

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Chair Kari Ives.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21 (Chair)	Present	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 2 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Excused	
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	Absent	
Stacey Sperlingas	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Marcia Kyes	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

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; Audra Knowlton, Public Health Administrative Assistant; Randy Scholz, County Administrator; Paul Brenner, Senior Fiscal Manager; Human Services staff - Geri Sedlacek

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:	Harold Steele, District 2 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Caden Berg, District 13
AYES:	Ives, Steele, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Wallsch
EXCUSED:	Ericksen

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Health & Human Services Board - Regular Meeting - Aug 18, 2022 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 20, 2022

Health & Human Services Board

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Regular Meeting

Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

September 15, 2022
7:45 AM

5. REPORTS

1. Advisory Boards/Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 12, 2022 Public Health Professional Advisory Committee were presented for review.

2. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report

Director Angie Weideman presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. In addition she stated there are currently no cases of Monkeypox in Chippewa County and COVID case numbers are currently low. She also highlighted several items from the written report: The Environmental Division is exploring partnership with Eau Claire County for water quality testing; the Nutrition Division (Women, Infants, and Children - WIC Program) is remodeling their current space to create efficiency; the Western Regional Center is holding several parent training events; a number of staff recognized for their years of service; COVID case data, and financial information. Additional discussion on Komi Modji's current epidemiologist role/responsibilities and license monitoring of B&Bs (Bed and Breakfast) entities in Chippewa County, particularly in the Holcombe area.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report

Director Tim Easker presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. Easker highlighted several items from the written report: Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) meeting regarding allowable expenses for the Opioid settlement funds, positive results of the Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) scale, information on the many donations received from community organizations - examples and a success story of how one donation was used to purchase a musical instrument for a youth to be in a high school band; and caseload, out-of-home placements, and financial data. Easker proposed implementing an initiative where Human Services workers would share success stories similar to the one shared today at future board meetings.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Revised Human Services Pol 10 - Consumer Rights, Grievance, Privacy & Complaints Resolution Process

The revised Human Services Policy 10 - Consumer Rights, Grievance, Privacy and Complaints - was reviewed and approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Halbleib, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 2 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Ives, Steele, Berg, Mueller, Halbleib, Sperlingas, Kyes
ABSENT:	Wallsch
EXCUSED:	Ericksen

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Human Services success stories.

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8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
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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

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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

Health & Human Services Board - Regular Meeting - Jul 21, 2022 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 15, 2022

5. REPORTS

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 18, 2022 7:45 AM (Consent Agenda)

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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

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5.1

Review of Advisory Boards/Committee Meeting Minutes:

- August 12, 2022 - Public Health Professional Advisory Committee



Professional Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, August 12, 2022

1:00 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302

Team Members Invited	
Team Member Name:	Attendance: Present/Absent
Susan Block	Present
Julene Bowe	Present
James Fenno	Absent
Jamie Ganske	Present
Seth Gebauer	Absent
Marcia Kyes	Present
Linda Lorentz	Absent
Mary Proue	Absent
Stacey Sperlingas	Absent
Troy Staplemann	Present
Becce Woestman	Present
Stephanie Abbe	Absent
Sam Flatland	Present
Kristen Kelm	Present
Sarah McQuillan	Absent
Dawn Stark	Absent
Angie Weideman	Present
Others Present: Audra Knowlton	

DRAFT MINUTES

Prepared by: Audra Knowlton

Topic	Domain #	Description	Action Items/Notes
Welcome/Introductions		- Recruitment of New Members - Welcome: Members to Share - Name - Professional Expertise - Fun Summer Hobby/Vacation - History of the PAC	Weideman welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked the new members for joining. Weideman gave a brief history of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC), its responsibilities, and the new vision moving forward to give the department advice and deliberate ethical issues. Weideman noted the County is looking at changing its hours of operation to Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 7:30 am - 11:30 am. If approved, the PAC will need to look at a different time to meet.

Attachment: 8-12-22 PAC Minutes (7290 : Advisory Boards/Committee Meeting Minutes)

			Members introduced themselves. Weideman gave a brief background on the members not in attendance.
Review minutes	#3 Inform & Educate	- Review and Approve Minutes (Attached) - June 3, 2022	(Kelm/Flatland) motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
Ethical Analysis Procedure	#8 Workforce	- Review Ethical Analysis Procedure (Attached) – Angie - Ethics Online Training - Angie	Weideman reviewed the Ethical Analysis Procedure. Knowlton is creating a procedure for the members to use when registering for the training. This will be sent out within the next two weeks.
COVID-19 Update	#3 Inform & Educate	Update on COVID-19 and Monkeypox – Angie and Kristen	Kelm noted we are in the Low Level for COVID-19 per CDC. CDC released yesterday new guidance for the public and school/daycare settings. If you are exposed to a positive, you do not need to quarantine but wear a mask for 10 days and test on day 5. COVID-19 vaccine is available to anyone 6 months and older. A new COVID-19 booster vaccine may be available this fall. The bivalent vaccine will include the Omicron strain. The USA has one-third of the Monkeypox cases in the world. There are 38 cases in Wisconsin. Kelm reviewed who is at high risk of contracting Monkeypox and qualifies for the vaccine. Public Health is discussing whether they will carry this vaccine. Guidance has not been published with the requirement age at this time for the new bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. Weideman added COVID-19 levels are still shared with the members of the community partner group.
Other Issues or Items Follow-up to Questions	All Domains		
Next Meeting Date	#8 Workforce	November 11, 2022	
Adjourn			(Kyes/Bowe) motion to adjourn. Motion carried.



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

5.2

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

September 2022

Administration Division

The Fiscal Admin team is preparing for the upcoming flu season. We are updating forms and working on improving the billing process. We continue to assist at our regular monthly immunization clinics and COVID vaccination clinics.

This past month, April worked at a car seat safety event and helped answer questions and provide car seat checks. The team continues to help the public with scheduling vaccination appointments, car seat questions, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, and general Public Health questions. We have completed our last beach water testing of the year. We do not test the beaches after Labor Day.

Community Health Division

Communicable Disease Report

Suspect COVID cases is when a home test is reported to a clinic, usually prior to getting infusion treatment or Paxlovid. Not A Case for Monkeypox is testing on individuals with a rash but no risk factors.

COVID-19

Bivalent vaccine is now available and will be used for all booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine. To be eligible a person will need to have completed a primary series and/or booster at least 2 months prior. The health department uses Moderna vaccine which is available to those 18 and older. Bivalent means that there are two strains of COVID-19 used to develop the vaccine. The monovalent vaccine is still available for use in those that have not completed their primary series. If the need presents, additional booster clinics will be added to meet demand.



Monkeypox

We are following up on suspect cases as they come into our reporting system. The cases that we have followed up on have been tested at local clinics following a new onset rash. A call is placed to the individual to collect information related to risk factors and provide guidance on quarantining until results are known. We now have the vaccine on hand to vaccinate close contacts for Monkeypox cases.

At the time of this report, Wisconsin had 59 cases of orthopoxvirus presumed to be monkeypox. Nationally, there have been 18,101 confirmed cases of monkeypox and orthopoxvirus.

General Update

The staff has been busy working on training for upcoming programming within the schools and the community. Narcan distribution activities continue with partnerships being developed with LE Phillips, HSHS ER, and Marshfield Clinic Chippewa Falls center to distribute bags of resources and Narcan to

patients. The Carseat Technicians have been busy with car seat events and meeting with individual families to ensure car seats are available and installed properly.

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 August, we received 1,287 new reports: 387 confirmed (357 Coronavirus, 13 Chlamydia, 9 Gonorrhea, and 1 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning); 63 probable (41 Coronavirus, 17 Lyme Laboratory Report and 3 Hepatitis C); and 803 that did not meet the definition of a case (755 Coronavirus, 7 Lyme Laboratory Report, and 4 Monkeypox). See the attached report for further breakdown by disease type.

