

Chippewa County
Health & Human Services Board
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
8:00 AM



Kari Ives, Chair
District 21

Dennis Bachman, Vice-Chair
District 5

District 15
Lee Hennick

District 8
James Ericksen

Citizen Rep, MD
Robert Bullwinkel

Citizen Rep
John Halbleib

Citizen Rep
Marcia Kyes

Citizen Rep,MD
Sandy Frohling

District 2
Pam Guthman

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

4. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - July 16, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 17, 2026

5. Reports

1. Aging and Disability Resource Center Board Minutes - July 9, 2026
2. Human Services Policy, Practice, and Program Success - Kyra Secraw
3. Human Services Director's Program and Financial Report - Bobbie Jaeger
4. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report - Brittney Fortuna

6. Business Items

1. Resolution Supporting Increased and Sustainable State Funding for Local Public Health Departments

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 08:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Members Absent:
Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD
Others Present:
County Administrator Andy Albarado; Public Health Staff: Brittney Fortuna, Sarah McQuillan, Allie Isaacson; Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner, Jordan Hallingstad, Kyra Secraw, Brandi Engel

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 (7 - 0)
Mover:	Pam Guthman
Second:	James Ericksen
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - June 18, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - August 20, 2026

5. Reports

1. 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: the Child Care Bridge payments expired June 30th — 75% of providers surveyed say they will need to raise rates in response, and it is likely to affect families and employers; the State sent out letters with SSI information to outdated addresses; Wisconsin was one

of nine states in the country with an error rate below 6% avoiding up to \$205M in cost-sharing penalties; the ADRC received a \$30,810 grant which will go towards equipment and expanding access to the Meals on Wheels program; CPS received a foster parent retention grant of \$5,000; four consumers graduated from the Community Support Program; Great Rivers Consortium caseloads are up while calls to the call center are down suggesting questions are being answered effectively in fewer calls.

2. Public Health Director's Program and Financial Report - Brittnay Fortuna

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. Fortuna highlighted several items from her report: the Administrative team is busy planning for the budget season; the Community Health division had the opportunity to participate on a panel at the PATH Conference to discuss approaches for expanding access to harm reduction; staff continue to monitor outbreaks for Ebola and the New World Screw Worm - risk remains low in our area at this time; staff are working on a heat-related illness advisory campaign; AirNow is a beneficial website for air quality monitoring; there were 128 new communicable disease reports in June—30 were confirmed; Environmental Health staff are in the field daily completing inspections and water testing; over half of the farmer's market checks have been distributed; the ForwardHealth grant ended on June 30th; there is a blood July 22nd to help with the emergency shortage; accreditation is on track and 81% of evidence has been submitted.

3. 2027 Budget Update - Andy Albarado

County Administrator Andy Albarado provided an update on the process for the 2027 budget season.

6. Business Items

1. Human Services Financial User Fees - Bobbie Jaeger

Senior Fiscal Manager Paul Brenner presented the consumer user fees for approval.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	John Halbleib
Second:	Pam Guthman
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

2. Human Services 2027 Budget - Bobbie Jaeger/Paul Brenner

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented a department budget overview. The total levy proposed remains the same as 2026. 2027 challenges include annual salary increases for all staff, a stagnant levy, the unknown impacts of Medicaid changes, and an unpredictable number of out-of-home placements, along with rising costs of placements. DHS is seeking to add a part-time social worker in Adult Protective Services.

The Human Services 2026 budget was approved to forward to the County Administrator.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Pam Guthman

Second:	Dennis Bachman
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

3. Public Health 2027 Budget - Brittnay Fortuna/Sarah McQuillan

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna shared the proposed 2027 Budget. The total levy proposed is an increase of \$139 from 2026. 2027 challenges include uncertainty of state and federal funding, and ensuring public funds are used strategically to achieve the greatest impact for the community. Public Health is seeking to increase their LTE position into a part-time position in the Environmental Health Division.

The Public Health 2026 budget was approved to forward to the County Administrator.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	Marcia Kyes
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None
Absent:	Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 09:20 AM.

Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	Sandy Frohling, MD
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Pam Guthman, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Marcia Kyes
Absent:	Lee Hennick, Robert Bullwinkel, MD



Statement of Explanation

Aging and Disability Resource Center Board Minutes - July 9, 2026

1 The July 9, 2026, Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board minutes are
2 attached. They are being shared with the Health & Human Services Board for informational
3 purposes only.

**Chippewa County
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
3:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Dennis Bachman, Cindy Spaeth, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Renee Thompson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

County Administrator: Andy Albarado, DHS Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner, Brandi Engel

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

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Motion: Approved

Result: Passed (7 - 0)

Mover: Cindy Spaeth

Second: Renee Thompson

Ayes: Dennis Bachman, Cindy Spaeth, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Renee Thompson

Nays: None

Absent:

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - May 14, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 17, 2026

5. Reports

1. ADRC Staff Presentation: Meal Assessment Process - Kayla Colbenson

Nutrition & Transportation Supervisor, Kayla Colbenson, provided a presentation explaining the meal assessment process. The ADRC of Chippewa County began using the state's new assessment process in January 2026. The assessment helps determine if a consumer is appropriate for in-home meals and at what level.

2. ADRC Manager Program and Financial Report - Bobbie Jaeger/Paul Brenner

Director Bobbie Jaeger highlighted numerous items from the program report. There is a Site Aide driver

position open in Bloomer/Cornell with an interview scheduled for next week. 82% of the Farmer's Market Vouchers were disbursed within the first 30 days of them becoming available. A \$30,810 grant from the Community Foundation was received and will be utilized to expand Meals on Wheels services. The restaurant used for the Café 60 program will be closing in August; Supervisor Kayla Colbenson is actively looking for a new location. Senior Fiscal Manager Paul Brenner reported that the financials are on track for this time of the year.

3. ADRC Advocacy Report - Bobbie Jaeger

Director Bobbie Jaeger informed the Board the House Appropriations Committee has recommended an increase in funding for several Older Americans Act (OAA) program areas. The recommendation has been forwarded on to the senate. For Federal Fiscal Year 2026, we received an average of a 6% decrease in Older Americans Act funding across all OAA programs.

6. Business Items

1. 2027 Copays and Contributions - Kayla Colbenson

The 2027 Copays and Contributions recommendations were reviewed and approved as presented.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Don Hauser
Second:	Kathy Schmiedeskamp
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Cindy Spaeth, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Renee Thompson
Nays:	None
Absent:	

2. 2027 ADRC Budget - Bobbie Jaeger/Paul Brenner

Human Services Director, Bobbie Jaeger, and Senior Fiscal Manager, Paul Brenner, provided an overview of the 2027 ADRC budget. 2027 challenges include declining funding and increasing demand for services. The budget will be reviewed by the Health & Human Services board before moving on to the County Administrator and County Board.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 03:35 PM

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Cindy Spaeth
Second:	Renee Thompson
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Cindy Spaeth, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Renee Thompson
Nays:	None
Absent:	



Statement of Explanation

Human Services Policy, Practice, and Program Success - Kyra Secraw

- 1 This presentation by Human Services staff educates the Health & Human Services Board
- 2 about the policy implications and success of our services.

Chippewa County Department of Human Services Children, Youth & Families

Children With Differing Abilities Unit



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Children With Differing Abilities Unit

CHILDREN, YOUTH &
FAMILIES (CYF) DIVISION
Youth Justice (YJ)/Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA)
Kyra Secraw, Manager

Youth Justice	Elizabeth Patten CCS Supervisor	Nichole Velie CLTS Supervisor
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1-Amanda D'Jock (JCI)
1-Anna Rees (YJ)
1-Autumn Metoxen (YJ)
1-Duncan Swanson (YJ)
1-Geri Sedlacek (AA-CYF)
1-Kelly Berdan (YJ Grant Coord.-LTE)
1-Manda Young (YJ)
1-Sherry Deyoe (YJ)

1-Erika Ferrin (CCS Lead)
1-Addy DeRusha (CCS)
1-Alyssa Monson (CCS)
1-Danelle Ellingstad (CCS)
1-Hannah Kleist-Mousel (CCS)
1-Heather Turnmire (CCS)
1-Jacob Keuler (CCS)
1-Kaitie Indermuehle (CCS)
1-Kylee Pettis (CCS)
1-Kyndra Feirn (CCS)
1-Marie Moua (CCS)
1-Mikala Talbot (CCS)
1-Vacant (CCS)

1-Serena Schultz (CLTS Lead)
1-Apryl Jordan (CLTS)
1-Claire Park (CLTS)
1-Courtney Krug (CLTS)
1-Jacque Gundlach (CLTS)
1-Lexi Kohlwey Giron (CLTS)
1-Samantha Peterson (CLTS)
1-Sydney Brown (CLTS)
1-Wendy Hable (CLTS)
1-Vacant (CLTS)
1-Vacant (CLTS)



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Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)

∞ Voluntary Program

- ∞ Funds community supports and services for children who have substantial limitations in their daily activities and need support to remain in their home/community.

