



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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

Monday, February 16, 2026

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 04:30 PM

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

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

Attending Online: Suzanne Oehlke

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Healthy People of Portage County (HPPC) Community Conversations Outcomes Overview - Lydia Iverson, Community Health Planner

Lydia Iverson, Community Health Planner, presented on the HPPC Community Conversations outcomes.

2. Division of Community Programs Q4 2025 Statistics - Gretchen Hintz, Community Programs Manager

Gretchen Hintz, Community Programs Manager, presented the fourth quarter 2025 statistics for the Division of Community Programs.

REPORTS

3. Director's Report
 - Health and Human Services Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Director Hake provided the Director's Report.

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

Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke reported on the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Advisory Committee Meeting on February 3, 2026.

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

5. February 2, 2026

A motion was made by Chris Doubek, seconded by Julie Morrow, to Approve the Health and Human Services Board Committee meeting minutes from February 2, 2026. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**6. Discussion/Information Re: Updated 2026 Contracts Less than \$25,000 for Health and Human Services Department**

The updated list of 2026 Contracts Less than \$25,000 for Health and Human Services Department was presented for discussion.

7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Resolution Authorizing for 2026 Contract Over \$100,000 for Health and Human Services Department

A motion was made by Julie Morrow, seconded by Dave Medin, to Approve the Resolution Authorizing for 2026 Contract Over \$100,000 for Health and Human Services Department. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Application for Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats

A motion was made by Dave Medin, seconded by Amber Garner, to Approve the application for the Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Acceptance of the Room and Board Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Opioid Settlement Funds Grant

A motion was made by Amber Garner, seconded by Bev Laska, to Approve the acceptance of the Room and Board Residential SUD Opioid Settlement Funds grant. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for the Room and Board Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Opioid Settlement Funds Grant

A motion was made by Julie Morrow, seconded by Bev Laska, to Approve the Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for the Room and Board SUD Opioid Settlement Funds grant. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CLOSED SESSION**11. 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 Bob Gifford, seconded by Amber Garner, to enter into Closed Session. Motion to enter into Closed Session carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

OPEN SESSION**12. Reconvene to Open Session**

A motion was made by Bob Gifford, 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**13. March 2, 2026****ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 05:30 PM