Environmental Health Division



In August, blue-green algae blooms were spotted at beaches that are routinely monitored for E-coli. This included Lake Holcombe, Otter Lake, and Lake Como. Whenever blue-green algae are present during beach sampling, staff do not collect a bacteria sample and advise beach operators to post advisories. Little wind, warm water, sunlight, and plentiful nutrients, especially phosphorus, all increase the chance that a bloom will occur. Warm weather patterns and large rain events that wash agricultural and residential fertilizers (which contain phosphorus) into the water can also jump-start a bloom.

In Wisconsin, blooms typically occur during the warm-weather months between mid-June and mid-September. Lakes and rivers in Wisconsin can become cloudy with rapidly reproducing algae.

Environmental Health staff conducted a total of 52 facility inspections in August. This included pre-inspection and licensing of Josef's Cheesecakes new location and mobile unit, Split Ridge Campground, tourist rooming houses under new ownership, the opening of Big T's Midway in Cadott, Toppers Pizza in Chippewa Falls changing ownership, and 4 additional tourist rooming houses being licensed.

Nutrition

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Updates

Abbott is extending the rebates they have been offering on substitution formulas until October 31 to ensure WIC participants have continued access to high-quality, safe formulas.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has indicated that it will provide state governments and stakeholders with 60 days' notice before the public health emergency declaration is set to expire. As no notice was given in mid-August, the current deadline in mid-October is likely to be extended for an additional 90-day interval through mid-January 2023. WIC's COVID-19-related flexibilities, including physical presence waivers, are authorized for 90 days beyond the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Therefore, an extension of the declaration through January 2023 would extend WIC waivers through April 2023.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has also extended waiver flexibilities to December 31, 2022, or 60 days after the expiration of the State's COVID-19 major disaster. These waivers have allowed for the issuance of a substitute and imported formulas and for the issuance of more than the maximum monthly allowance for formula amounts.

Welcome to Karis, UW Stout Dietetic Intern!

As part of the department's ongoing commitment to public health workforce development, the Nutrition Division will host Karis Jentink for her required community nutrition rotation of the UW-Stout Dietetic Internship from September 19 through October 14. Welcome Karis!

Interviews are underway to fill the LTE nutrition program assistant staff position.

ForwardHealth Grant

Starting in September, Pangya will be attending the Open-Door Clinic once a month to help those who are uninsured or underinsured apply for BadgerCare Plus.

Piloting Farmers Market at the Chippewa Falls YMCA

Stephanie has been involved in the Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Chronic Disease Prevention Workgroup and is currently working on increasing access to healthy foods. One way we are doing this is by piloting a new farmers market day, time, and location in Chippewa Falls. If successful, this will be something that will continue in June 2023 with plans to implement EBT which would allow people to utilize FoodShare benefits at the market.



Check out the Farmers Market at the YMCA!

Dates: Mondays, September 19, 26 and October 3

Times: 9 am – 1 pm

Location: Chippewa Falls YMCA, 611 Jefferson Ave.

Western Regional Center (WRC)

The Western Regional Center's Mid-Year review with the State occurred in August. We received much positive feedback from the State, which is promising as these are the same people who will determine whether or not we are awarded the WRC Grant for the next three years. 😊

Dawn and Savannah met with community leaders and professionals in La Crosse in August. We are planning a family event in early 2023. We also had an opportunity to visit Trane Park, which is an all-abilities park that was recently built in La Crosse. It was nice seeing adults enjoying themselves on swing sets, and children with all types of abilities zip-lining and playing on slides. The Park was amazing, with everything from a rock-climbing wall to adult-sized seesaws. It would be wonderful to have a park like this in our area for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy!

The Western Regional Center will be meeting with foster parents throughout the State in October in Wausau, at the Wisconsin Foster and Adoptive Parent Conference. We are flattered that we were asked to present to this group and look forward to meeting with the families.

Savannah will be presenting the Caring for the Whole Family training to a group of Native American parents in Ashland, WI in September. Since we are the only Regional Center that has presented this training, we were asked to assist the Northern Regional Center. This will be a great opportunity to connect with families that we may not otherwise get a chance to meet.

I regret last month's comment about having a slow July regarding Children's Waiver and Comprehensive Community Services intakes because in August we received 14!

Intern Christopher Kjenvet will be starting a social work internship with the Western Regional Center in September. Christopher must complete 460 hours of internship in order to graduate in December with a degree in social work. We look forward to working with him, we have not taken an intern since early 2020 in our division.

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.

- ❖ April Krumenauer, Administrative Assistant – 9 years
- ❖ Angie Weideman, County Health Officer/Public Health Director – 8 years
- ❖ Komi Modji, Epidemiologist – 2 years
- ❖ Kyle Ziegler, Environmental Health Specialist – 2 years
- ❖ Savannah Bertrand, WRC Program Consultant – 1 year
- ❖ Amy Ralph, Nutritionist – 1 year
- ❖ Mary Rudd, COVID Contract Tracer – 1 year



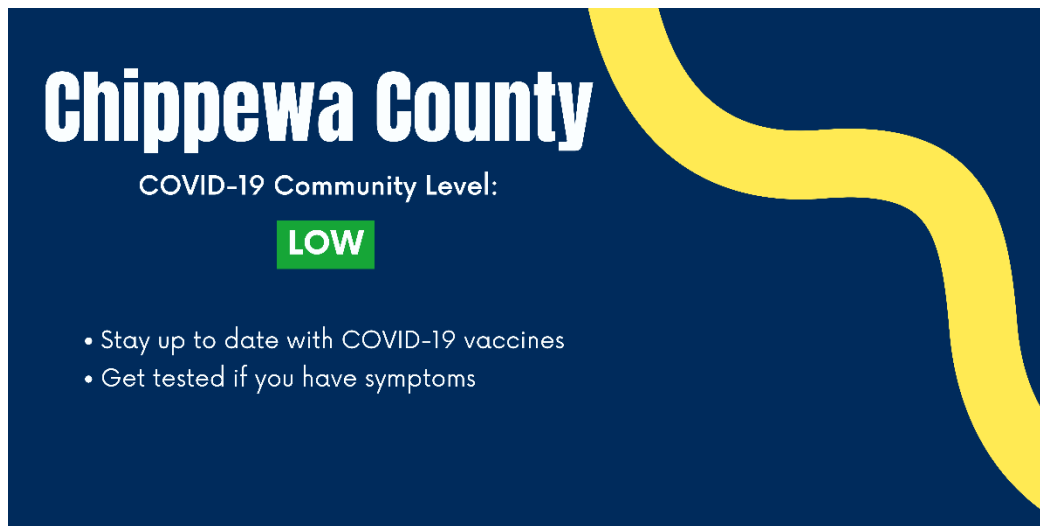
Chippewa County COVID-19 Update

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 low. The COVID-19 Community Level and associated metrics presented are updated weekly on Thursday.

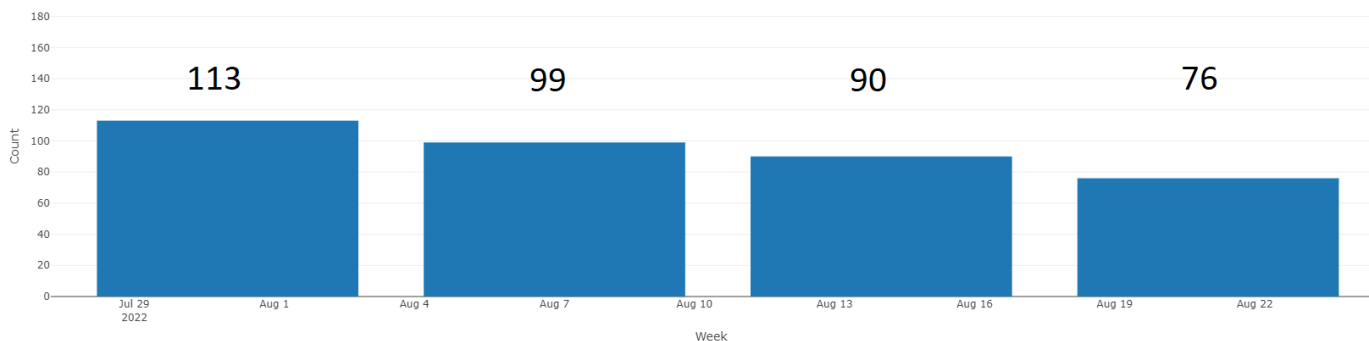
- COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population: 9.4
- The average percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 4.0%
- COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population: 112.9



COVID-19 Case Update

COVID-19 case counts have been trending downward in Chippewa County over the past 4 weeks, as shown in the graph. There was a total of 378 cases over the 4 weeks.

