improve staff knowledge of community resources and ensure partners have accurate information about the ADRC by hosting three meeting each year with various partners.
 - *Setting up meetings with hospital discharge planners; Also working with RWC to set up some team meetings.*
- Improve online community access to information about resources and ADRC programs, services and events.
 - *Reviewing analytics to identify successful engagement posts; updating resource guide monthly.*

- Improve operational efficiencies within ADRC programs and/or services.
 - *Resource guide now able to updated more frequently due to operational changes that streamlined process for staff to make recommended updates.*
 - *Partnering with Barron County to make their adult day program available to Chippewa County residents to participate.*
- Chippewa County residents will receive up-to-date information about ADRC programs and services available in each community.
 - *Working on planning stages for having satellite walk-in hours in some of the rural areas.*
- The ADRC of Chippewa County will promote consumer empowerment and advocacy.
 - *Chippewa Valley Advocacy Training has been scheduled for September 20th at Eagles Club. This is a collaborative effort with Eau Claire County.*

❖ Economic Support (ES) Division

- Create a marketing plan regarding Economic Support by 12/31/2022.
 - *Workgroup created of 7 ES staff representing all IM teams (admin., Child Care, Family, and EBD/LTC). Group met over several weeks to discuss most received questions, barrier expressed by partner agencies and consumers. Group determined that it would focus on redesigning the ES web page. Worked with IT to review the past 6 months of web page use to highlight most used portions of the web page. Created a more concise and user-friendly web page that was launched 8/2022*
 - *Worked with Chippewa and Eau Claire ADRC as well as Eau Claire ES staff to create a checklist for EBD/LTC applications. This will assist consumers and partner agencies with providing consumers with needed verifications to process their applications, reducing wait time to determine eligibility.*
- Implement an in-person training program for Economic Support Staff annually through 2024.
 - *ES staff were surveyed to identify top training needs. Identified communication with an emphasis on de-escalation of callers with escalated behaviors or experiencing mental health barriers. Working to identify potential presenters for an in person training this fall.*
- Support telework through balancing the needs of the consumer, team, and individual staff by 12/31/2022.
 - *Not yet started.*

❖ Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division – Child Protective Services (CPS)/Birth to Three (B-3)

- Educate community members about Child Protective Services and Birth to Three programs by December 2023.
 - *August 2022 Progress: CPS and B-3 have been meeting monthly to determine what information should be shared with different community members (legal, medical, education, law enforcement, etc.) Presentations are being developed and some have already occurred.*
- Improve permanency outcomes for children in out of home care by 2024.
 - *August 2022 Progress: CPS is investigating more ways to use Targeted Safety Support Funds to keep children in the home and reunify them sooner with supports in place. CPS is also looking at ways to collaborate with the Corporation Counsel Office to move Termination of Parental Rights and Guardianship Petitions through the court system. This will involve meeting more regularly to determine what is needed on the legal end to obtain permanency sooner.*
- **Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division – Youth Justice**
- Explore potential researched based groups that can be facilitated by YJ staff by October 1, 2022.
 - *August 2022 Progress: Stressed Teens has been identified as a researched based group that will complement the ART groups that are currently being facilitated. Part of our CIP grant has been allocated for training in Stressed Teens and staff have been identified to attend this training.*
- Differentiate actual YJ Out-of-Home Placement (OHP) costs from actual CPS OHP costs within the DHS budget by January 1, 2023.
 - *August 2022 Progress: YJ staff continue to track and monitor YJ out of home placements to have an accurate reflection of actual YJ out of home placement costs.*

❖ Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division – Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA)

