



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Monday, July 21, 2025

4:30 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Health and Human Services Board meeting was called to order at 04:31 PM

Members Present: Jeanne Dodge, Dave Medin, Chris Doubek, Bob Gifford, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner

Attending In-Person: Jeanne Dodge, Dave Medin, Chris Doubek, Bob Gifford, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Julie Morrow

Staff Attending: Kim Vagueiro, Director; Katie Gonzalez Martin, Office Supervisor; Gary Garske, Public Health Manager; Jessica Hake, Community Programs Manager; Craig Sankey, Children and Family Services Manager; John Pavelski, County Executive

REPORTS

1. Director's Report

- Health and Human Services Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Director Vagueiro provided Director's Report.

2. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

No reports during Open Session.

3. June 2025 Vendor Invoice List

Health and Human Services June 2025 Vendor Invoice List provided.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. July 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Medin, seconded by Chris Doubek, to Approve the minutes from the Health and Human Services Board Committee meeting on July 7, 2025. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of New Position Requests

- Community Engagement Supervisor

- Social Worker - Crisis Interventionist

A motion was made by Chris Doubek, seconded by Amber Garner, to Approve the Community Engagement Supervisor position request. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. A motion was made by Bob Gifford, seconded by Bev Laska, to Approve the Social Worker - Crisis Interventionist position request. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Resolution Delegating the Authority to Enter into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the Designated Portage County Officer or Officers

A motion was made by Dave Medin, seconded by Suzanne Oehlke, to Approve the Resolution Delegating the Authority to Enter into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the Designated Portage County Officer or Officers. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CLOSED SESSION

7. Enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(F) to consider cases which involve social or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the person's reputation related to Permanency Planning meeting.

A motion was made by Suzanne Oehlke, seconded by Bev Laska, to enter into Closed Session.
The motion to enter into Closed Session carried by the following vote:

8 Yes: Jeanne Dodge, Dave Medin, Chris Doubek, Bob Gifford, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

OPEN SESSION

8. Reconvene to Open Session

A motion was made by Suzanne Oehlke, seconded by Bev Laska, to reconvene to Open Session. Motion to reconvene to Open Session carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. August 18, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 05:13 PM