- Week of July 31: 113
- Week of August 7: 99
- Week of August 14: 90
- Week of August 21: 76





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

County Board of Health Report

Jurisdiction: Chippewa County

Received Date: 8/1/2022 to 8/31/2022

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
CORONAVIRUS, NOVEL 2019 (COVID-19)	357	41	11	755	1164
LYME LABORATORY REPORT	0	17	0	9	26
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	13	0	2	0	15
HEPATITIS A	0	0	2	8	10
E-COLI, ENTEROPATHOGENIC (EPEC)	2	0	7	0	9
GONORRHEA	9	0	0	0	9
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	0	3	0	6	9
LYME DISEASE, ERYTHEMA MIGRANS (EM) RASH	1	0	0	8	9
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	0	0	4	1	5
ANAPLASMOSIS, A. phagocytophilum	1	0	1	2	4
ORTHOPOXVIRUS, MONKEYPOX	0	0	0	4	4
SYPHILIS REACTOR	0	0	1	3	4
AFB SMEAR	0	0	1	1	2
BABESIOSIS	0	0	1	1	2
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	1	0	1	0	2
HEPATITIS B, CHRONIC	0	0	1	1	2
SYPHILIS, PRIMARY	0	2	0	0	2
VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCI (VRE)	1	0	0	1	2
VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)	0	0	0	2	2
BORRELIOSIS, BORRELIA MIYAMOTOI	1	0	0	0	1

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
GIARDIASIS	0	0	1	0	1
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE, INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	0	1	1
MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE (NON- TUBERCULOUS)	1	0	0	0	1
Q FEVER, unspecified	0	0	1	0	1
Total	387	63	34	803	1287

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



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Public Health
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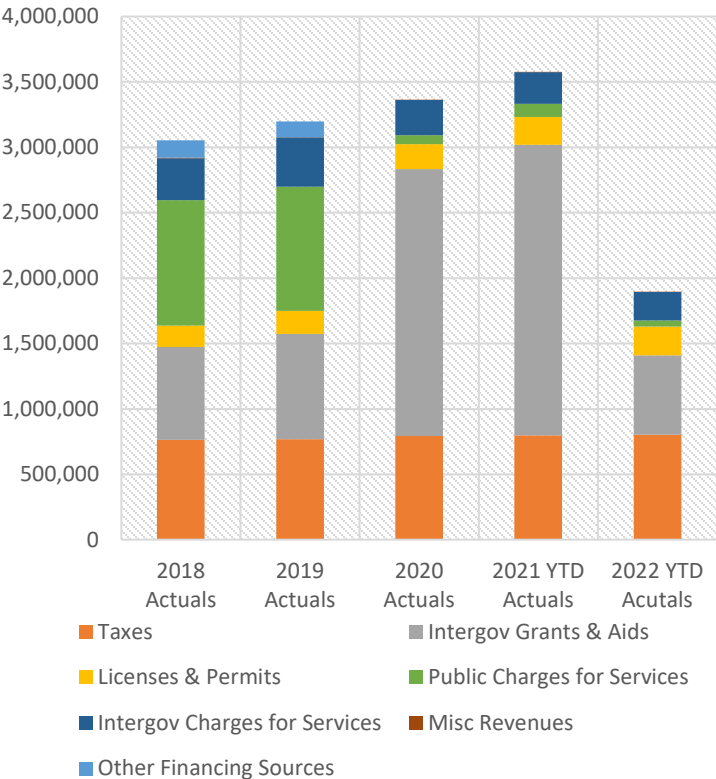
Fund	Description	Revenue			Expense		
		Budget	Actual	% Collected	Budget	Actual	% Spent
54100	Community Health	\$ (706,490.00)	\$ (697,040.03)	98.7%	\$ 706,490.00	\$ 307,706.97	43.6%
54121	Nurse Family Partnership	(119,269.00)	(57,260.15)	48.0%	119,269.00	67,735.92	56.8%
54123	Farmers Market	(3,871.00)	(512.62)	13.2%	3,871.00	3,386.17	87.5%
54125	Prenatal Care Coordination	(63,686.00)	(4,910.22)	7.7%	63,686.00	9,120.31	14.3%
54127	Healthy U	-	(2,433.34)	0.0%	-	3,000.94	0.0%
54128	Public Health Preparedness	(49,188.00)	(18,014.44)	36.6%	49,188.00	46,422.46	94.4%
54132	Drug Free Community Grant	(132,814.00)	(78,492.05)	0.0%	132,814.00	81,721.12	0.0%
54135	Bright Start River Source	(10,594.00)	(17,892.14)	168.9%	10,594.00	10,948.39	103.3%
54140	WIC	(409,779.00)	(226,241.68)	55.2%	409,779.00	206,387.35	50.4%
54142	Maternal & Child Health Program	(27,664.00)	(6,573.72)	23.8%	27,664.00	9,776.51	35.3%
54144	Wisconsin Wins	(4,614.00)	(1,463.70)	31.7%	4,614.00	5,337.90	115.7%
54148	COVID Workforce	-	(92.00)	0.0%	-	1,046.80	0.0%
54149	Pre-Venture	(20,037.00)	(1,266.05)	6.3%	20,037.00	1,426.75	7.1%
54150	Prevention	(8,951.00)	(3,914.00)	43.7%	8,951.00	10,953.93	122.4%
54151	Equipment Loan Closet	(6,943.00)	(926.83)	0.0%	6,943.00	4,123.66	0.0%
54152	Western Regional Center	(189,752.00)	(58,397.42)	30.8%	189,752.00	134,393.09	70.8%
54154	Title X Reproductive Health	(14,766.00)	(20,916.74)	0.0%	14,766.00	31,324.53	0.0%
54156	FIT WIC	(37,178.00)	(13,039.06)	35.1%	37,178.00	21,228.72	57.1%
54157	Reproductive Health	(54,091.00)	(23,772.93)	43.9%	54,091.00	26,652.19	49.3%
54158	WIC BF Peer Counseling	(14,720.00)	(6,226.28)	42.3%	14,720.00	9,557.08	64.9%
54159	Diabetes Grant	(15,863.00)	(5,928.76)	0.0%	15,863.00	10,546.67	0.0%
54161	Health Clinics	(34,334.00)	(3,939.87)	11.5%	34,334.00	3,374.80	9.8%
54162	COVID Vaccine	(11,346.00)	(9,454.02)	83.3%	11,346.00	16,165.23	142.5%
54163	Overdose Fatality Review	(36,958.00)	(12,034.50)	0.0%	36,958.00	30,495.99	0.0%
54164	COVID Contact Tracing	(99,790.00)	(231,114.88)	0.0%	99,790.00	292,990.99	0.0%
54165	GYT - Get Yourself Tested	(2,083.00)	(78.84)	3.8%	2,083.00	280.23	13.5%
54171	Food Safety Recreation License	(257,236.00)	(270,073.08)	105.0%	257,236.00	170,539.45	66.3%
54172	Infant Immunization Grant	(16,088.00)	(5,101.68)	31.7%	16,088.00	9,321.76	57.9%
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)	(6,030.54)	28.3%	21,318.00	17,575.73	82.4%
54176	Environmental Health	(24,525.00)	(23,838.90)	0.0%	24,525.00	10,755.61	0.0%
54180	DHS Agreement	(109,061.00)	(56,082.76)	51.4%	109,061.00	62,757.95	57.5%
54182	HCET (Health Care, Ed & Tr)	(7,796.00)	(280.38)	3.6%	7,796.00	280.38	3.6%
54184	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prev.	(9,930.00)	(2,853.66)	28.7%	9,930.00	4,280.01	43.1%
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	\$ 1,894,789.81	71.9%	\$ 2,634,970.00	\$ 1,669,517.94	63.4%