∞ Eligibility determined by Functional Screen

- ∞ Developmental disabilities
- ∞ Physical disabilities
- ∞ Severe emotional disturbances

∞ Services

- ∞ Include but not limited to: Respite for caregivers, skill development, non-traditional therapies, home modifications for accessibility, equipment & supplies not covered by insurance & safety equipment for children with severe autism.
 - To receive a service there must be an assessed need
 - Payor of last resort

∞ Fully funded through Medicaid



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Children's Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

∞ Voluntary Program

- ∞ A recovery focused behavioral health program where traditional out-patient services have been unsuccessful and for those who may have ongoing needs that, if left unaddressed, could result in hospitalizations during times of crisis.

∞ Eligibility determined by Functional Screen

- ∞ Mental health diagnosis
- ∞ Substance use disorder

∞ Services

- ∞ Service array: Skill development, non-tradition therapies, employment skills training, individual and family mental health treatment, wellness, recovery support, substance abuse treatment, diagnostic evaluation & medication management.
 - To receive a service there must be an assessed need and it must be clinically appropriate for the consumer.

∞ Fully funded through Medicaid

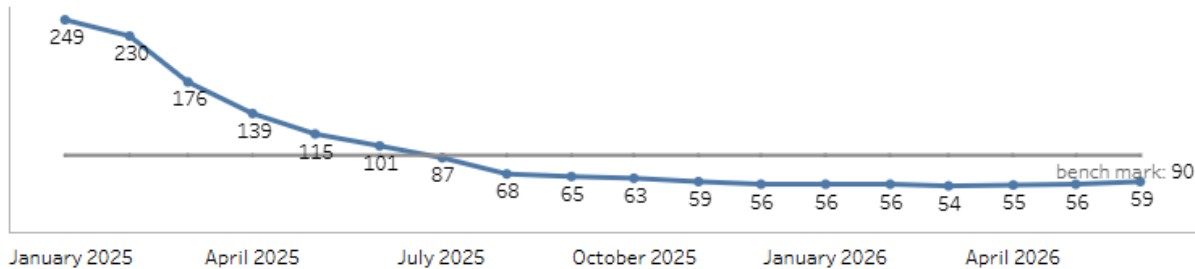


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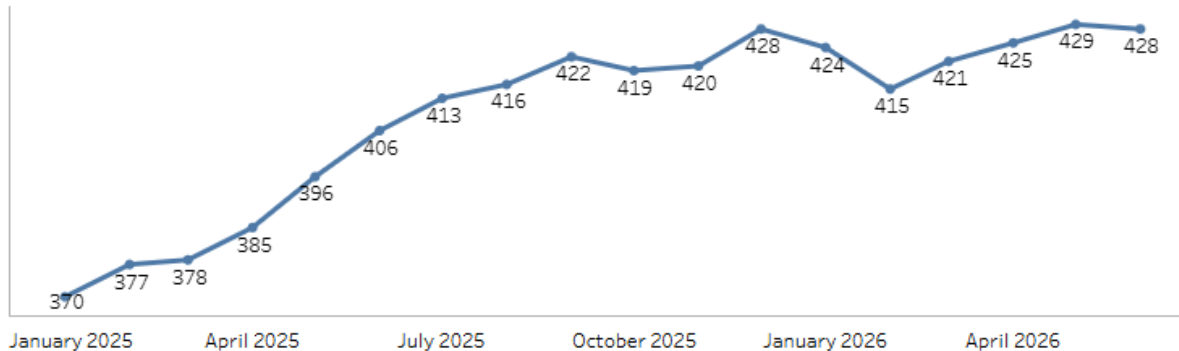
Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Dashboard

Average days children waited from Referral to being enrolled



CLTS Program Details

Below are details on the total enrollment of the CLTS Program.



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Statement of Explanation

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

- 1 Human Services Director, Bobbie Jaeger, and Senior Fiscal Manager, Paul Brenner,
- 2 provide a department program and financial report for review and discussion.

Human Services Director's Report

Board Meeting Date: August 20, 2026

WCHSA Updates

WCHSA is working to determine advocacy priorities. The PAC committees have identified their top priorities, and WCHSA executive board will be voting to identify which one priority they will focus on:

BH PAC recommendation

Community Safety: Increase GPR funds for Adult Protective Services, Community Support

Programs and Crisis, focused on serving the elder adult and adult-at-risk population. Allocations should include full funding where federal allocations are available (GPR for non-federal share) and an increase to the base allocation to account for inflation and service population growth.

CYF PAC recommendation

Funding increase for the Children and Families Allocation, either in addition to cost-to-continue increase to human service aid programs or as separate request.

ES PAC recommendation

Provide increase to base Income Maintenance allocation, either in addition to cost-to-continue increase to human service aid programs or separate if the cost-to-continue increase is not pursued. IM funding increase is needed to keep pace with growing workload and operating costs.

Financial PAC recommendation

Cap rate of Department of Corrections charges to counties for juvenile detention

LTS PAC recommendation

Provide increased GPR funding to counties for Adult Protective Services that reflects the significant increase in service population. As part of the increase, funds would build capacity by providing additional training for APS staff and more technical assistance to county agencies.

Division of Children and Families (DCF) and CYF PAC

- Wisconsin's 2026 federal Child and Family Services Review will occur October 1, 2026-March 31, 2027. This is Wisconsin's first review. Section 1123A of the Social Security Act requires the Children's Bureau to conduct reviews of state child welfare systems every five to ten years to achieve three goals
 - Ensure conformity with federal child welfare requirements
 - Determine what children and families experience within the child welfare system
 - Assist states in helping children and families achieve positive outcomes

Division of Health Services (DHS)

- Last July, the federal government removed access to Foodshare for people with certain legal immigration statuses through the One Big Beautiful Bill. This federal change began impacting people in Wisconsin on July 1st. DHS published a new webpage about this federal policy change



for non-citizens who currently receive Foodshare benefits. This webpage provides information about who is no longer eligible by immigration status. [FoodShare: Benefits for Non-Citizens | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

Behavioral Health PAC

- No update

Child Welfare PAC

- 2025 Wisconsin Act 96 requires that if an agency knows or has reason to believe that a parent of the alleged maltreated child or unborn child is a member of the US armed forces, the agency shall provide notice to the appropriate authorities of the US Department of Defense as soon as practical after initiating the investigation.

Income Maintenance PAC

- DHS has created a dedicated Medicaid Federal Work Requirement webpage for members to learn about these upcoming changes. There is also a self-screener tool on the webpage which will give the member an indication of how this may apply to their specific situation. [Medicaid: New Federal Work Requirement | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- DHS has shared with Consortia the number of impacted members related to the BadgerCare Plus Work Requirements. Below are two charts that show Consortium counts and county counts. This number shows the number of individuals open for BadgerCare as childless adults. This does not consider whether someone might be exempt or could already be meeting the work requirement.

