

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Marcia Kyes

Members Absent:

Lee Hennick, Pam Guthman, Sandy Frohling, MD, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

Others Present:

County Administrator Andy Albarado; Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Brandi Engel, Paul Brenner, Kyra Secraw; Public Health Staff: Brittnay Fortuna, Audra Knowlton, Sarah McQuillan

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

Seconder: James Ericksen

Ayes: Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Marcia Kyes

Nayes: None

Absent: Lee Hennick, Pam Guthman, Sandy Frohling, MD, Robert Bullwinkel, MD

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

Minutes of the July 9, 2026, Aging & Disability Resource Center Board meeting were attached for informational purposes.

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

Kyra Secraw is the manager for the Children, Youth & Families Division, Youth Justice, and Children with Differing Abilities. The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) and Children's Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) are voluntary programs. She discussed the eligibility of the programs and their services. The

CLTS Dashboard shows the wait time until enrollment and the total enrollments since January 2025. They contract with Public Health to provide a single point of entry to conduct functional screens. CCS staff may have clients who are also receiving CLTS services.

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

Human Services Director Bobbie Jaeger presented the Human Services Program and Financial Report. She included the WCHSA PAC committee recommendations in her report. One priority is to focus on support for increased funding for crisis and adult protective services. She highlighted information on income maintenance and BadgerCare Plus work requirement data. Congratulations to staff celebrating work anniversaries, especially Kelly Zimmerman, Michelle Phelps, and Trish Houle, celebrating 20 years. ADRC hired a site aide; Birth to Three received a score of 100 percent on their state annual determination; and Adult Protective Services received 18 referrals in 10 days. This data will be included in the dashboard. Jaeger encouraged members to review the Federal Medicaid Work Requirement flyer included in the agenda packet. The department is working on reducing projected budget overages for out-of-home placements.

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

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna presented the Public Health Program and Financial Report. Administration is working on overdue Food, Safety, and Recreational Licensing renewals. Business owners who have not paid for their renewal will now be receiving cease-and-desist letters. Their businesses will close, and they will be required to pay a pre-inspection fee and permit fee to reopen. She highlighted from her report: April is the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and is assigned to 93 families; BadgerCare Plus has extended their postpartum coverage to 12 months; air-quality preparedness update; communicable disease data; measles update; increased cases of hand foot and mouth; environmental health division updates; August in National Breastfeeding Month; Chippewa County has a higher rate of breastfeeding mothers than the state rate; Fun at the Farmers Market classes have ended; issued more than 90 percent of the Farmers Market program and 350 sets of Farm Fresh Produce vouchers; Mind of Matter program will begin in August; community outreach at back-to-school events; and Children's Resource Center (CRC)-West provided a hospital bag and gas card for a family. Congratulations to the staff celebrating work anniversaries, especially Jenny Lenbom, celebrating 20 years. Fortuna reviewed the dashboard for the CRC and the Accreditation dashboard status. The department has an accepted offer for the RN vacancy. Discussion was held on immunizations, including measles vaccinations.

6. Business Items

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

Public Health Director Brittnay Fortuna noted that county health departments are asking their boards to support more public health funding from the state. The Wisconsin Counties Association will advocate to reduce reliance on local tax levy to fund foundational public health services.

The Board approved forwarding the resolution supporting increased and sustainable state funding for local public health departments to the County Board.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Marcia Kyes
Second:	Sandy Frohling, MD
Ayes:	Kari Ives, James Ericksen, Dennis Bachman, John Halbleib, Sandy Frohling, MD, Robert Bullwinkel, MD, Marcia Kyes
Nays:	None

Absent: Lee Hennick, Pam Guthman

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 AM.

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