Public Health Revenues vs Expenses

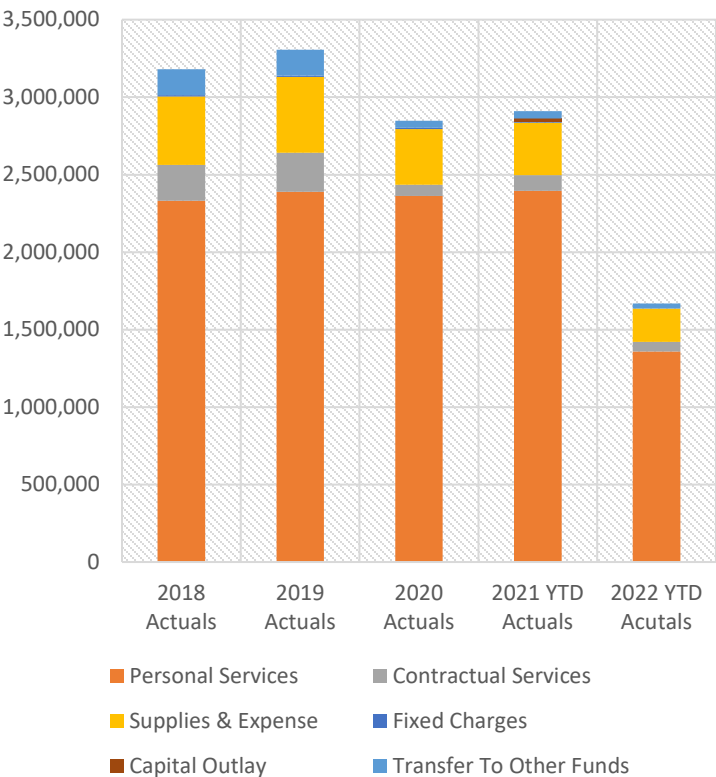
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Total Revenues for All Years



Total Expenses for All Years





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

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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: September 15, 2022

1. WCHSA Updates

Division of Children's and Families (DCF)

- **Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO) Director-** Sarah Kate Johnson (Kate) will be attending the WCHSA Executive Committee meeting on September 8th for an in-person introduction. Kate joins DCF with a wealth of experience supporting program operations with counties and tribes. She previously managed a team that provided technical assistance and operational support to counties administering statewide programs serving children with disabilities in the community and their families, including the Birth to 3 Program, Children's Long-Term Support Program, Children's Community Options Program, and the Katie Beckett Program. During her 20-year career with the State of Wisconsin, she has supported partner agencies in a variety of programs provided within the Human Services array. Kate holds a master's in social work from UW - Madison, an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, and training in Servant Leadership.
- **Youth Villages Presentation-** Division of Safety and Permanence hosted the Youth Villages team to speak about their Intercept model September 1st, 2022. The webinar provided an overview of Intercept and the clinical services provided within the model.
- **Additional TSSF Funds-** Division of Safety and Permanence Licensing Memo 2022-20i "[New Funding for Putting Families First: Increase for Targeted Safety Support](#)" recently released on 8/22/2022. An additional 10 million dollars of funds will be made available from August of 2022-December of 2023. Funds will be added to state-county contracts as well as Tribal Family Services Contracts. Division of Safety and Permanence current listening sessions related to the origin, use and purpose of these funds in the month of August. Presentations were held to further explain this funding.
- **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.

Child Care Program - Division of Early Care and Education (DECE)

- **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 early fall.

- **YoungStar Transition Coming Soon**-In November 2021, DCF issued a Request for Proposal for the administration of the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System, as part of the normal contracting cycle. Following extensive evaluation of proposals, DCF will contract with a new administrator, Shine Early Learning. DCF is currently finalizing the contract. Shine will administer all YoungStar services after completion of a transition period with the current YoungStar administrator, Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA). Once a transition timeline is in place, more detailed information will be shared through DCF's child care listserv, the [YoungStar webpages](#), and stakeholder group meetings.
- **Inclusive Birth to 3 Child Care Project**-Funded by Supplemental Discretionary Child Care Development Block Grant/ARPA funds, a collaboration between the DHS Birth to 3 and DCF Wisconsin Share Programs, a project to serve up to 1,400 children to support childcare through subsidy. Southern Pilot Counties will begin in August of 2022 with additional counties being served in October. The Project timeline extends through September of 2024. Pilot Counties received training in July. Balance of State Training dates are: *September 21st* 1:00 pm; September 27 -3 pm

Division of Health Services (DHS)

- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant Opportunity**- DCTS is seeking applications to award contracts for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services for people eligible for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families who have a family income of not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Any public agency or nonprofit agency is eligible to apply. Applicants must be providing services in a county with a population of 750,000 or more. Applicants are required to have a minimum of two years of experience providing substance use treatment services in the eligible county. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. November 4, 2022. [View more information on this grant funding opportunity](#).
- **Conversion notification deadline extended for DHS 35 providers with a DHS 75 certification**-DHS 35 providers with a DHS 75 certification who wish to convert to DHS 75.50, rather than automatic conversion to DHS 75.49, now have until September 16, 2022, to notify the Division of Quality Assurance of this decision.
- **Attn: Nursing Home Providers and Hospitals Authorization to Conduct Mandatory Facility Surveys**-Due to the unusually high number of complaints and inspections, the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) has secured the services of a private entity, Healthcare Management Solutions (HMS), to help conduct inspections in nursing homes and hospitals. Beginning September 1, 2022, HMS, will have unrestricted entry to facilities to conduct complaint investigations and recertification surveys, and ensure resident and patient care and services are provided, consistent with state statute, administrative code, and federal regulations. Additional information about HMS is available at [HMS Healthcare and Technology Services - HMS \(hcmsllc.com\)](#).
- **Wisconsin Adult Protective Services System *BADR 2022-01 (Replaces 2018-04)***-Description of the APS system, specifying roles and responsibilities of counties and DHS with references to applicable laws. The Wisconsin APS system is county based; however, both DHS and the counties have separate and distinct statutorily imposed duties relative to elder adults at risk, adults at risk, and the adult protective services system.



Department and Division Updates

Department Updates:

- As I mentioned last month, Randy, Angie, Rose Baier, and myself attended a Wisconsin Counties Association meeting to gather more information regarding allowable expenses for the opioid settlement funds. It provided more detail regarding allowable expenses and what other counties were using their funds for. We continue to work through the planning phase to determine what will be the best way to utilize these one-time funds.
- Attached you will find data from the recently administered ProQOL or Professional Quality of Life Scale. This was administered to DHS staff and measures compassion satisfaction, burnout, and secondary traumatic stress. Based on the numbers, we appear to be in a better spot than we were back in 2018. (Attachment 5.3b)
- Please see the attached document entitled “Community Donations.” It is a heartwarming story of how the community comes together to support good causes. This is just one example of the generosity DHS is often the recipient of. (Attachment 5.3c)
- We would like to recognize the following dedicated staff for their years of service: Caitlin Walton 2 years, Kim Behnke 3 years (Recovery and Wellness Consortium), Rene Berthiaume (CPS) 4 years, Jessica Barrickman, 10 years, Denise Eder, 14 years (Recovery and Wellness Consortium), and Patty LeMay (Birth to Three) 28 years. **THANK YOU!**

Divisions:

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- Once again, September is the time when the ADRC starts gearing up for two major “events.” There is a lot of behind the scenes preparation that happens for the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment. This runs from October 15-December 7 each year and is the time of year when Medicare beneficiaries can change their drug plans or their Medicare Advantage plan. These are very big decisions for folks, not to mention confusing. For people who are computer savvy, we have workshops that walk people through the process. For those who aren’t computer savvy and don’t have anyone that can assist, we offer several options for getting that one-on-one assistance.
- Our other “event” isn’t really an event. We just happen to know that this is the time of year when people start thinking about winter, and what they will need in place to remain in their homes. It is also the time of year when families start having those conversations and call our office for guidance. It definitely keeps us hopping and usually means we are taking a little longer to return phone calls. This happens with almost all of our services...transportation, meals on wheels, options counseling, dementia related programs, and more.
- After much conversation with the state, Corp Counsel and Administration, it was determined that the Nutrition Advisory Council is not statutorily required and therefore does not need to be outlined in the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances. Instead, we are creating a procedure that would be consistent with the state guidelines and the nuances of Chippewa County’s Elderly Nutrition Program. This will also provide us with more opportunities to receive input from our communities about the service provided.
- Data is important when looking at what we do, but it doesn’t tell the whole story. Even still, I thought maybe you would like to see how things are looking in 2022. When comparing the number of customer contacts we’ve had from January through July, we are up 15% from our pre-COVID contacts. We are also seeing a trend toward more of our calls coming from legal decision makers or the primary caregiver for the customer. In 2018, 9% of our contacts were from this group. This year, 23% of our contacts are coming from caregivers & legal decision makers. Finally, it might interest you in learning that we have seen a 103% increase since 2018, in the number of contacts related to someone with Alzheimer’s or some other irreversible dementia. So thankful that we have a Dementia Care Specialist that has trained all of the staff in ways to better serve this population.



Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division

Youth Justice (YJ):

- Currently recruiting for a full-time position. This position posting will be closing on Sept. 18.
- The summer art program that is for aggression replacement training has successfully ended.

Children with Differing Abilities (CDWA):

- Wendy Hable has started her position with CLTS as of August 22. Welcome Wendy!
- The Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) staff helped run a Waiver event where families came together to eat donated pizzas, went on a scavenger hunt, and watched a movie in the park. It was a great time for Human Connection!

Birth to Three (B-3):

- The team has developed an application for families to use in order to utilize funds from the recent grant for groceries, transportation, and Goodwill.
- Referrals continue to be high.
- A new Speech Therapist, Alyssa Zaspel, recently started and she is jumping right in!

Child Protective Services (CPS):

- The summer months were slower for new CPS reports. However, with the start of the school year reports have risen dramatically.
- The CPS Unit is welcoming three new members: Macey Awe (Initial Assessment), Sara Bedford (Ongoing Services), and Samantha Jerome (Initial Assessment).

Economic Support Division

No updates this month.

Recovery & Wellness Consortium (RWC) Division

- RWC welcomes Kimberlyn Sorvaag. Kimberlyn comes with experience of providing psychotherapy services in community. Kimberlyn is looking for new challenges and hopes to expand her professional growth in the mental health field. Kimberly will complete linkage and follow up mental health services to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- September 4 to 11 in National Suicide Awareness Week.
- Suicide is a troubling public health issue that leaves a lasting impact on families and community. Between 1999 and 2019 suicide rate increased 33 percent, making it the 12th leading cause of death in United States. In Wisconsin it is the 9th leading cause of death. For youth (ages 10-19) suicide is the second leading cause of death. Recorded suicide attempts among older adults are more lethal than those in younger age groups. Adults over 60 are twice as likely to use a firearm as their means of suicide compared to younger adults.
- Suicide, like other human behaviors, has no single determining cause. Instead, suicide occurs in response to multiple biological, psychological, interpersonal, environmental and societal influences that interact with one another, often over time.
 - Individual level: history of depression and other mental illnesses, hopelessness, substance abuse, certain health conditions, previous suicide attempt, violence victimization and perpetration, and genetic and biological determinants.
 - Relationship level: high conflict or violent relationships, sense of isolation and lack of social support, family/ loved one's history of suicide, financial and work stress.
 - Community level: inadequate community connectedness, barriers to health care (e.g. lack of access to providers and medications).
 - Societal level: availability of lethal means of suicide, unsafe media portrayals of suicide, stigma associated with help-seeking and mental illness.



3. 2022 Monthly Fiscal Information

Through Month of: August 2022

Prorated 2022 Budget (total is \$24,807,743):	\$16,538,495	8 months
Expenses paid through August:	17,376,498	
Variance to Budget:	\$838,003	

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)
August	105	379,846	394,020	(14,174)

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
August	76	4	3,003,466	1,577,818	1,425,648

* 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)
August	12	476,744	713,987	(237,243)

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
July	47	821,245	401,392	419,853

* 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
August	31,255	32,835
Total	\$221,277	\$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
August	117,583	131,485
Total	\$1,623,119	\$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
August	20,281	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
August	0	33,449
Total	\$485,960	\$401,392

Department of Human Services Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) Scale Results

Compassion Satisfaction Scale

Division/Unit/Team	2017	2018	2022
ADRC		Average – 38.33 15 Responses	High – 42.25 12 Responses
Admin Team		Average – 39.50 6 Responses	High – 42.50 2 Responses
CYF (All Units)		Average – 37.86 22 Responses	
CYF - B-3			Average – 36 3 Responses
CYF – CPS	Average – 34.5 8 Responses		Average – 41.44 9 Responses
CYF - CWDA			Average – 35.78 9 Responses
CYF - YJ			High – 42 2 Responses
ES		Average – 38.77 13 Responses	Average – 36.25 4 Responses
Fiscal		Average – 32.60 5 Responses	Average – 41.59 8 Responses
Leadership	Average - 36 12 Responses	Average – 38.33 6 Responses	High – 42 7 Responses
RWC		Average – 38.64 11 Responses	Average – 39.83 11 Responses
All Staff		Average – 38.28 68 Responses	Average – 39.95 65 Responses

The sum of my Compassion Satisfaction questions is	So My Score Equals	And my Compassion Satisfaction level is
22 or less	43 or less	Low
Between 23 and 41	Around 50	Average
42 or more	57 or more	High

Burnout Scale

Division/Unit/Team	2017	2018	2022
ADRC		Average – 25.27 15 Responses	Low – 22.08 12 Responses
Admin Team		Low – 20.83 6 Responses	Low – 15.50 2 Responses
CYF (All Units)		Average – 25.04 22 Responses	
CYF - B-3			Average – 26 3 Responses
CYF – CPS	Average – 27.5 8 Responses		Average – 24.56 9 Responses
CYF - CWDA			Average – 26.89 9 Responses
CYF - YJ			Low – 22.50 2 Responses
ES		Low – 19.08 13 Responses	Low – 22.50 4 Responses
Fiscal		Average – 23.60 5 Responses	Low – 18.50 8 Responses
Leadership	Low - 22 12 Responses	Low – 22.83 6 Responses	Low – 19.14 7 Responses
RWC		Low – 20.91 11 Responses	Low – 22.08 11 Responses
All Staff		Average – 23.04 68 Responses	Low – 22.40 65 Responses

The sum of my Burnout Questions is	So my score equals	And my Burnout level is
22 or less	43 or less	Low
Between 23 and 41	Around 50	Average
42 or more	57 or more	High

Secondary Traumatic Stress

Division/Unit/Team	2017	2018	2022
ADRC		Low – 21.60 15 Responses	Low – 19.92 12 Responses
Admin Team		Average – 23.83 6 Responses	Low – 16 2 Responses
CYF (All Units)		Average – 24 22 Responses	
CYF - B-3			Average – 23 3 Responses
CYF – CPS	Average – 25.3 8 Responses		Low – 21.56 9 Responses
CYF - CWDA			Average – 27.11 9 Responses
CYF - YJ			Low – 22 2 Responses
ES		Low – 18.31 13 Responses	Low – 16.50 4 Responses
Fiscal		Low - 18 5 Responses	Low – 15.50 8 Responses
Leadership	Low - 18 12 Responses	Low – 17 6 Responses	Low – 15.43 7 Responses
RWC		Low – 20.82 11 Responses	Low – 20.67 11 Responses
All Staff		Low – 20.87 68 Responses	Low – 20.35 65 Responses

The sum of my Secondary Trauma questions is	So My Score Equals	And my Secondary Traumatic Stress level is
22 or less	43 or less	Low
Between 23 and 41	Around 50	Average
42 or more	57 or more	High

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Chippewa County Department of Human Services is very fortunate to have the support of our community for children that are in a court ordered out of home placement.