		County	BC+ CLA Count
		01-ADAMS COUNTY	902
		02-ASHLAND COUNTY	682
		03-BARRON COUNTY	1198
		04-BAYFIELD COUNTY	524
		05-BROWN COUNTY	7360
		06-BUFFALO COUNTY	246
		07-BURNETT COUNTY	581
		08-CALUMET COUNTY	667
		09-CHIPPEWA COUNTY	1578
		10-CLARK COUNTY	695
		11-COLUMBIA COUNTY	1362
		12-CRAWFORD COUNTY	463
		13-DANE COUNTY	15525
		14-DODGE COUNTY	2108
Consortia	BC+ CLA Count		
01-NORTHERN CONSORTIUM	7586		
02-WESTERN CONSORTIUM	7166		
03-BAY LAKE CONSORTIUM	11552		
04-GREAT RIVERS CONSORTIUM	13100		
05-SOUTHERN CONSORTIUM	10346		
06-MORAINES LAKES CONSORTIUM	14815		
07-EAST CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP	13996		
08-CAPITAL CONSORTIUM	26214		
09-CENTRAL CONSORTIUM	6840		
10-KENOSHA RACINE CONSORTIUM	12948		
11-STATE CONSORTIUM	57280		

Long Term Care PAC

- No update

Financial PAC

- No update



Department and Division Updates

Department Updates

Work Anniversary CONGRATS and THANKS to the following staff for their service and dedication:

Kelly Zimmerman, RWC – 20 Years
Michelle Phelps, MWR – 20 Years
Trish Houle, MWR – 20 Years
Susan Barnum, ADRC – 11 Years
Carmen Olson, ADRC – 4 Years
Macey Awe, CPS – 4 Years

Cindy Sarazen, ADRC – 3 Years
Elizabeth Patten, CWDA – 3 Years
Laichia Xiong, CPS – 3 Years
Lisa Traun, ES – 2 Years
Mikala Talbot, CWDA – 2 Years
Autumn Metoxen, YJ – 1 Year
Kylee Pettis, CWDA – 1 Year

Division Updates

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- The Site Aide-Driver Position is scheduled for August 12th.
- New Meals on Wheels bags will be delivered this month which will allow us to start implementing new routes.
- Our new Café 60 Location, Pink Highland Café in Holcombe, is now up and running so there will be no lapse in the Café 60 program when Sam's Diner shuts down on August 23rd.
- Recruitment will begin soon for the Part Time Administrative Assistant position following a vacancy.

Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Division

Birth to Three (B-3)

- Birth-to-Three had 21 new referrals for the month of July. On top of the business with the referrals, on July 8, 2026, the Unit received their Annual Determination from the State indicating that Chippewa County is in the category of "Meets Requirements." The State looks at data throughout the year, and the Unit received all the determination points giving the team a score of 100.00% for the data year of 2024-25. Staff continue to work hard to keep up with all the changes and this determination status shows the great work that Birth-to-Three staff do throughout the year!
- Birth-to-Three also just finished their audit for the State called MetaStar, which took place the week of July 20; the team is awaiting the results from that.

Child Protective Services (CPS)

- In July 2026, the Department received seventy-two reports alleging Child Abuse and/or Neglect; of those reports, seventeen met the State Statute definition to screen in to complete an assessment. An additional four reports were screened in to offer services.
- In July 2026, two cases were closed. A sibling group of two successfully closed due to their mother staying sober throughout their In-Home CHIPS Petitions.



- In July 2026, no children were reunified.
- In July 2026, four children were removed from their parental home due to their mother driving under the influence while the children were in the car. Unfortunately, there is no family available to take placement, and the children were placed in foster care.
- In July 2026, Foster Care Coordinator Sydney Kwallek and Manager Ashley Brott facilitated the Quarterly Foster Care/Kinship Care Support Group. This group had the largest turnout thus far with five families attending. The topic was “Managing Transitions and Goodbyes.” The group was filled with rich conversation that went over the one hour planned and the families were connected with one another after the group to continue to be supports for one another.

Children with Differing Abilities (CWDA)

- The CLTS team underwent the MetaStar Audit during the month of July and is currently awaiting the final results.
- Kelly Hazelton left employment with Chippewa County on 7/16. There is now 1 CCS position and 2 CLTS positions open which we are actively recruiting for.
- The CWDA team continues to demonstrate resiliency through managing case coverage due to FMLA leaves, turnover, and high numbers of referrals.

Youth Justice (YJ)

- Autumn Metoxen joined the Youth Justice unit on July 20th. She is a strong addition to our team and completing her required YJ trainings through the State.
- Manda facilitated a training to train other professionals in Aggression Replacement Training (ART).
- We have 2 additional staffed trained in ART so we will be able to diversify facilitators of the groups we provide for our youth.
- Kelly and Manda hosted a booth at National Night out, promoting the efforts of the School Threat Assessment Coalition.

Economic Support (ES) Division

- Stacy Vang has put in her resignation, and her final day will be 8/21. This will create an opening in our Child Care team. We thank Stacy for her 6 years with Chippewa County.

Mental Wellness & Recovery (MWR) Division

- A half-day event was held on August 6th for Team Building and Staff Development. Staff enjoyed this time away from regular work duties to recharge and connect with one another, recognizing the challenging work done each day in the MWR programs.

Adult Comprehensive Services (CCS)

- Interviews will be conducted on August 17th and 20th for the open adult CCS position. Once that person is hired, we will be almost full staffed, just one more service facilitator returning from maternity leave mid- September.



Adult Protective Services (APS)

- APS staff work diligently in trying to manage very high caseload sizes. Last week there were 18 APS referrals in 10 days, along with guardianship referrals. Other team members have offered support and given time to assist with APS tasks to keep things within the time guidelines. There are 6 active financial exploitation cases currently.

Community Support Program (CSP)

- In one of the July CSP wellness groups there was a large turnout for a celebration of the peer support and group members RECOVERY success.

Emergency Mental Health/Crisis (EMH)

- August 13-14, 2026: Lisa Hudson, MWR Manager and David Pfeiffer, CSP and Crisis Clinician were invited by Judge Gibbs to the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop. SIM was developed as a conceptual model to inform community-based responses to the involvement of people with mental and substance use disorders in the criminal legal system.
- August 18, 2026: RWC Crisis Training – Topics: Assessment Techniques for Adolescents, Securing Lethal Means, Crisis De-escalation Techniques with Cody Butcher (Northwest Connections), Geriatric Mental Health with Amber Larson (NAMI), Overlap between 51/55 with a Corporation Counsel Attorney (still being arranged but hopeful we can make this work).



Federal Medicaid Work* Requirement:

➔ Who is exempt?

*Other activities may count, too, like having an internship, volunteering, going to school, or getting more than a certain amount of income.

This takes effect January 1, 2027, but does not apply to current members until their next renewal starting March 2027.



As a reminder, the federal Medicaid work requirement only applies to you if you are a BadgerCare Plus member between 19 and 64 who is not pregnant and doesn't have a dependent child living with you at least 40% of the time.

Even if the requirement applies to you, there are many reasons why you might not need to meet it. Those are called exemptions.



You do not need to meet the work requirement if:

- ❌ You are a member of an American Indian Tribe or an Alaska Native, or are the child or grandchild of Tribal member.
- ❌ You have a disability determination from the Social Security Administration.
- ❌ You are a veteran with a total (100%) disability rating.
- ❌ You have a serious or complex medical condition.
- ❌ You have a chronic substance use disorder.
- ❌ You have a disabling mental disorder.
- ❌ You have a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly impairs your ability to perform one or more activities of daily living.
- ❌ You are enrolled in a Medicaid long-term care program (IRIS, Family Care, Family Care Partnership, PACE).
- ❌ You are the caregiver of a child under age 14.
- ❌ You are the caregiver of someone who has a disability.
- ❌ You are in a qualifying drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- ❌ You are currently in prison or jail, or were in prison or jail in the past three months.
- ❌ You are enrolled in FoodShare and not exempt from FoodShare work requirements.
- ❌ You are complying with the Wisconsin Works (W-2) work requirements.
- ❌ You have a qualifying short-term hardship situation, such as a hospital stay or needing to travel outside of your community for an extended period of time for medical care.



More information



To learn more about exemptions, visit dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm or scan the QR code with your phone.





