

**Chippewa County
Health & Human Services Board
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
7:45 AM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:45 AM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Kari Ives, Lee Hennick, James Ericksen, John Halbleib, Marcia Kyes

Members Absent:

James Meinen, Dennis Bachman, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Harold Steele

Others Present:

County Administrator Andy Albarado, Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Brandi Engel, Paul Brenner, Sarah Zielke, Jessica Gibson, Sarah Hedlund; Public Health Staff: Sarah McQuillan, Breanna Moldrem, Reggie Eggen

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

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

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion: Approved

Result: Passed (5 - 0)

Mover: John Halbleib

Second: Lee Hennick

Ayes: Kari Ives, Lee Hennick, James Ericksen, John Halbleib, Marcia Kyes

Nays: None

Absent: James Meinen, Dennis Bachman, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Harold Steele

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - January 15, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - March 19, 2026

5. Reports

1. Aging and Disability Resource Center Board Minutes - January 8, 2026

The minutes of the January 8, 2026 Aging & Disability Resource Center Board Meeting were presented for review.

2. Human Services Policy, Practice, and Program Success - ADRC Division - Sarah Hedlund/Jessica Gibson

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Options Counselors, Sarah Hedlund and Jessica Gibson presented on a consumer who recently sought services through the ADRC. This consumer began meeting with the ADRC two years ago - initially seeking resources and services to ensure the consumer was taking

medications on time and remaining safe at home. Over the past couple of years, this consumer and their family reached out numerous times to the ADRC for various resources to meet new needs that arose and each time the ADRC has been able to offer assistance.

3. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report - Brittney Fortuna

Fiscal Manager Sarah McQuillan presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. McQuillan highlighted several items from the report: Three grants have been awarded which will be used towards various items including opioid prevention messaging, Narcan education, safe medication disposal, Stay Warm kits, and wound care kits; there have now been three confirmed cases of measles in Wisconsin; the Environmental Health division received approval and certification for their Nitrate Lab; WIC statistics reflect Chippewa County exceeds the state average in breastfeeding rates; the Planning and Strategy team are working to review and update procedures; and congratulations to staff with February work anniversaries.

4. Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report - Bobbie Jaeger

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. Jaeger highlighted several items from her report: Congratulations to Geri Sedlacek who celebrated her 34th work anniversary as well as to the other staff celebrating work anniversaries this month; the ADRC welcomed a new Options Counselor, and they've also been working on the new assessment and enrollment process for the home-delivered meals program; Birth to Three had 17 referrals last month and are working on developing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with school districts and further outreach to physicians and daycares; Child Protective Services screened in an additional ten reports in the month to offer preventative services and resources for families; the Children with Differing Abilities team started three new staff this month; the Economic Support team is continuing precertification reviews to reduce the error rate, the current FNS error rate is 5.76% which is less than the contract requirement of 6%; the Mental Wellness and Recovery team welcomed two new staff. Paul Brenner highlighted items from the financial report and advised that foster parents are paid in arrears the month after the care is provided.

5. Human Services Legislative Updates - Bobbie Jaeger

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger provided a report from WCHSA highlighting the various bills working their way through the State that could have an impact on Human Services.

6. Human Services 2026 Program Prioritization Education - Bobbie Jaeger

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger reviewed the 2026 Program Prioritization ranking. Leadership completed their ranking of the programs, and the Board is encouraged to complete the ranking form and return to Brandi Engel by March 9th. Results will be shared at the March meeting.

6. Business Items

1. Public Health 2026 Program Prioritization Approval - Brittney Fortuna

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Lee Hennick
Second:	Marcia Kyes
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Lee Hennick, James Ericksen, John Halbleib, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Meinen, Dennis Bachman, Harold Steele

Fiscal Manager Sarah McQuillan presented the results of the 2026 Public Health Program Prioritization Ranking, noting that the Board rankings were similar to the Leadership rankings. This document will be used as a guide if impacted by federal funding cuts.

2. Public Health Financial User Fees Updates - Brittney Fortuna/Sarah McQuillan

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	John Halbleib
Second:	Marcia Kyes
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Lee Hennick, James Ericksen, John Halbleib, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Meinen, Dennis Bachman, Harold Steele

Fiscal Manager Sarah McQuillan presented the consumer user fees for approval. McQuillan highlighted the changes to Interpreting Services, Nitrate Lab, Water Lab, Production and Satellite Kitchens, and Lodging.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 08:30 AM

Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	Lee Hennick
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Lee Hennick, James Ericksen, John Halbleib, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Marcia Kyes
Absent:	James Meinen, Dennis Bachman, Harold Steele