We receive cash donations from many sources, including: *Jayna Kelly Foundation, Chippewa County Service clubs, Community Foundation, Chippewa County Board Members, Church groups, School groups, Banks and Credit Unions, Individuals/Families, Chippewa County (Legal) Bar Association, Chippewa County Businesses, and Snowmobile clubs.* We also receive donations of clothing, shoes, jackets, hats, mittens, diapers, hygiene supplies, blankets, pillows, backpacks, school supplies, and gift cards, etc. to be used for foster children.

Due to the generosity of these donors, we are able to fully pay for a Holiday party for all of our foster families (includes gifts, games and a meal), which we will begin planning our 24th annual party soon!

We are also able to use donations for ad hoc items that a child in out of home care may need. A recent example is an instrument a girl (Dezja) needed to purchase to be able to be in the high school band. Dezja resides with her grandmother and the case is considered a "Kinship Care" case. Dezja found a used instrument, and when applying for the funding, wrote the attached essay. Great job Dezja! (Please note, Dezja has given her permission to share her essay with you, and to include her name).

We are very thankful for the community support for Chippewa County children!

If you need more information on how to make a donation, or what is needed, please contact: Geri Sedlacek at gsedlacek@co.chippewa.wi.us or 715/726-7829

From: Dezja [REDACTED]

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Date: Aug 19, 2022 at 7:57:39 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Sax essay

Why do I need a saxophone? And even better, why 300 dollars? Well, in all my old one is out of shape.

I got my first saxophone when I was in the fifth grade. This would mean that I have had the same instrument for over five years as I am now going to be a sophomore in high school. The wear and tear that has slowly deteriorated my saxophone over time has caused major damage. For example, my key pads no longer seal, my high major key no longer functions, and my low octave major pads as well no longer work. I could go on and on.

My current saxophone is of a white color, this varnish was painted over the polished body making it very easy to scratch which has totally ruined its design. The lacquer that polishes the hardware has thinned and chipped away meaning it is no longer protecting the keys, bars, and screws. This is a big issue. Lacquer is the barrier that keeps the oils from your hands away from the metal as well as preventing it from rusting. The neck of the saxophone has a dent creating a struggle to tune. The cork has fell apart due to its age, which also makes it very hard to seal my mouth piece.

Another reason I need another saxophone would be how I stand out from the rest of the band. As stated previously, my sax is white while a normal saxophone is brass. My biggest concern is that when I have my marching band shows our team will be docked points for not having a formal setting group. This has happened many times before. Even though being different from others is cool, sometime it's not, and can create issues not only for yourself but for others too.

A general saxophone range from maybe 500 to about 5,000 dollars, this isn't even close to the price of a professional saxophone. This 300 dollar offer on a Yamaha sax is like a miracle sent from heaven. Saxophones are very expensive and the damage done to my current one would equal more than 300 dollars to

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have it repaired . It's better said that it is easier to buy the previously owned one.

I have been playing the Alto sax longer than I can remember. I am currently in marching band, jazz band, symphonic, and harmonic band, which should show you how much I play a saxophone as well as how much I love music. I play many other instruments including the other saxophones and even the piano and clarinet. Ive looked into the trumpet and even the snare, as well as the violin and cello. I work hard and play hard to maintain the skill I am at. I have preformed all over the place making many appearances at the Heidi center, and various pit orchestras for a wide assortment of theater productions. I plan to even major in music during college and become a member of the phantom regiment which is one of the greatest drum and bugle corps in America. My biggest dream, though, is to preform with the philharmonic orchestra which features woodwind instruments like mine in many of their practiced pieces.

I enjoy playing the saxophone, and I know three hundred dollars will not go to waste. This instrument is important to me. Not only is it my way of expressing myself, but it is a good show of art. Working hard for something you don't necessarily care about, to me, is called stress. But working hard for something you love and enjoy is called passion. Music is my passion, and I wish to always fulfill it.

Dezha



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 08-31-22	Number of IA Workers	Projected End of Year based on 01-01-21 to 08-31-22	Actual End of Year
2022	129	4	194	N/A
2021	151	4	226	199
2020	194	4	291	261
2019	180	4	270	272
2018	174	4	261	250
2017	114	3	171	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 (09-07-22)

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	6	2	6						
Ongoing					16	12	15	14	12	11

Total Families/Cases Open: Initial Assessment = 19; Ongoing = 80; equals 99 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
154	164	173	172	195	171	132	66

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

Children/Youth Opened	7
Children Waiting to be Screened to Determine Eligibility	11
Waitlist - CCS	0
Waitlist – CCS/CLTS (Dually Eligible)	0
Waitlist - CLTS	32

Current IMD Expenditures

Children/Youth – IMD	\$ 145,451
Adults – IMD	\$ 294,581
Total	\$ 440,032

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-June	End of Year
2022	146	292(Projected)
2021	134	236
2020	138	243
2019	135	362
2018	224	351



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
REVISED HUMAN SERVICES POL 10 - CONSUMER RIGHTS, GRIEVANCE,
PRIVACY & COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROCESS

6.1

In the process of the previously approved Human Services revised HIPAA Security and Privacy Policy, several sections were deleted and added to the Human Services Consumer Rights and Grievance Policy (page 1). Procedure steps 19 and 20 have also been added (page 3) to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. A few other minor informational updates were also made.

Chippewa County Department of Human Services POLICY/PROCEDURE - Number 10

Title: Consumer Rights, Grievance, Privacy, and Complaints Resolution Process

- I. **PURPOSE:** This Chippewa County Human Service Policy addresses the respectful and supportive manner in which staff and consumers shall evaluate and resolve complaints.
- II. **APPLICABILITY:** Applies to all staff within the Human Services Department and the consumers we serve in accordance with DHS Chapter 94.
- III. **DEFINITIONS:** Department of Human Services (DHS), Consumer Rights, Grievance and Privacy Coordinator (CRGPC), Human Service Professional (HSP), Program Manager (PM), Chippewa County Department of Human Services Resolution Request (CCDHSRR), and Consumer Rights & Grievance Specialist (CRGS)

IV. **POLICY**

Consumer Rights – Right to Request Amendment to Records

- If upon inspection of their case record, the consumer believes it is inaccurate or incomplete, the consumer has the right to request an amendment to the record. Consumers are to make amendment requests to the CRGPC by completing the **CCDHS Request for Amendment of Private Information (Attachment A)** and forward to appropriate program manager for resolution. A CCDHS program manager shall assure CCDHS responds to the request as outlined on the RAPI form. When another entity informs CCDHS of having granted an amendment that also covers CCDHS data, CCDHS shall also amend its record in accordance with the informing entity's decision. Whether the request for amendment is denied or granted, the completed RAPI form and any associated correspondence shall be linked to the area of the consumer record that is the subject of the request.

Consumer Rights – Right to Access Complaint Process

- A consumer has the right to file a complaint if a consumer believes his/her rights were violated. The consumer may also file a complaint concerning CCDHS's privacy policies and procedures, even without alleging a violation of rights. This complaint process is also to be followed for consumers challenging a denial of requests to access their records and denials of requests to amend records. The CCDHS CRGPC is responsible for receiving consumer privacy complaints, which are to be documented on the **Consumer Grievance and Privacy Resolution Form (Attachment B)** and forwarded to the appropriate program manager for resolution. The program manager shall provide a written response to the consumer and CCDHS complaint file (retained minimum of seven years, with some exceptions per division procedure) within 30 days from the date the complaint was filed. Consumers are permitted to have a representative of their choice to represent their interests during the complaint process.
- Consumers who request an outside agency to review their complaints may contact the ~~Federal State of Wisconsin~~ Department of Health & Human Services at 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20201, or reach the Secretary by phone at (202) 690-7000, Client Rights Office, P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707-7851, 608-266-2717.