GRC

Calls Received:

13,718↑

June



GRC Average

Speed of Answer:

5.02 Mins↑

Contract Requirement: ≤10 Minutes
June



GRC

FNS Error Rate:

9.91% ↓

State FNS Error Rate: 6.11%
Contract Requirement: Below 6%
June

Crisis Reports

July

137↑

YJ Referrals

May

40↓

IMD Expenditures

June

Children: \$8,554
Adults: \$480,631
Total: \$489,185

CPS Reports

July

72 ↑

GRC Cases

June

60,583↓

B-3 Referrals

July

21↑

Meals Served

June

2,814↑

Benefit Specialist Caseload

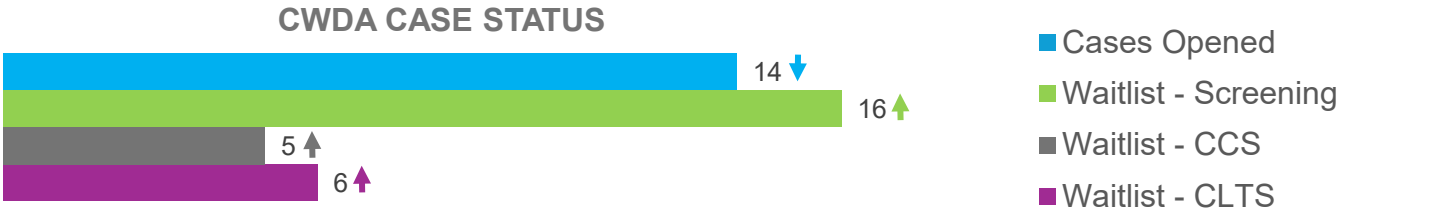
June

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Options Counselor Monthly Contacts

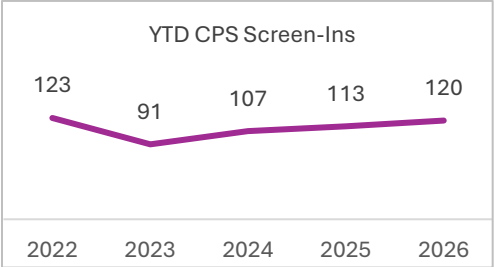
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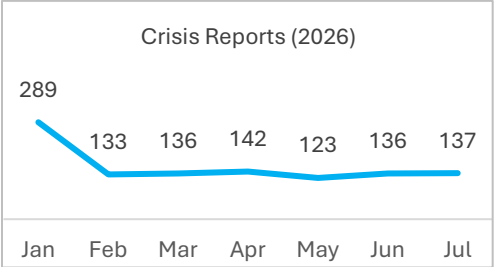
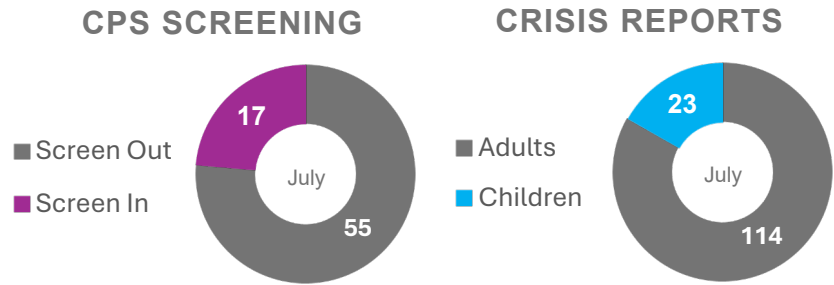
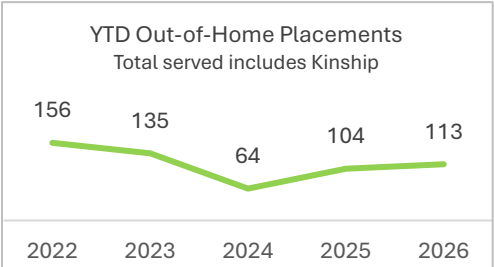


CPS Caseload	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	Total
IA	9	8	9	3	9					38
Ongoing						8	5	4	6	23
										61

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



YJ Caseload	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	0.5 LTE	Total
Ongoing	1		15	15	10	3	44
Deferred Agreements	11	8					19
							63



2026 Monthly Fiscal Information

Through Month of: June 2026

2026 Budget (Total is \$39,004,091):	\$ 22,752,387	Prorated - 7 months
Expenses Paid (Through July 31):	\$ 17,377,056	
Variance to Budget:	\$ 5,375,331	

Note: Projected cost is based on the actual amounts paid in months where payments have been made, extrapolated to the rest of the year. Due to a lack of data related to 2026, projections will begin when the first quarter payments are complete.

2026 Kinship Placement with a Relative

Month	Kinship	Projected Cost	2026 Grant Amount	Over/(Under)
January	80		\$ 443,723	
February	80		443,723	
March	76		443,723	
April	75	352,743	443,723	(90,980)
May	75	367,548	443,723	(76,175)
June	74	351,624	443,723	(92,099)
July	74	348,600	443,723	(95,123)
August			443,723	
September			443,723	
October			443,723	
November			443,723	
December			443,723	

2026 Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Placements

Month	Out of Home*	Out of Home**	Projected Cost	2026 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	30	0		\$ 1,068,015	
February	31	0		1,068,015	
March	29	0		1,068,015	
April	29	0	1,483,404	1,068,015	415,389
May	26	0	1,508,304	1,068,015	440,289
June	31	0	1,287,300	1,068,015	219,285
July	32	0	1,268,640	1,068,015	200,625
August				1,068,015	
September				1,068,015	
October				1,068,015	
November				1,068,015	
December				1,068,015	

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

**Additional children placed with relatives (unpaid)

2026 Adult Mental Health CBRF Out-of-Home Placements

Month	Out of Home	Projected Cost	2026 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	10		\$ 479,041	
February	7		479,041	
March	11		479,041	
April	9	499,129	479,041	20,088
May	12	580,959	479,041	101,918
June	9	531,915	479,041	52,874
July	13	539,256	479,041	60,215
August			479,041	
September			479,041	
October			479,041	
November			479,041	
December			479,041	

2026 Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) Placements

Month	Inpatient Days	Projected Cost*	2026 Budget	Over/(Under)
January	119		\$ 765,000	
February	111		765,000	
March	163	1,331,701	765,000	566,701
April	121	1,171,148	765,000	406,148
May	131	1,023,213	765,000	258,213
June	79	978,370	765,000	213,370
July			765,000	
August			765,000	
September			765,000	
October			765,000	
November			765,000	
December			765,000	

June IMD is the latest 2026 invoice received

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).

2026 Kinship

Month	Amount Paid	Monthly Grant Amount
January	\$ 2,168	\$ 36,977
February	33,453	36,977
March	30,448	36,977
April	28,422	36,977
May	28,025	36,977
June	23,996	36,977
July	27,789	36,977
August		36,977
September		36,977
October		36,977
November		36,977
December		36,976
Total:	\$ 174,301	\$ 443,723

2026 Children & Youth Placements

Month	Amount Paid	Monthly Grant Amount
January	\$ 449	\$ 89,001
February	99,334	89,001
March	150,604	89,001
April	115,039	89,001
May	61,796	89,001
June	73,968	89,001
July	137,201	89,001
August		89,001
September		89,001
October		89,001
November		89,001
December		89,004
Total:	\$ 638,391	\$ 1,068,015

2026 Adults in CBRF Placement

Month	Amount Paid	Monthly Grant Amount
January	\$ -	\$ 39,920
February	14,425	39,920
March	43,981	39,920
April	38,229	39,920
May	67,978	39,920
June	19,876	39,920
July	58,899	39,920
August		39,920
September		39,920
October		39,920
November		39,920
December		39,921
Total:	\$ 243,388	\$ 479,041

2026 IMD

Month	Amount Paid	Monthly Grant Amount
January	\$ -	\$ 63,750
February	41,539	63,750
March	160,415	63,750
April	89,349	63,750
May	135,036	63,750
June	62,846	63,750
July		63,750
August		63,750
September		63,750
October		63,750
November		63,750
December		63,750
Total:	\$ 489,185	\$ 765,000



Statement of Explanation

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

- 1 Public Health Director Brittney Fortuna provides a department program and financial
- 2 report for review and discussion.