- Develop strategies to improve customer service by December 31, 2024.
 - *August 2022 Progress: We have identified projected needs for CCS and CLTS service facilitator needs, presented that to the director and successfully advocated for additional staff needs for 2023, so we can operate waitlist free.*
 - *CWDA education materials have been added to our new employee packets for Children, Youth and Families Division workers. New workers will meet with CWDA manager to educate them about the CWDA unit and services available in this unit.*
- Increase CWDA employee satisfaction and engagement by December 31, 2024.
 - *August 2022 Progress: Collaboration occurred with the RWC Manager and CCCS Clinical Coordinator to identify projected Clinical needs with the continued growth of Children's CCS Service Facilitators. RWC Manager and Director successfully advocated for an additional CCS Clinical Coordinator for 2023.*
 - *Collaborated with RWC Manager, and B-3 Manager, along with Fiscal Manager and Director. A new formula for setting productivity standards was identified to meet the fiscal needs of the Department as well as promote good work/life balance for staff. Staff have identified that the new standard for productivity has increased their employee satisfaction.*

❖ Recovery & Wellness Consortium (RWC) Division

- Increase utilization rate of the Recovery House to 50 percent by December 31, 2022.
 - *Currently at 75 percent occupancy.*
 - *Rewrite of house rules completed.*
 - *Focus on harm reduction versus punitive approach.*
 - *Champions are Caleb Johnson, Meghan Eisenbraun and Daniel Erickson.*
- Implement an "onboarding" process for all RWC programs to increase staff knowledge of all RWC programs by December 31, 2022.
 - *Flow chart for Community Support Program completed. Thanks to David Pfeiffer.*
 - *Flow chart and procedure updates to Crisis program in progress. Thanks to Lisa Hudson.*
- Improved seamless collaboration with Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) by December 31, 2023 as evidence by pre and post survey scores.
 - *RWC and ADRC have shared Strategic plans.*
 - *Work group identified.*
- Increase efficiency between Adult Protective Services (APS) and mental health services by December 31, 2023 as evidence by pre and post survey scores.
 - *Crisis Linkage and Follow up position moved in house. New worker Kimberlyn Sorvaag to start 8/22/22*
 - *APS new staff Joyel Metcalf continues onboarding process.*

❖ Fiscal Division

- Increase Employee Engagement by 12/31/2022.
 - *August 2022 Progress: Not yet started*
- Increase division efficiencies by 12/31/2024.
 - *August 2022 Progress: Not yet started*
- Increase training and professional opportunities by 12/31/2022.
 - *August 2022 Progress: Not yet started*
- Ensure all processes have trained and qualified backup staff by 6/30/2023.
 - *Senior Fiscal Manager has been trained on functions performed by the Fiscal Manager*
- Provide up-to-date information regarding productivity and staffing levels by 12/31/2023.
 - *As part of 2023 budget preparation staffing levels were reviewed and no additional fiscal staff will be requested for 2023.*



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

5.3

Health Officer/Public Health Director Angie Weideman provides a department program and financial report for review and discussion.



Chippewa County Health and Human Services Board

Department of Public Health Angie Weideman's Director's Report

August 2022

Administration Division

The Fiscal Admin team continues to help with scheduling vaccination appointments, car seat questions, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, beach water testing, and general Public Health questions. We have been assisting at our regular immunization clinics and COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Our loan closet has been very active, we have purchased a few additional wheelchairs to keep up with supply demands.

Community Health Division

National Night Out

Staff members attended Chippewa Falls Police Department's National Night Out to educate on car seats. The event was a great success with many community members in attendance. The car seat technicians used cut-outs of kids to show what type of car seat is the proper one for the child's size. These cut-outs are a nice visual for parents as most don't realize their children should be in car seats for a longer period of time.



Monkeypox

In July, the total number of cases in the United States for monkeypox was 605, since then the case count has risen to 6,617. Wisconsin is now reporting 19 cases, as of August 4. By the numbers, it is evident that monkeypox is spreading significantly and early detection is key to slowing the spread. If an individual has been exposed, they should monitor themselves closely and limit contact with others. Monkeypox can be spread to others even before symptoms start, which is making the spread happen even quicker. Symptoms to monitor for are the development of fever, chills, rash, or development of genital lesions for 21 days since the last contact. The vaccine is becoming available for certain populations that have higher risk factors. Public Health will provide the vaccine once available for us to order.

