



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 3, 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, Barry Jacowski, Robin Falk, Landon Elgersma, Bev Laska, Joseph Jarabek

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

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: 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; Ashley Chrisinger, WIC Supervisor; Bryar Drexler, Community Health Educator; Eric Olson, County Executive

PRESENTATIONS

1. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Presentation - Ashley Chrisinger, WIC Supervisor

Ashley Chrisinger presented on the WIC program.

2. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Presentation - Bryar Drexler, Community Health Educator

Bryar Drexler presented on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

3. Division of Public Health Q2 2026 Statistics - Gary Garske, Public Health Manager

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

REPORTS

4. Director's Report

- Health and Human Services Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Director Hake provided the Director's Report.

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

Greg Hakala reported on the CAP Services meeting on July 29, 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**6.** July 20, 2026

A motion was made by Landon Elgersma, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to Approve the Health and Human Services Board Committee meeting minutes from July 20, 2026. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**7.** Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Acceptance for Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats

A motion was made by Jeanne Dodge, seconded by Landon Elgersma, to Approve the acceptance for the Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Jeanne Dodge, to Approve the Budget Amendment/Transfer Request for the Traffic Safety Grant - Child Passenger Safety Seats. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE**9.** August 17, 2026**CLOSED SESSION****10.** 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.

Meeting did not enter into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION**11.** Reconvene to Open Session**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 06:04 PM