



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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

Monday, August 17, 2026

4:30 PM

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: Greg Hakala, Jeanne Dodge, Suzanne Oehlke, Robin Falk, Landon Elgersma, Bev Laska, Joseph Jarabek

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

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Barry Jacowski, Amber Garner

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

Others Attending: Nicole Rolain, IM Central Consortium Manager

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of IM Central Consortium Staffing Plan for Act 116 Funding - Nicole Rolain, IM Central Consortium Manager

Nicole Rolain presented the IM Central Consortium Staffing Plan for Act 116 Funding.

2. Division of Community Programs Q2 2026 Statistics - Gretchen Hintz, Community Programs Manager

Gretchen Hintz presented the second quarter 2026 statistics for the Division of Community Programs.

REPORTS

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

Director Hake provided the Director's Report.

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

No reports.

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. August 3, 2026

A motion was made by Bev Laska, seconded by Jeanne Dodge, to Approve the Health and Human Services Board Committee meeting minutes from August 3, 2026. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Coordinated Services Team (CST) Advisory Committee Standing Appointment**

Suzanne Oehlke expressed interest in the standing appointment to the CST Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Bev Laska, to Approve the standing appointment of Suzanne Oehlke to the CST Advisory Committee. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Acceptance of Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Supplemental Award

A motion was made by Greg Hakala, seconded by Jeanne Dodge, to Approve acceptance of Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Supplemental Award. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Supplemental Award

A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Robin Falk, to Approve the Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Supplemental Award. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of New Position Request for an Economic Support Specialist - Lead

A motion was made by Greg Hakala, seconded by Bev Laska, to Approve the new position request for an Economic Support Specialist - Lead. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE**10. September 21, 2026****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 Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Robin Falk, to enter into Closed Session.
The motion to enter into Closed Session by the following vote:

7 Yes: Greg Hakala, Jeanne Dodge, Suzanne Oehlke, Robin Falk, Landon Elgersma, Bev Laska, Joseph Jarabek

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:54 PM