Consumer Rights – Right to Be Free of Intimidation

- Any intimidation of or retaliation against consumers, families, friends, or other participants in the complaint process is prohibited. Staff who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- If the consumer's rights have been violated, staff who violated those rights are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. CCDHS shall mitigate, to the extent feasible, any known harmful effects of the violation.

V. PROCEDURE:

1. Each consumer that receives services from any division within Human Services shall receive at time of intake a copy of the rights, grievance, and complaint process. The HSP shall be responsible to advise the consumer of the steps.
2. When an issue arises, the consumer shall attempt to work through and resolve challenges with their assigned HSP. The HSP shall document the issue and its resolution in the case file.
3. When a resolution cannot be achieved, the HSP shall refer the consumer to their PM.
4. The PM shall attempt to informally resolve the issue with the consumer and the assigned HSP. When the issue is resolved, documentation of the issue and its resolution shall be placed in the case file.
5. When an informal resolution cannot be achieved, the Program Manager or ~~Office~~ Associate Administrative Assistant shall offer the consumer a CCDHSRR form (to be submitted to the CRGC within 45 days of incident) or when a consumer chooses a state level review (provide state level contact information). Within five business days (excluding weekends and holidays) from receipt of the CCDHSRR form, the CRSC shall contact the consumer acknowledging the receipt of the form and next steps.
6. When a CCDHSRR is made by a consumer, the CRGC shall appoint a PM-CRGS from another division to review CCDHSRR and analyze the consumer's concern. The CRGC shall provide a copy of the resolution form to the director of Human Services. The CRGC shall obtain any case records upon request from the PM-CRGS from another division in order to assist in making a decision. The PM-CRGS from another division shall complete the report within 30/5 days (non-emergency and emergency).

Any recipient of **state or county funding** in an inpatient facility who is receiving services for mental illness, a developmental disability, or substance abuse may file a grievance. This includes Hospitals, Outpatient clinics, AODA providers, Vocational and Day Services, Crisis Programs, Community Support Programs, Residential Settings, Group and Foster Homes, Nursing Homes, Day Treatment, In-Home Programs, and any other program that provides services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse or for people protectively placed under Sec. 55.06, Wis. Stats. In such cases the CRGC shall follow the steps as outlined in DHS 94 Community Grievance Resolution Procedure available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clientrights/dhs94fc.pdf>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clientrights/dhs94-flow-chart.pdf>

7. The ***Grievance Investigation Report (Attachment C)*** shall be utilized to document each step in the formal grievance process.
8. The PM-CRGS shall interview all parties associated with the grievance or complaint. Minimally, this includes the HSP, PM, and consumer.
9. The PM-CRGS from another division shall complete a written summary recommendation on how to resolve the issue or suggest a next step.
10. The PM-CRGS shall determine whether the finding is founded or unfounded. The PM-CRGS may offer individual or system quality improvement suggestions regardless of the determination.
11. The PM-CRGS from another division shall submit the written summary and finding to the CRGC. The CRGC shall share the summary and recommendation or next step with the PM of the division where the grievance or complaint originated.

12. If the PM supports the recommendation the CRGC shall inform the PM-CRGS to proceed with writing a letter to the consumer presenting a summary, the action that shall occur to resolve the issue, and the next step in the grievance/complaint process. The letter shall be cc'd to PM, HSP and Director.
13. If either consumer or PM does not agree with the decision by another PM-CRGS, then PM issues own decision within 10/5 days (non-emergency/emergency) and submits to the Director. Consumer may appeal to the Director within 14 days.
14. When the PM is not in agreement with the PM-CRGS decision and submits their own decision the Director shall review the PM decision and either upholds the initial recommendation of the PM-CRS or schedules a meeting with both parties to mediate a resolution.
15. The Director shall evaluate, review, analyze and issue a decision to the consumer and/or PM within 30/10 days (non-emergency or emergency) of receiving the written request.
16. The Director's response is considered final unless a state level review of the decision can be requested under DHS 94.43. Under DHS 94.43 any consumer shall have 14 days from the date the consumer receives a county director's decision to request a state level review.
17. Grievances or complaints not applicable to DHS 94 include the following: The consumer requests a new HSP or the agency denies a specific service that a consumer wants because the agency determines the need can be met in a different manner. The steps in this procedure still apply. However, the Director's opinion is final. These decisions are a local decision only, the State has no authority.
18. At any time in the grievance process, the consumer may choose to contact the appropriate state level agency responsible to hear rights, grievances, or complaints. For some services, the consumer has the right under sec. 51.61 (7) Stats to take the matter to court.
19. Formal grievances regarding the reduction or termination of benefits for Food Share, Child Care, BadgerCare, and other Medical Assistance related programs are completed through the State of Wisconsin Division of Hearing and Appeals. Please contact the Great Rivers Consortium to obtain a Request for a Fair Hearing form.
20. Certain programs such as Child Welfare or Youth Justice have confidentiality requirements that limit case information that may be shared. Persons who are not directly receiving services will typically need the case participant to sign a **Release of Information Form (Attachment D)** in order to receive information.

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The Department of Health Services
 Client Rights Office
 P.O. Box 7851
 Madison, WI 53707-7851
 608-266-2717
 (Applicable to consumers receiving services for
 mental health, developmental disability,
 substance abuse, adult protective services on
 protectively placed under Ch. 55 Wis. Stats.)

Department of Administration
 Division of Hearings and Appeals
 P.O. Box 7875
 Madison, WI 53707-7875
 (Applicable to Economic Support services, child
 care, foster care, ~~Family Support Program,~~
Children's Community Options Program, and
 Children's Long-Term Support waivers.)

Birth to Three Program
 WI Department of Health Services
 Division of Long-Term Care
 1 W. Wilson St., Room 418
 P.O. Box 7851
 Madison, WI 53707
 608-266-8276

Department of Corrections
 Division of Juvenile Corrections
 3099 E. Washington Ave.
 Madison, WI 53704
 608-240-5900 or 608-240-5014

Area Administration
 Department of Children and Families
 610 Gibson St., Suite 2
 Eau Claire, WI 54701-3687
 715-836-2185
 (Child welfare)

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 (Signature Required)

Date: October 15, 2009

Health & Human Services Board Approval

Date: **October 15, 2009; September 15, 2022**

Human Services Board Chair
 (Signature Required)

Effective: October 15, 2009

Revised: 05/26/10, 11/18/10, 09/02/11, 10/06/11, 08/13/14, 06-15-17, **08-08-22**

Attachment A

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF PRIVATE INFORMATION			
Consumer Name:		Request Date:	
Street Address:		Birth Date:	
City/State/Zip:			
WHAT NEEDS TO BE AMENDED/CORRECTED & WHY			
Entry to be amended:			
Date & Author of entry:			
Please explain how the information is incorrect or incomplete. What should the information state to be more accurate or complete?			
Would you like this amendment sent to anyone to whom we may have disclosed this information in the past? If so, please specify the name and address of the organization or individual.			
Names & Addresses:			
I understand that CCDHS may or may not amend the case record with an amendment based on my request, and under no circumstances is CCDHS permitted to alter the original case record. In any event, this request for an amendment will be made part of my permanent case record.			
Signature of Consumer or Consumer's Legal Representative		Date	
FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			
To be completed within 60 days of request (or 90 days with written explanation for extension provided to consumer.)			
Date received:	☐ Accepted	☐ Denied	
If denied, check reason for denial:			
☐ Data was not created by this organization ☐ Data is not available to the consumer for inspection as permitted by federal law ☐ Data is not part of consumer's designated record set ☐ Data is accurate and complete		Comments:	
☐ If denied, the individual was, in writing, informed of the reason for denial and how to further challenge this denial via the complaint process. (attach letter of communication) ☐ If approved, the Department informed other affected entities that also need to make the same approved amendment.			
Signature/Title of Staff Member		Date	

Attachment B
Chippewa County Department of Human Services



711 North Bridge Street, Room 305, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-1876
Consumer Rights Grievance and Privacy Coordinator: Pauline Spiegel
 Phone: 715-726-7816 Fax: 715-726-7736 E-mail: pspiegel@co.chippewa.wi.us

CONSUMER RIGHTS GRIEVANCE AND PRIVACY RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM

In the interest of resolving your concern, please complete this form. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Person completing form (if different than above):

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please describe your concern:

When did this happen?