COVID-19

We have seen a gradual increase in COVID case numbers in the last couple of weeks, putting Chippewa County in the medium community risk level as defined by the CDC. A trend we are seeing is that people who have never had COVID over the past 2.5 years are now becoming ill with COVID-19. We are encouraging everyone to continue to use precautions when gathering, keeping up to date on vaccination as recommended, and masking if they are at increased vulnerability. Vaccine clinics are held twice a month at the health department and we continue to go out into the community to provide booster shots as the requests come in.

Naloxone Distribution

Back in 2020, Angie and Kristen were trained to train individuals on the use of Naloxone in an overdose situation. Our plan of distribution was put on hold due to the pandemic, but this summer the distribution

efforts have begun. In July, 14 individuals were trained on how to recognize an overdose, how to administer nasal Naloxone, and how to provide care while waiting for EMS to arrive on the scene. There are four more trainings scheduled to happen in August at medical clinics. Our goal is to get as much Naloxone out into the community to help reduce overdose fatalities. Also, in the month of August, Kristen will be starting a program in the Chippewa County Jail to educate inmates on opioids, how to recognize an overdose, how to administer Naloxone, and provide resources for treatment options in our community.

Communicable Disease

The Health Officer is required by Wisconsin State Statute 252.05 to report information on current communicable disease reporting and follow-up to the Health and Human Services Board. In July, we received 1,087 new reports: 403 confirmed (380 Coronavirus, 10 Chlamydia, and 3 Lyme Disease); 62 probable (39 Coronavirus, 17 Lyme Laboratory Report and 1 Salmonellosis); and 598 that did not meet the definition of a case (560 Coronavirus, 8 Lyme Laboratory Report, and 7 Hepatitis A). See the attached report for further breakdown by disease type.

Environmental Health Division

July is the peak of special event season with the Northern Wisconsin State Fair (NWSF) and Rockfest both taking place on the same weekend. The NWSF had approximately 50 food vendors this year making it very challenging for our staff to inspect each stand, but after a few exhausting days, these inspections were completed. Besides transient food stand inspections, staff also conducted 49 other inspections. This included the pre-inspection of a new Café in Chippewa (Whirlybird Café) and a new mobile ice cream bike in Stanley (Its Treat O'clock Somewhere) and 3 new Tourist Rooming Houses. We now have 77 licensed tourist rooming houses and continue to discover additional unlicensed ones each week.

Environmental Health staff have been sampling beach water throughout the summer. We have only had one beach (Mallard Resort) exceed safe E.coli levels this summer requiring advisory posting. The following week E.coli levels tested lower and signs were removed. Otter Lake beach did experience a blue-green algae bloom in July and the parks department was provided with advisory signage to post there. By the following week the bloom had dissipated and signs were able to be removed.

Nutrition

August is World Breastfeeding Month

National Breastfeeding Month celebrates all month long with weekly observances. WIC supports breastfeeding year-round by providing free counseling, guidance and educational resources, one-on-one support from our peer counselors and lactation experts, and healthy food packages.



Week 1 August 1-7: [World Breastfeeding Week](#)

Theme: Educate & Support - This year's focus is on strengthening the capacity of government, health systems, workplaces and communities to protect, promote and support breastfeeding across different levels of society. The goal is to strengthen their capacity to provide and sustain breastfeeding-friendly environments for families in the post-pandemic world.

Week 2 August 8-14: [Indigenous Milk Medicine Week](#)

Theme: Strengthening Our Traditions from Birth and Beyond

Week 3 August 15-21: [Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week](#)

Theme: Telling Our Own Stories. Elevating Our Voices.

Week 4 August 25-31: [Black Breastfeeding Week](#)

Theme: BBW 2022: 10 Years, A New Foundation

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Updates

The Public Health Emergency Declaration has been extended, which puts USDA waivers in place until mid-January 2023. WIC continues to provide virtual services for WIC families. The formula shortage continues. According to FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf, it may take until mid-September to October for production to meet demand. Approved substitute formulas have now been extended until September 30, 2022 for WIC families.

