



# PORTAGE COUNTY

## MEETING MINUTES

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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

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**Monday, June 1, 2026**

**4:30 PM**

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#### REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members enter Per Diem and Mileage

The Health and Human Services Board meeting was called to order at 04:30 PM

Members Present: Jeanne Dodge, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner, Barry Jacowski, Robin Falk, Greg Hakala, Landon Elgersma

Attending In-Person: Jeanne Dodge, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner, Barry Jacowski, Robin Falk, Greg Hakala, Landon Elgersma

Attending Online: None

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; Eric Olson, County Executive

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Overview of Public Health Strategic Plan - Gary Garske, Public Health Manager

Gary Garske provided the overview of the Public Health Strategic Plan.

2. Division of Public Health Q1 2026 Statistics - Gary Garske, Public Health Manager

Gary Garske presented the first quarter 2026 statistics for the Division of Public Health.

#### 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 Hakala reported on the CAP Services Board Meeting on 5/27/2026.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the County Board 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 County Board Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**5. May 18, 2026**

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Robin Falk, to Approve the Health and Human Services Board Committee meeting minutes from May 18, 2026 with correction. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION****6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Acceptance of DHS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local and Tribal Health Department COVID-19 Response Grant**

A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to Approve the acceptance of the DHS APRA Local and Tribal Health Department COVID-19 Response Grant. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Budget Amendment/Transfer Request Form for the DHS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local and Tribal Health Department COVID-19 Response Grant**

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Amber Garner, to Approve the budget amendment/transfer request form for the DHS APRA Local and Tribal Health Department COVID-19 Response Grant. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Application for 2017 Wisconsin Act 260 Foster Parent Grant**

A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Amber Garner, to Approve the application for the 2017 Wisconsin Act 260 Foster Parent Grant. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**CLOSED SESSION****9. 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 Barry Jacowski, seconded by Bev Laska, to enter into Closed Session.

The motion to enter into Closed Session carried by the following vote:

9 Yes: Jeanne Dodge, Joseph Jarabek, Bev Laska, Suzanne Oehlke, Amber Garner, Barry Jacowski, Robin Falk, Greg Hakala, Landon Elgersma

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

**OPEN SESSION****10. Reconvene to Open Session**

A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to reconvene to Open Session. Motion to reconvene to Open Session carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE****11. June 15, 2026****ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 05:53 PM