Administration Division

The Admin Team has been processing overdue Food, Safety, and Recreational Licensing (FSRL) renewals and TN water bills, assisting with scheduling appointments, distributing water sample bottles, and answering public health questions.

April has been busy addressing inquiries about car seat safety, conducting car seat installations, and ordering car seats through the DOT Grant. April has provided Breastfeeding Peer Counseling to 93 assigned families (55 pregnant participants and 38 breastfeeding participants). She also took minutes for the Overdose Fatality Review meeting.

Audra continues to dedicate time to the Wheelchair Loan Closet, ensuring the safety of Chippewa County citizens. During July, 14 wheelchairs were loaned out, and 16 were returned.

Sarah finalized the department budget for Health & Human Services Board approval before forwarding it to the County Administrator. She also completed the WIMCR (Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Report) for 2025. Christina continues to ensure that payroll is entered on time for the department and that service billing is submitted promptly.

Community Health Division

BadgerCare Plus 12-Month Postpartum Coverage Extension

Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus postpartum coverage extension allows eligible members to keep their full BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid) benefits for 12 months after their pregnancy ends, instead of losing pregnancy-related coverage after 60 days. This change took effect on June 1st and is intended to improve access to health care during the first year after childbirth.

The extension provides continuous coverage from the last day of the pregnancy—regardless of whether the pregnancy ends in a live birth, miscarriage, or stillbirth—through the end of the month in which the 365th day after the pregnancy occurs.

Previously, BadgerCare Plus provided postpartum coverage for only 60 days following the end of a pregnancy.

Members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus may also receive Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) services, a Medicaid benefit that offers support during pregnancy and throughout the postpartum period.

PNCC providers can help members:

- Schedule and coordinate medical appointments.
- Connect with behavioral health and other community resources.

- Access services that support the health and well-being of both the parent and baby.

Impact on our Department

The 12-month postpartum coverage extension allows our department to continue providing PNCC services and ongoing support to eligible members throughout the entire postpartum period. This expanded coverage strengthens continuity of care by enabling our staff to maintain consistent contact with families, coordinate needed medical and behavioral health services, connect members with community resources, and address health-related social needs during the critical first year after pregnancy.

By extending access to both Medicaid coverage and PNCC services, this policy supports improved maternal and infant health outcomes while allowing our department to provide more comprehensive, uninterrupted care to the families we serve.

Air Quality Preparedness Update

This summer has highlighted the importance of air quality preparedness as a critical public health function, as Chippewa County experienced several days of unhealthy air quality due to wildfire smoke impacting much of Wisconsin. These events reinforced the need for local public health agencies to prepare for environmental health threats that can rapidly affect community health and require a coordinated response.

Poor air quality, particularly elevated levels of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and ground-level ozone, can have immediate and long-term health impacts. PM_{2.5} can penetrate deep into the lungs and bloodstream, contributing to increased respiratory symptoms, asthma exacerbations, cardiovascular impacts, and other adverse health outcomes. Ozone exposure can worsen respiratory conditions and reduce lung function. Individuals with chronic health conditions, children, older adults, and pregnant individuals are among those at greatest risk during periods of poor air quality.

From a preparedness perspective, the Health Department plays an important role in monitoring emerging environmental health risks, communicating timely guidance, and coordinating with community partners to protect residents. During air quality events, our department works to share information regarding Air Quality Index (AQI) levels, recommended protective actions, and strategies to reduce exposure, particularly for populations most vulnerable to health impacts. Preparedness efforts also include maintaining strong communication pathways with healthcare providers, emergency management, schools, youth leagues, and other community partners to support a coordinated response.

The increasing frequency of environmental health events highlights the importance of planning for both immediate response and long-term prevention. Factors such as wildfire smoke, increased electricity demand, expansion of energy-intensive industries, including data centers, and continued reliance on fossil fuel-based energy sources may contribute to future air quality challenges. As communities experience growth and changing energy needs, it is important to consider potential public health impacts and ensure that infrastructure and economic development decisions include health considerations.

In addition to responding to acute air quality events, the Health Department will continue to engage with partners to upstream prevention efforts aimed at addressing the conditions that contribute to poor air quality. This includes supporting community conversations, promoting practices that reduce environmental health risks, and collaborating across sectors to identify opportunities that improve the overall health and resilience of our community.

As air quality concerns continue to evolve, public health preparedness requires both the ability to respond to hazards as they occur and the commitment to addressing the underlying factors that influence community health. Through continued monitoring, education, partnership, and prevention-focused efforts, the Health Department remains committed to protecting residents and building a healthier, more resilient 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 146 new reports: 33 confirmed (10 Chlamydia, 10 Lyme Disease, and 3 E-coli); 20 probable cases (19 Lyme Laboratory Reports and 1 Anaplasmosis), and 58 that did not meet the definition of a case (22 Lyme Laboratory Reports, 17 Hepatitis A, and 5 Lead-Blood Levels-Adult). See the attached report for further breakdown by disease type.

Environmental Health Division (EH)

Food & Recreational Safety

- Completed 65 food safety, recreational, and lodging inspections throughout Chippewa County.
- Investigated four consumer complaints and provided education to operators to promote compliance with Wisconsin Food Code.
- Continued seasonal inspections for campgrounds, temporary events including Northern WI State Fair and Rock Fest, and licensed recreational facilities during the busy summer tourism season.

Water Laboratory

- Continued providing coliform and E. coli bacteria testing for homeowners, public facilities, and water treatment operators.
- Processed 43 nitrate and 33 bacteria samples for private homeowners.
- Supported beach monitoring efforts by analyzing 57 recreational water samples this month.

DNR Transient Non-Community (TNC) Program

- Continued annual site visits and completed five sanitary surveys for TNC water systems.

- Completed 37 bacteria samples in July, and 21 nitrate samples were collected and processed.
- Worked with facility owners to ensure seasonal water systems were operating safely and meeting sampling requirements.

Nutrition Division

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

August is National Breastfeeding Month

The 2026 theme for National Breastfeeding Month is “RISE: Resilience, Interdependence, Self-Determination, Empowerment,” celebrating the strength of breast milk as one of the first foods. WIC is committed to being part of parents’ support systems by providing free phone and in-person services.

April Krumenauer is our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC), and she helps support pregnant and breastfeeding moms and babies enrolled in WIC as they prepare and learn to breastfeed. She regularly follows up with families to see how breastfeeding is going and offers ongoing support and encouragement, especially in the first six months postpartum.

Amy Ralph is our Designated Breastfeeding Expert (DBE) and supports those breastfeeding dyads that have more significant concerns that are outside of April’s scope. She offers support via phone or in-person lactation visits. In Chippewa County, 83.3% of all infants enrolled in WIC have received breast milk, which is higher than the Statewide comparison of 76.3%.



Thank you, Amy and April, for helping our WIC families meet their breastfeeding goal!

August Weekly Observances

August 1-7: [WIC Breastfeeding Week](#) and [World Breastfeeding Week](#) **Theme:** Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works. This theme reaffirms our commitment at WIC to improve breastfeeding support in our community.

August 8-14: [Indigenous Milk Medicine Week](#) **Theme:** We Keep the Fires Lit: Rising Through Milk Medicine

August 15-21: [AANHPI Breastfeeding Week](#) **Theme:** Better Data, Better Care for AANHPI Families

August 22-24: [Military Lactation Week](#)

August 25-31: [Black Breastfeeding Week](#) **Theme:** We All We Got: 15 Years of Community, Care, and Collective Power



Public Charge Ruling

On July 20, 2026, the Trump Administration finalized rulemaking expanding the scope of the public charge test. The new rule, which takes effect on September 18, 2026, provides immigration officials broad discretion to deny changes in legal status to certain immigrants based on use of public benefit programs.

Most immigrants are not subject to the public charge test. Please see this [resource](#) from the Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition to learn more about when the public charge test applies.

For the first time, the new rule could allow immigration officials to consider WIC participation when assessing public charge. The administration is expected to publish additional guidance before the effective date of the new rule.

To learn more about the public charge rule and its implications for immigrant families, see these [resources](#) from the Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition.