Jordana Rau, LTE support staff, has submitted her resignation. Her last day will be Friday, August 12. We wish her the best of luck as she transitions to full-time work in her other job and continues with her post-secondary education.

Diabetes Prevention Grant

In July and August, Chippewa County Public Health partnered with the Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Chronic Disease Prevention Workgroup and the YMCA at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair and Y on the Fly to promote taking the diabetes risk test and enrollment in a diabetes prevention program. Chippewa County Public Health was also at National Night Out on August 2 with diabetes prevention promotion. Knowing your risk is the first step in preventing the development of type 2 diabetes. Prediabetes is reversible! Take the 60-second test today by scanning the QR Code or emailing <http://www.diabetes.org/widhsrisktest>.



Chippewa County Wellness Program

The Red Cross blood drive held on July 27 was a success! We collected 34 pints, exceeding our goal of collecting 29 pints. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Friday, September 30 from 10 am-4 pm in Room 003 of the Courthouse. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and search by Sponsor Code: Chippewa County or zip code or contact Stephanie Abbe at 715-726-7870 or sabbe@co.chippewa.wi.us to schedule your donation appointment. Thanks to all who donated!

Western Regional Center (WRC)

We submitted our grant proposal to the State of Wisconsin for 2023-2025. We are requesting 200,000 dollars and this grant helps support 18 counties in Western Wisconsin. We will be meeting with the State on August 3, 2022, to be interviewed and to answer any questions that they may have regarding our application.

The Regional Center is working with Jennifer Andres-Griggs and Polk County's Mental Health Task Force on some exciting projects. In July, we met with representatives from nine Polk County school districts to share information and to work on two large upcoming events to increase awareness about mental health and services to assist families. We are excited to be a part of this group, which includes mental health

professionals/agencies, the faith-based community, and the school districts. We are planning a Parent University for the fall at the Frederic School District, as well as a Hope in Healing event.

The Western Regional Center will be meeting with a group of Barron County families in a few weeks to continue with a Transition project we have been assisting the community in developing (this is our second year in this project). We are also meeting with professionals in La Crosse County in a few weeks to plan an outdoor event with families in that region to identify how we can assist them better.

July has been a quiet month with regard to Waiver and Birth-To-Three referrals, which is usual for this time of year.

Years of Service

CONGRATULATIONS to the following staff for their hard work and dedication to providing great customer service to the citizens of Chippewa County.

- ❖ Jennifer Lenbom, Public Health Nurse – 16 years
- ❖ Nikki Hoernke, Community Health Planning & Promotion Specialist – 3 years
- ❖ Rebecca Lueloff, Nutritionist LTE – 3 years
- ❖ Tabitha Wessels, Community Health Intake Nurse – 3 years
- ❖ Vanessa Hebert, COVID-19 Contact Tracer LTE – 1 year



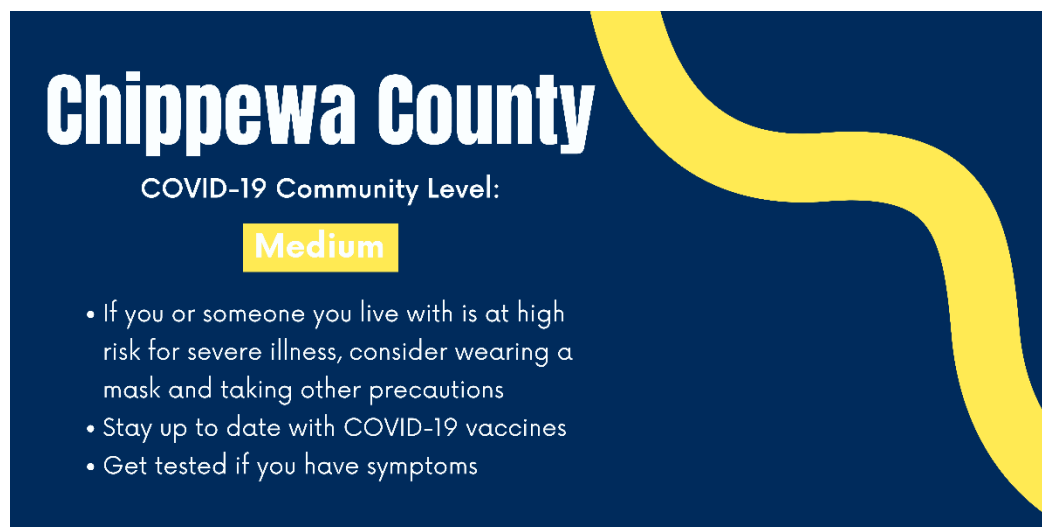
Chippewa County COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 Community Level