Where did this happen?

Identify any staff members involved:

Have you talked to these staff members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you want the Department to do in response to your concern?

Attachment C

Chippewa County Department of Human Services Grievance/Privacy Investigation Report

Part 1 – Receipt of Grievance/Complaint

Name of Consumer/Grievant:	Date Received by CRGPC:
Method Grievance Received: Given to Administrative Assistant ☐ Given to CRGPC ☐ Mail ☐ E-mail ☐	
Date Consumer Informed of Process:	Method: Phone ☐ In Person ☐ Mail ☐ E-mail ☐

Part 2 – Investigation by Program Manager – Consumer Rights & Grievance Specialist (PM-CRGS)

PM-CRGS Assigned:	Date:
PM-CRGS Report: (complete within 30 days)	
I believe the Grievance is: Founded ☐ Unfounded ☐ Plausible ☐	
<i>If founded or plausible, recommendations for resolution:</i>	
PM-CRGS Signature:	Date:
cc: Program Manager cc: Consumer Rights & Grievance Coordinator	

Part 3a – Program Manager in Agreement with PM-CRGS Decision

Program Manager Agrees with PM-CRGS Decision ☐	
Program Manager Signature:	Date:
cc: Consumer/grievant (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from PM-CRGS) cc: Parent/guardian, if minor (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from PM-CRGS) cc: Program Manager (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant) cc: Relevant staff members (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant) cc: Director cc: Consumer Rights Coordinator (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)	

Part 3b – Program Manager Not in Agreement with PM-CRGS Decision

Program Manager Does Not Agree with PM-CRGS Decision ☐ Date:

If Program Manager does not agree with PM-CRGS decision, be specific as to the reason: (issue within 10 days).

Program Manager Signature:

Date:

Submitted to Director ☐ Date:

Director Report: (completed within 30 days)

Director Signature:

Date:

cc: Consumer/grievant (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from Director)
 cc: Parent/guardian, if minor (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from Director)
 cc: Program Manager (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)
 cc: Relevant staff members (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)
 cc: Consumer Rights Coordinator (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)

Part 4 – Consumer not in Agreement with PM-CRGS Decision
(Consumer may appeal to the Director within 14 days of PM-CRGS decision date.)

Consumer Does Not Agree with PM-CRGS Decision ☐ Date:

Report by Director if consumer does not agree with decision by PM-CRGS: (issue within 30 days).

Director Signature:

Date:

cc: Consumer/grievant (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from Director)
 cc: Parent/guardian, if minor (in form of a formal letter sent to consumer/grievant from Director)
 cc: Program Manager (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)
 cc: Relevant staff members (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)
 cc: Consumer Rights Coordinator (include copy of letter sent to consumer/grievant)

Attachment D
CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

CONSUMER NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:
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I hereby request and authorize:

Agency: Chippewa County Department of Human Services	Attention: _____
Address: 711 North Bridge Street	
City, State, & Zip Code: Chippewa Falls, WI 54729	
Phone/FAX Number: 715-726-7788 FAX: 715-726-7736	

☐ TO RELEASE TO
 ☐ TO OBTAIN FROM
 ☐ TO EXCHANGE WITH
 ☐ TO RELEASE TO SELF

Name:	Phone/FAX Number: _____
Agency:	
Address:	
City, State, & Zip Code:	

the following information from my records:

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|--|--|--|
| ☐ Verbal Information | ☐ Social Work Reports | ☐ Student Academic/Administrative Records |
| ☐ Psychological Tests/Evaluation(s) | ☐ Medical and/or Related Health Records | ☐ Vocational Records/Evaluation(s) |
| ☐ Behavioral Health Records: | ☐ Financial Records/Accounts | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Assessments ☐ Clinical Notes
☐ Treatment Plan ☐ Discharge | | |

In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, which require special permission to release otherwise privileged information, please release treatment records pertaining to:

- | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ Mental Health | ☐ Alcohol Abuse | ☐ Drug Abuse |
| ☐ Developmental Disabilities | ☐ Other _____ | |

Time period for which records are requested:

☐ From (date) _____ to _____	☐ All	☐ Update
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The purpose of such disclosure is:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ Verify/Determine Eligibility for Services | ☐ Provide Case Management | ☐ Continuity of Care* |
| ☐ Evaluation and/or Placement | ☐ Provide Treatment Services | ☐ Other(Specify): _____ |

*Coordination of care received by a patient over time and across multiple health care providers.

- ☐ I also specifically authorize the release of my medical information **created after the date of my signature.**
- I hereby release Chippewa County from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from this act. I also understand that a copy of this release will be considered as valid as the original.
- Unless cancelled or otherwise noted below, **this authorization will remain in effect for one year.**
 - ☐ Authorization expires as of _____ (date).

In compliance with Wisconsin law, which requires special permission to disclose otherwise privileged information, I specifically authorize the use and disclosure of my "highly confidential information" selected above, if any. I have had an opportunity to review and understand the content of this authorization form, including the notices that appear on the back of this form. By signing this authorization, I am confirming that it accurately reflects my wishes.

Signature of Consumer:	Date:
Signature of Person Legally Authorized to Consent:	Relationship
	Date:

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

REDISCLASURE NOTICE TO PATIENT: I understand that if the person(s) and/or organization(s) listed above are not health care providers, health plans or health care clearinghouses, the health information disclosed as a result of this authorization may no longer be protected by the federal privacy standards if such person(s) and/or organization(s) re-disclose my health information.

DISCLOSURE NOTICE TO RECIPIENT OF PATIENT HEALTH CARE RECORDS: Unless otherwise authorized by Section 146.82 of the Wisconsin Statutes, you are prohibited from making any further disclosure of patient health care records without the specific written authorization of the person who is the subject of such records.

DISCLOSURE NOTICE TO RECIPIENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL, AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT RECORDS: This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by federal law. Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) prohibit you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person who is the subject of such information or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.

YOUR RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION

- **Right to receive a copy of this authorization** – I understand that if I sign this authorization, I will be provided with a copy of this authorization.
- **Right to refuse to sign this authorization** – I understand that I am under no obligation to sign this form and that the person(s) and/or organizations(s) listed on the other side may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for health care benefits on my decision to sign this authorization except regarding:
 - research-related treatment
 - the provision of health care that is solely for the purpose of creating protected health information for disclosure to a third party
 - other exceptions (specify) _____
- **Right to withdraw this authorization** – I understand I may cancel this authorization at any time. If I want to cancel this authorization, I must do so in writing and give the written cancellation document to the agency I authorized to release information. I understand that my cancellation will not be effective as to uses and/or disclosures of my health information that the person(s) and/or organization(s) listed herein have made prior to receipt of my cancellation form.
- **Right to inspect or copy the health information to be used or disclosed** – I understand that I have the right to inspect or copy (may be provided at a reasonable fee) the health information I have authorized to be used or disclosed by this authorization form. **Except for medication/somatic treatment records, a director/designee of a treatment facility for mental illness, developmental disability, alcohol or drug abuse may deny that right during treatment in some circumstances. (Section 51.30 Wisconsin Stats HFS 92.03-02-06 Wisconsin Adm. Code)**
- **Mental health treatment records** – I understand that I have the right to inspect and receive a copy of my mental health treatment records to the extent required by HFS 92.05 and 92.06 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- **Re-release of records** – Chippewa County Department of Human Services will not re-release records without a court order or consumer release.