Farmers Market Updates

Fun at the Farmers Market

Our last class was held Thurs, July 30 at the Chippewa Falls Farmers Market and was well attended. A special thank you to Jeanne Walsh and Margaret Murphy from UW Extension for their partnership with the WIC Program and for providing story time to our families.



We have issued more than 90% of our Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks (400 booklets) in just over two months. Distribution will continue until all booklets have been issued or through the end of September, with the goal of achieving 100 percent issuance before the end of the month.

We have also distributed nearly 350 sets of WIC Farm Fresh Produce Program vouchers. By comparison, we issued nearly 400 voucher sets during the entire previous season, so we are currently ahead of last year's pace for both the FMNP and WIC Farm Fresh Produce Program.

Marshfield/Security Health Plan Food Insecurity Grant

We have successfully met nearly all objectives outlined in this grant. The remaining objective is to strengthen coordination efforts to distribute unused and excess produce to community members through local food pantries.

To help address the continued need for fresh produce, Aspirus provided Public Health with an additional \$1,500 for the Farm Fresh Produce Program, allowing food pantries to distribute additional voucher sets. These vouchers were provided to the CDC Outreach Office, which requested more due to strong community demand.

A limited number of voucher sets remain available at Public Health for individuals referred through the ADRC, as the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks have now been exhausted.

Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder (MOM)

There is still time to sign up for this class facilitated by Amy. It includes three sessions that are each two hours long. Register by calling the ADRC at 715-726-7777 or online:

www.chippewacountywi.gov/adrc/events

Did you know that over half of women age 50 and older experience issues with bladder or bowel control at some time in their lives?

Mind Over Matter

Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder

This workshop is researched, proven to help, and designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms.

It consists of three 2-hour sessions meeting every other week in a private group setting.

What will I learn in the workshop?

- Information about bladder and bowel control
- At-home techniques and exercises to help prevent or improve symptoms
- Tools to help you set goals and mark your progress

Workshop Dates:
Aug. 28, Sept. 11 & Sept. 25
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Bloomer Public Library



Planning and Strategy

Community Outreach and Prevention

Chippewa County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) continues to expand community outreach through prevention education, resources, and connections to services. Summer and early fall outreach includes two National Night Out events, the Chippewa County Foster Care Event, and back-to-school events throughout the county.

Through collaboration with the Chippewa County Healthy Communities (CCHC) coalition and partner organizations, CCDPH supports countywide prevention efforts, including alcohol assessments at community events, implementation and support of the mental health coaster campaign at local Chippewa County establishments, and working with the Nutrition Division to address food access.

Children's Resource Center (CRC)-West

CRC West recently utilized Iron Will Endowment funds to provide direct support to a family during an extended hospital stay. The family received a hospital support bag with practical comfort items, along with a gas card to help ease the cost of traveling to and from the hospital. This support allowed CRC West to respond to an immediate need and help reduce some of the additional financial and practical stress the family was experiencing, while focusing on their child's care.

The Iron Will Endowment continues to provide CRC West with valuable flexibility to support families in meaningful ways when unexpected needs arise.

Years of Service

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



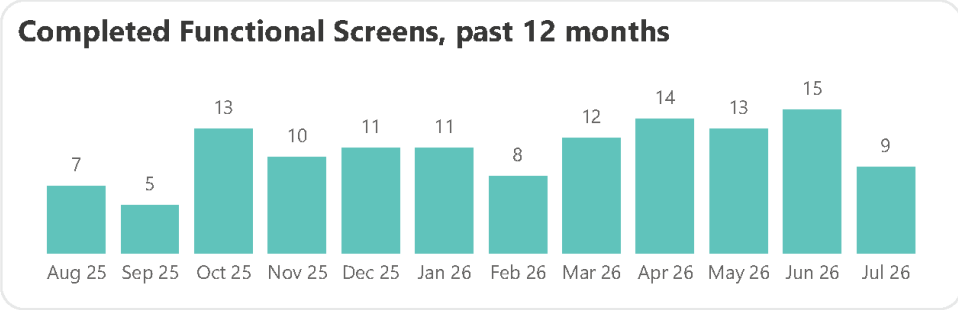
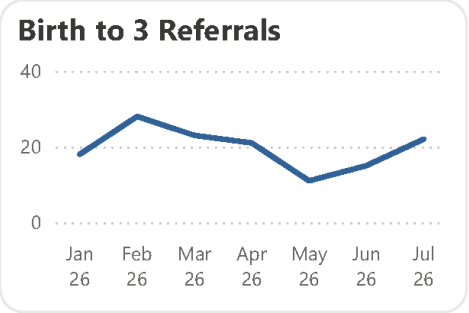
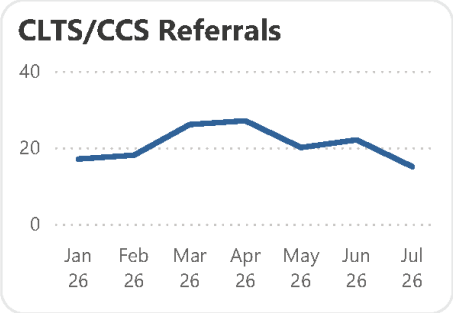
- ❖ Jenny Lenbom, Registered Nurse – 20 years
- ❖ Nikki Hoernke, Planning and Strategy Division Manager – 7 years
- ❖ Tabby Wessels, Registered Nurse – 7 years

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Programs

Data as of July 31, 2026

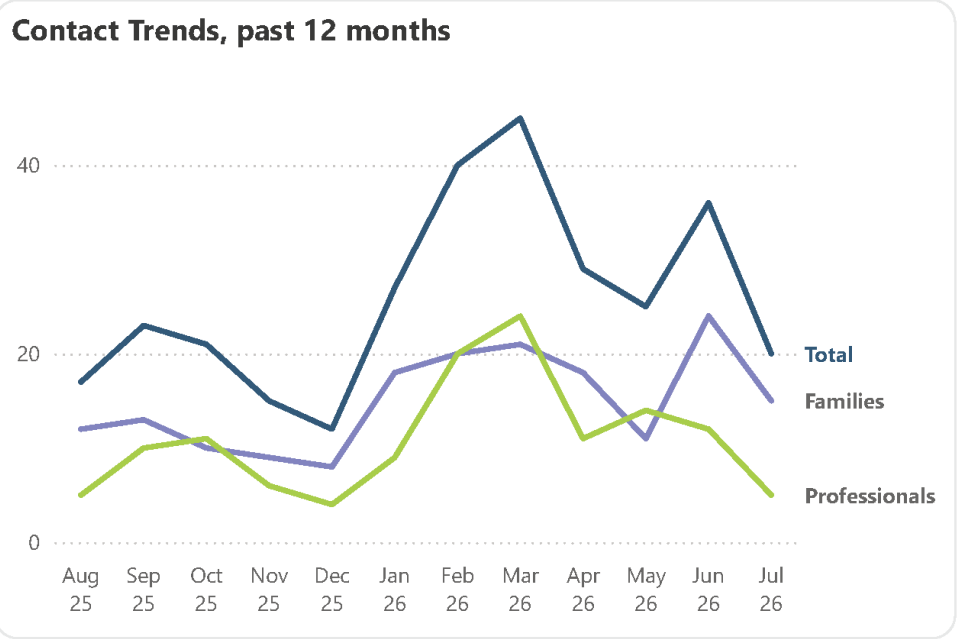
Single Point of Entry (SPOE)

Serves as Chippewa County’s access point for children’s disability program referrals and eligibility determinations.



Children's Resource Center (CRC) - West

Serves families of CYSHCN and the providers who support them across 18 western Wisconsin counties through information, referral, and follow-up services.

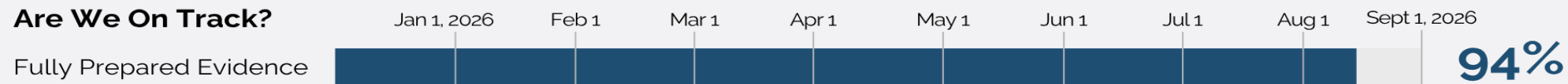


Chippewa County PHAB Reaccreditation Dashboard



Status: ✔ On Track

Are We On Track?