The CDC COVID-19 Community Levels metrics are designed to help minimize the impact COVID-19 has on our health care systems, while also protecting those who are most at risk of severe illness.

Chippewa County's community level is currently medium. The COVID-19 Community Level and associated metrics presented are updated weekly on Thursday.

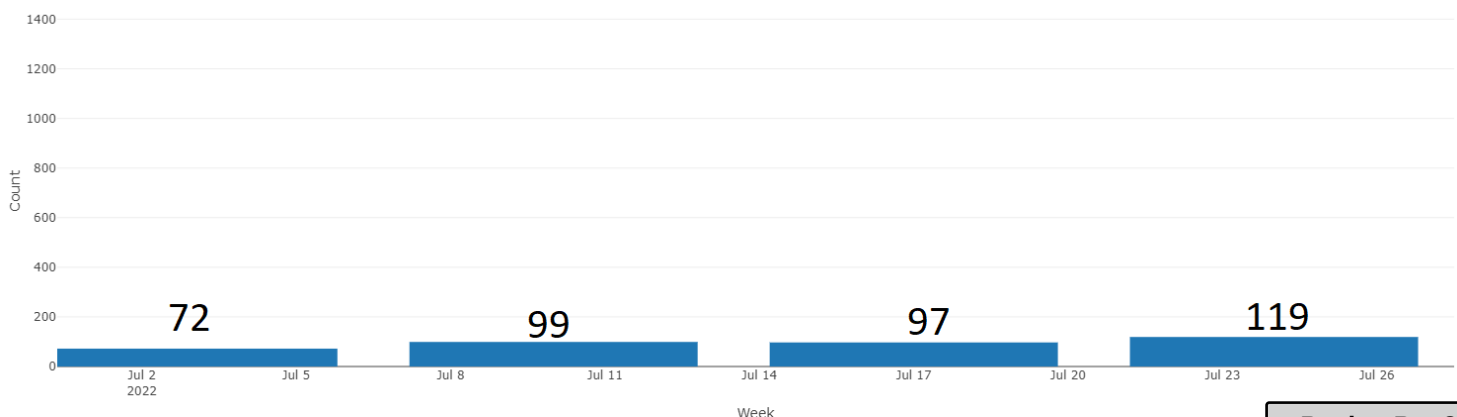
- COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population: 11.1
- The average percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 5.5%
- COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population: 194.87



COVID-19 Case Update

COVID-19 case counts have been on the rise in Chippewa County over the past 4 weeks, as shown in the graph. There was a total of 387 cases over the 4 weeks.

- Week of July 3: 72
- Week of July 10: 99
- Week of July 17: 97
- Week of July 24: 119





**Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
PHAVER - WEDSS**

County Board of Health Report

Jurisdiction: Chippewa County

Received Date: 7/1/2022 to 7/31/2022

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19)	380	39	1	560	980
LYME LABORATORY REPORT	0	17	0	8	25
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	10	0	4	0	14
E-COLI, ENTEROPATHOGENIC (EPEC)	1	0	7	0	8
HEPATITIS A	0	0	1	7	8
LYME DISEASE, ERYTHEMA MIGRANS (EM) RASH	3	0	0	3	6
GONORRHEA	3	0	2	0	5
ANAPLASMOSIS, A. phagocytophilum	0	1	1	2	4
BABESIOSIS	1	1	0	2	4
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	1	1	1	0	3
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	2	0	0	1	3
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	0	0	1	2	3
VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)	0	0	0	3	3
CYCLOSPORIASIS	1	1	0	0	2
E-COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (STEC)	0	0	2	0	2
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP B	0	0	0	2	2
TUBERCULOSIS, LATENT INFECTION (LTBI)	0	0	2	0	2
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	0	0	1	0	1
EHRlichiosis, E. chaffeensis	0	0	0	1	1
GIARDIASIS	0	0	0	1	1

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	0	1	1
HEPATITIS B, CHRONIC	0	0	0	1	1
MEASLES (RUBEOLA)	0	0	0	1	1
METHICILLIN- or OXICILLIN RESISTANT S. AUREUS (MRSA/ORSA)	0	0	0	1	1
ORTHOPOXVIRUS, UNSPECIFIED	0	0	0	1	1
SALMONELLOSIS	0	1	0	0	1
SHIGELLOSIS	1	0	0	0	1
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	0	1	1
SYPHILIS REACTOR	0	0	1	0	1
SYPHILIS, PRIMARY	0	1	0	0	1
Total	403	62	24	598	1087

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Public Health (Pre-Audited) Financial Results: July 2022



CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Public Health
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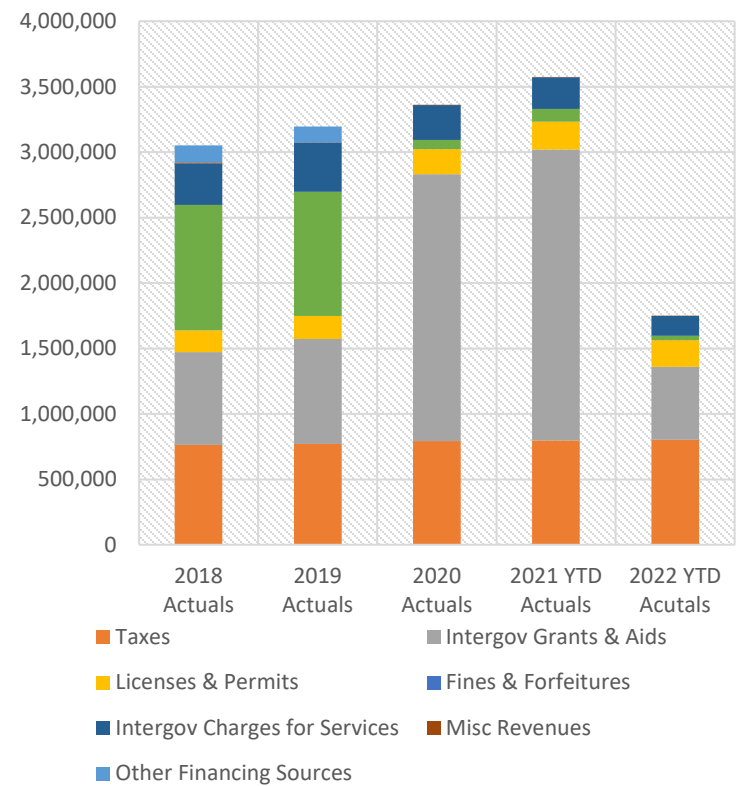
Fund	Description	Revenue			Expense		
		Budget	Actual	% Collected	Budget	Actual	% Spent
54100	Community Health	\$ (706,490.00)	\$ (692,242.15)	98.0%	\$ 706,490.00	\$ 253,547.65	35.9%
54121	Nurse Family Partnership	(119,269.00)	(47,480.00)	39.8%	119,269.00	55,804.01	46.8%
54123	Farmers Market	(3,871.00)	(432.53)	11.2%	3,871.00	2,870.63	74.2%
54125	Prenatal Care Coordination	(63,686.00)	(4,229.04)	6.6%	63,686.00	7,362.12	11.6%
54127	Healthy U	-	(1,216.67)	0.0%	-	1,894.45	0.0%
54128	Public Health Preparedness	(49,188.00)	(17,702.73)	36.0%	49,188.00	40,124.87	81.6%
54132	Drug Free Community Grant	(132,814.00)	(53,829.14)	0.0%	132,814.00	71,092.19	0.0%
54135	Bright Start River Source	(10,594.00)	(17,819.41)	168.2%	10,594.00	8,893.41	83.9%
54140	WIC	(409,779.00)	(197,480.52)	48.2%	409,779.00	175,511.45	42.8%
54142	Maternal & Child Health Program	(27,664.00)	(6,389.53)	23.1%	27,664.00	7,698.42	27.8%
54144	Wisconsin Wins	(4,614.00)	(1,431.40)	31.0%	4,614.00	5,185.90	112.4%
54148	COVID Workforce	-	(92.00)	0.0%	-	630.05	0.0%
54149	Pre-Venture	(20,037.00)	(633.75)	3.2%	20,037.00	1,171.88	5.8%
54150	Prevention	(8,951.00)	(3,854.49)	43.1%	8,951.00	10,894.42	121.7%
54151	Equipment Loan Closet	(6,943.00)	(648.53)	0.0%	6,943.00	2,102.56	0.0%
54152	Western Regional Center	(189,752.00)	(56,847.37)	30.0%	189,752.00	116,175.82	61.2%
54154	Title X Reproductive Health	(14,766.00)	(20,822.85)	0.0%	14,766.00	29,779.53	0.0%
54156	FIT WIC	(37,178.00)	(12,814.72)	34.5%	37,178.00	19,637.90	52.8%
54157	Reproductive Health	(54,091.00)	(22,955.12)	42.4%	54,091.00	24,741.00	45.7%
54158	WIC BF Peer Counseling	(14,720.00)	(4,692.32)	31.9%	14,720.00	8,505.82	57.8%
54159	Diabetes Grant	(15,863.00)	(5,822.97)	0.0%	15,863.00	9,331.16	0.0%
54161	Health Clinics	(34,334.00)	(3,328.78)	9.7%	34,334.00	2,851.62	8.3%
54162	COVID Vaccine	(11,346.00)	(9,375.62)	82.6%	11,346.00	14,325.60	126.3%
54163	Overdose Fatality Review	(36,958.00)	(11,794.58)	0.0%	36,958.00	26,265.48	0.0%
54164	COVID Contact Tracing	(99,790.00)	(228,281.15)	0.0%	99,790.00	274,078.79	0.0%
54165	GYT - Get Yourself Tested	(2,083.00)	(68.64)	3.3%	2,083.00	270.03	13.0%
54171	Food Safety Recreation License	(257,236.00)	(251,669.40)	97.8%	257,236.00	134,875.21	52.4%
54172	Infant Immunization Grant	(16,088.00)	(5,003.92)	31.1%	16,088.00	7,419.26	46.1%
54173	Early Hearing Detection & Prev	(112,735.00)	(28,562.54)	25.3%	112,735.00	47,030.89	41.7%
54174	Forward Health Outreach	(21,318.00)	(5,869.02)	27.5%	21,318.00	15,704.74	73.7%
54176	Environmental Health	(24,525.00)	(23,666.48)	0.0%	24,525.00	8,994.55	0.0%
54180	DHS Agreement	(109,061.00)	(8,295.51)	7.6%	109,061.00	54,850.09	50.3%
54182	HCET (Health Care, Ed & Tr)	(7,796.00)	(244.11)	3.1%	7,796.00	244.11	3.1%
54184	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prev.	(9,930.00)	(2,784.23)	28.0%	9,930.00	4,125.62	41.5%
54186	Charity Outreach Program	(500.00)	-	0.0%	500.00	-	0.0%
54190	Public Health Donation Expendi	(1,000.00)	(30.00)	3.0%	1,000.00	-	0.0%
		\$ 2,634,970.00	\$ 1,748,411.22	66.4%	\$ 2,634,970.00	\$ 1,444,056.89	54.8%