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In Progress

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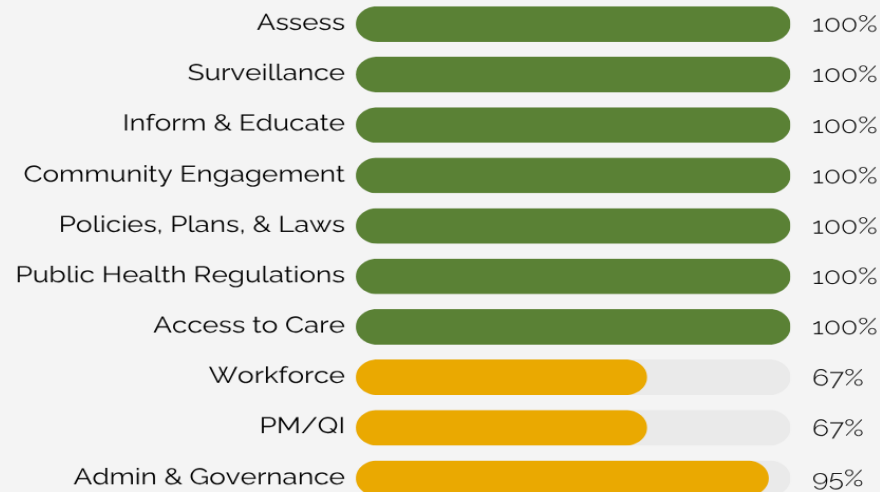
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Submitted to e-PHAB

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Fully Prepared Evidence by Domain



Reaccreditation World Tour Map



Updated: 8/11/26



**Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
PHA VR - WEDSS**

County Board of Health Report

Jurisdiction: Chippewa County

Received Date: 7/1/2026 to 7/31/2026

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
LYME LABORATORY REPORT	0	19	1	22	42
HEPATITIS A	0	0	0	17	17
LYME DISEASE, ERYTHEMA MIGRANS (EM) RASH	10	0	1	0	11
CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTION	10	0	0	0	10
E-COLI, ENTEROPATHOGENIC (EPEC)	0	0	9	0	9
E-COLI, ENTEROTOXIGENIC (ETEC)	3	0	2	0	5
LEAD-BLOOD LEVELS - ADULT	0	0	0	5	5
ANAPLASMOSIS, A. phagocytophilum	0	1	3	0	4
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	2	0	1	1	4
SALMONELLOSIS	1	0	3	0	4
TUBERCULOSIS, LTBI - LABORATORY RESULTS ONLY	0	0	4	0	4
CARBAPENEMASE PRODUCING ORGANISM (CPO)	0	0	1	2	3
HEPATITIS B, CHRONIC	0	0	0	3	3
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE, INVASIVE, GROUP B	0	0	3	0	3
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	0	0	2	0	2
HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC	0	0	0	2	2
LEGIONELLOSIS	2	0	0	0	2
ARBOVIRAL ILLNESS, WEST NILE VIRUS, Unspecified	0	0	0	1	1

Disease	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case	Total
BABESIOSIS	0	0	0	1	1
BORDETELLA HOLMESII	0	0	1	0	1
BORRELIOSIS, BORRELIA MIYAMOTOI	1	0	0	0	1
CANDIDA AURIS, COLONIZATION/SCREENING	0	0	0	1	1
E-COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (STEC)	1	0	0	0	1
EHRLICHIOSIS/ANAPLASMOSIS, undetermined	0	0	1	0	1
GIARDIASIS	0	0	0	1	1
HEPATITIS C, ACUTE	1	0	0	0	1
HISTOPLASMOSIS	1	0	0	0	1
INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATION	1	0	0	0	1
MEASLES (RUBEOLA)	0	0	1	0	1
MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE (NON-TUBERCULOUS)	0	0	1	0	1
PARAPERTUSSIS	0	0	0	1	1
PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH)	0	0	1	0	1
VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)	0	0	0	1	1
Total	33	20	35	58	146

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Public Health Financial Results

July 2026

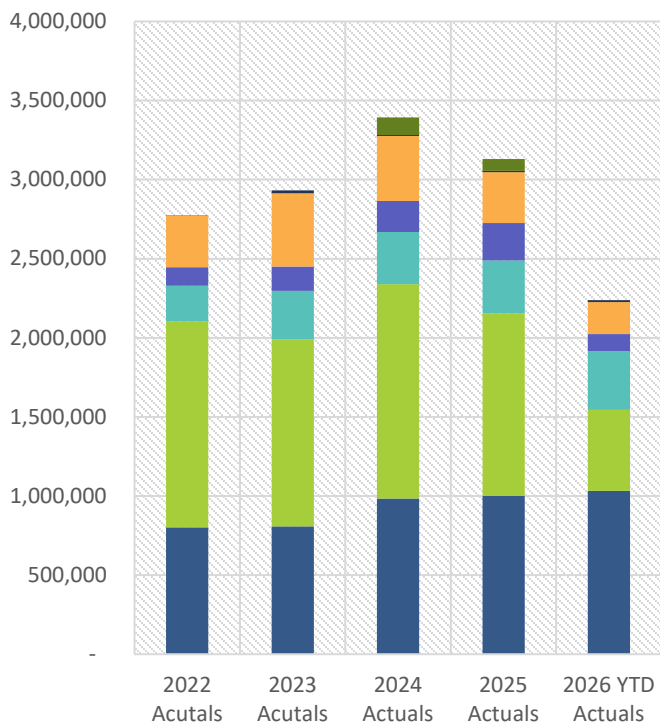
Fund	Description	Revenue			Expense		
		Budget	Actual	% Collected	Budget	Actual	% Spent
54100	Community Health	\$ (554,657.00)	\$ (526,148.29)	94.9%	\$ 554,657.00	\$ 308,117.56	55.6%
54121	Nurse Family Partnership	(134,610.00)	(104,354.53)	77.5%	134,610.00	87,845.90	65.3%
54122	Beach Water Testing	-	(881.73)	#DIV/0!	-	8,145.86	#DIV/0!
54123	Farmers Market	(1,397.00)	(69.37)	5.0%	1,397.00	1,337.35	95.7%
54124	CRC West Peer Support	-	(8,316.81)	#DIV/0!	-	13,994.01	#DIV/0!
54125	Prenatal Care Coordination	(26,697.00)	(11,661.87)	43.7%	26,697.00	19,675.81	73.7%
54126	FP Dual Protection	-	(3,056.14)	#DIV/0!	-	3,152.84	#DIV/0!
54128	Public Health Preparedness	(35,386.00)	(20,875.18)	59.0%	35,386.00	33,529.02	94.8%
54129	TN Program	(56,267.00)	(33,377.23)	59.3%	56,267.00	21,076.76	37.5%
54130	CHIP Coalition	(4,000.00)	-	0.0%	4,000.00	49.35	1.2%
54131	Mind Over Matter	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	1,526.61	#DIV/0!
54132	Drug Free Community Grant	(136,461.00)	(58,180.49)	42.6%	136,461.00	65,541.75	48.0%
54133	Iron Will Endowment Fund	(1,881.00)	(2,593.02)	137.9%	1,881.00	593.33	31.5%
54134	Schaus MD Health Care Endowment	-	(544.00)	#DIV/0!	-	200.00	#DIV/0!
54136	Aspirus Farm Fresh	-	(5,000.00)	#DIV/0!	-	140.00	#DIV/0!
54138	Planning & Strategy	(368,628.00)	(329,903.53)	89.5%	368,628.00	229,749.95	62.3%
54140	WIC	(431,791.00)	(282,492.51)	65.4%	431,791.00	246,042.80	57.0%
54142	Maternal & Child Health Program	(27,759.00)	(18,859.71)	67.9%	27,759.00	20,633.48	74.3%
54144	Wisconsin Wins	(5,353.00)	(1,177.45)	22.0%	5,353.00	2,848.36	53.2%
54149	SAP Services Block Grant	(20,319.00)	(1,710.52)	8.4%	20,319.00	1,710.52	8.4%
54150	Prevention	(9,239.00)	(5,250.93)	56.8%	9,239.00	5,985.05	64.8%
54151	Equipment Loan Closet	(2,916.00)	(238.64)	8.2%	2,916.00	1,974.10	67.7%
54152	Childrens Resource Center	(218,267.00)	(114,053.90)	52.3%	218,267.00	133,728.68	61.3%
54153	WIC Endowment	-	(2,559.42)	#DIV/0!	-	-	#DIV/0!
54154	Title X Reproductive Health	(11,174.00)	(19,676.45)	176.1%	11,174.00	18,072.00	161.7%
54156	FIT WIC	(47,797.00)	(9,828.68)	20.6%	47,797.00	10,061.58	21.1%
54157	Reproductive Health	(51,751.00)	(25,879.74)	50.0%	51,751.00	24,296.14	46.9%
54158	WIC BF Peer Counseling	(24,274.00)	(7,154.70)	29.5%	24,274.00	21,584.77	88.9%
54159	Men's Mental Hlth - MC	-	(10,069.37)	#DIV/0!	-	4,565.36	#DIV/0!
54161	Health Clinics	(48,398.00)	(4,706.51)	9.7%	48,398.00	7,563.32	15.6%
54163	Overdose Fatality Review	(42,656.00)	(15,122.96)	35.5%	42,656.00	21,870.98	51.3%
54165	GYT - Get Yourself Tested	(2,129.00)	(1,148.58)	53.9%	2,129.00	1,503.84	70.6%
54166	Water Lab	(9,138.00)	(10,450.00)		9,138.00	21,083.32	230.7%
54167	NW Coalition	(18,211.00)	(804.93)		18,211.00	4,202.74	23.1%
54168	Farm Fresh Program	-	(8,824.98)		-	335.00	#DIV/0!
54169	PH Vending Machine	-	(1,000.00)		-	949.95	#DIV/0!
54170	Food Insecurity - Marshfield C	-	(10,471.87)		-	14,756.81	#DIV/0!
54171	Food Safety Recreation License	(400,594.00)	(389,558.06)		400,594.00	212,463.93	53.0%
54172	Infant Immunization Grant	(17,056.00)	(8,021.96)	47.0%	17,056.00	10,296.33	60.4%
54173	Opioid Abatement	(2,348.00)	(1,561.56)		2,348.00	4,575.15	194.9%
54174	Forward Health Outreach	(32,823.00)	(14,827.98)	45.2%	32,823.00	24,934.09	76.0%
54176	Environmental Health	(77,139.00)	(75,009.12)	97.2%	77,139.00	10,959.90	14.2%
54178	Public Health Infrastructure	(106,350.00)	(22,810.33)		106,350.00	26,502.79	24.9%
54180	DHS Agreement	(166,179.00)	(67,838.83)	40.8%	166,179.00	77,297.61	46.5%
54182	Environmental Tracking	(10,684.00)	(259.72)		10,684.00	259.72	2.4%
54184	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prev.	(9,697.00)	(1,512.88)	15.6%	9,697.00	1,437.18	14.8%
54186	Charity Outreach Program	(250.00)	-	0.0%	250.00	152.95	61.2%
54190	Public Health Donation Expendi	(1,000.00)	(620.00)	62.0%	1,000.00	-	0.0%
		\$ 3,115,276.00	\$ 2,238,464.48	71.9%	\$ 3,115,276.00	\$ 1,726,524.97	55.4%