Public Health Revenues vs Expenses

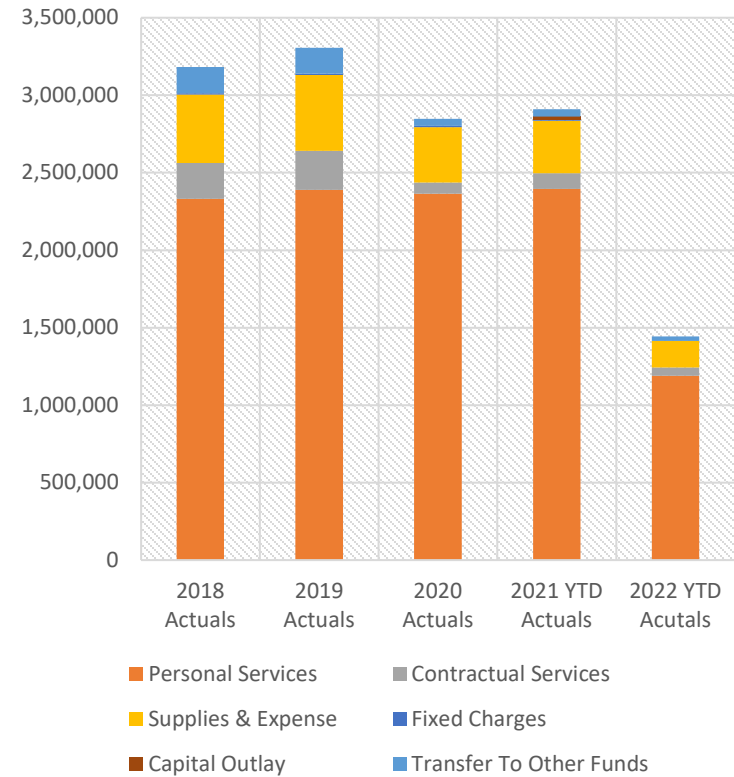
Variance YTD through July 2022



Total Revenues for All Years



Total Expenses for All Years



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 46 - 22

**RES. 46-22: RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2022 AS
"RECOVERY MONTH IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY"**

1 Passage of this resolution will formally declare September 2022 as "Recovery Month in
2 Chippewa County" to bring awareness to those in the community in mental health and
3 substance abuse recovery. National Recovery Month is now in its 33rd year and the continuing
4 theme for 2022 is *"Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community"*.
5 The goal of this national organization is to celebrate the gains made by those in recovery, just
6 as those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma,
7 and heart disease are celebrated for improvements in their physical health.

8 Each September, National Recovery Month works to promote and support new
9 evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud
10 recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across
11 the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

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WHEREAS, there are many residents of Chippewa County that struggle with mental health and/or substance abuse issues and are in recovery to address those issues to gain control of their lives; and

WHEREAS, celebrating those among us who have made personal gains in their lives through recovery will help to end a negative stigma that some may feel, while also encouraging others to enter recovery; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Recovery Month theme continues to be “*Recovery for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community*” to remind people in recovery and those family and friends that support them that recovery belongs to all of society; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery and since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, Recovery Month provides an opportunity for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, supporting the residents of Chippewa County that have had success in recovery for mental health and/or substance abuse issues will send a message that the County supports them in their efforts to address some of society’s most complex and challenging issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as Recovery Month in Chippewa County and encourages all of our County residents to support those in recovery for mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Health and Human Services Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

08/18/2022 Health & Human Services Board
RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/13/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER: Caden Berg, District 13
SECONDER: Marcia Kyes, Citizen Rep
AYES: Steele, Ericksen, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Wallsch, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT: Kari Ives

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

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