Public Health Revenue vs Expenses

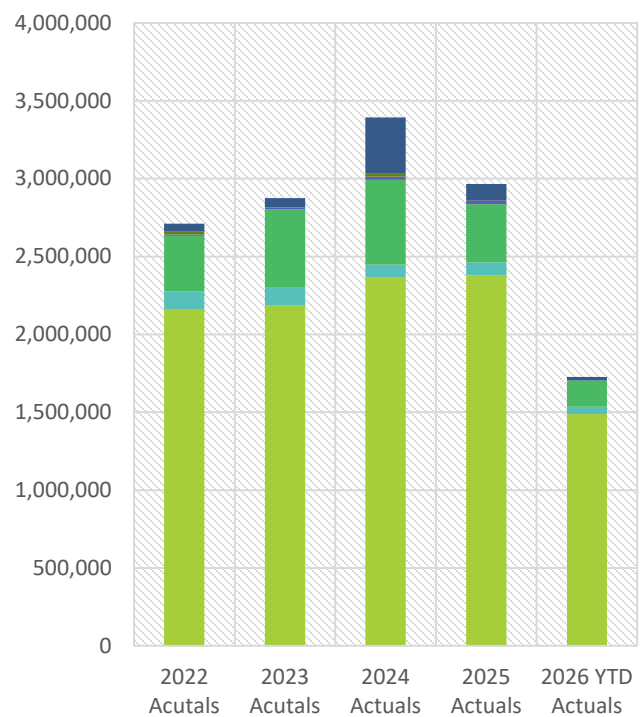
Variance Year-to-Date through July 2026

Total Revenues for All Years



- Taxes
- Intergov Grants & Aids
- Licenses & Permits
- Fines & Forfeitures
- Public Charges for Services
- Intergov Charges for Services
- Misc Revenues
- Other Financing Sources

Total Expenses for All Years



- Transfer To Other Funds
- Refunds/Restitutions
- Fixed Charges
- Contractual Services
- Capital Outlay
- Debt Service
- Supplies & Expense
- Personal Services



Statement of Explanation
Resolution Supporting Increased and Sustainable State Funding for
Local Public Health Departments

1 Passage of this resolution expresses Chippewa County's support for sustained and
2 increased state funding for local public health departments. Local health departments are
3 required to provide essential public health services under Wisconsin law, but current funding
4 sources are outdated, not indexed to inflation, and insufficient to cover the cost of these
5 services.

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7 The resolution calls for a funding model that provides increased General Purpose Revenue
8 support, automatic inflation adjustments, greater flexibility in how funds are used, and less
9 dependence on short-term, restricted, or competitive grants. It further urges the State of
10 Wisconsin to recognize public health as a core governmental function and encourages the
11 Wisconsin Counties Association to advocate for reduced reliance on local property tax levy to
12 fund foundational public health services.

Resolution No.

Resolution Supporting Increased and Sustainable State Funding for Local Public Health Departments

WHEREAS, local health departments (LHDs) in Wisconsin are legally required to provide a core set of public health services under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 251 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 140; and

WHEREAS, responsibilities of LHDs have expanded significantly in recent years due to emerging public health threats, workforce shortages, and increasing community health needs; and

WHEREAS, LHDs rely significantly on a combination of limited state aids, categorical grants, and local property tax levy to fund these mandated services; and

WHEREAS, current state funding mechanisms for public health are largely outdated, not indexed to inflation, and do not reflect the true cost of delivering foundational public health services; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin currently ranks 49th among the 50 states in state dollars dedicated to public health per person (https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/PH_funding); and

WHEREAS, public health initiatives consistently deliver high returns on investment (ROI), with recent data showing a median ROI of 14.3 to 1, often saving \$14 in medical and societal costs for every \$1 spent (<https://www.pew.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/07/08/public-health-initiatives-deliver-big-returns-on-investment>); and

WHEREAS, reliance on short-term, restricted, or competitive grant funding creates instability and limits long-term planning; and

WHEREAS, counties bear a disproportionate share of the financial burden for providing foundational public health services, placing additional pressure on local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a strong and adequately funded public health system is essential to protect the health, safety, and economic stability of Wisconsin residents and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors supports continuing to build and retain public health infrastructure through increased and flexible funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a funding model should:

- Provide increased General Purpose Revenue (GPR) support for local health departments
- Include automatic inflationary adjustments

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Departments**

- Allow for flexible use of funds to meet local needs
- Reduce reliance on short-term, restricted, and/or competitive grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin recognize public health as a core governmental function and prioritize sustained investment to ensure consistent service delivery across all jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chippewa County requests that the Wisconsin Counties Association advocate for policies that reduce the reliance on local property tax levy to fund foundational public health services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and all Wisconsin counties.

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

Financial Impact

By passage of this resolution, there is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County.

Signatures

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