

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Edgewater Haven Nursing Home – Conference Rm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, Linda Casper, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Rachel Stankowski, Dr. Tim Golemgski (via WebEx, arriving at 5:10 PM), Leslie Kronstedt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Marie Topping

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list.

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comments, Chair Rozar recognized and congratulated Health Director Smith for her receiving the Carol Graham Public Health Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent state health conference.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed and items discussed. Motion by Valenstein/Buttke to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Health Strategist, Jacob Wagner, reviewed the recently completed THC report that was compiled by the Health Dept. He discussed the various trends and issues surrounding the sales and enforcement mechanisms of products with THC in them. When the 2023 report was done, there were 22 retailers selling THC products. That number has now risen to 76 in 2025. The committee discussed next steps possible and the challenges being faced.
5. Smith provided a hard copy of the 2026-2028 Health Dept. Strategic Plan that was reviewed last month. They will start actively measuring the outcomes of this plan and adjust as needed. Motion by Buttke/Stankowski to adopt the 2026-2028 strategic plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Smith provided and reviewed the 2025 Annual Report for the Health Dept. and reviewed the challenges faced with the sudden and abrupt federal funding cuts that happened during that calendar year.
7. Smith presented a request for out of state travel for Kristie Egge to attend the NACCHO Annual Conference, June 14-17, 2026, in Louisville, KY with all expenses paid by grant funds. Motion by Kronstedt/Thao to approve the travel request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Smith reviewed a resolution that requests sustainable funding for local public health departments. The goal is to have this resolution acted on at the WCA Annual Business Meeting and become a part of the WCA platform. Motion by Buttke/Stankowski to approve the resolution and forward it onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Norwood Administrator Kornack reviewed the status of the water system replacement. The initial plans are being reviewed and will be going to the state for their approval, hopefully by June 15th. Once that is complete, the project will go out to bid.
10. Kornack reported that she is implementing the operational efficiencies that were discussed at the meeting last month and will keep the committee updated as they move forward.
11. Human Services Director Vruwink presented a tuition reimbursement request from a social worker employee that is continuing their education to be a licensed counselor. They have met the criteria set forth in county policy to be eligible for reimbursement. Motion by Valenstein/Kronstedt to approve the tuition reimbursement as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Vruwink reported that a part of the state using funds for the Food Share program that were cut by the federal government, there is a need for counties, and our consortium, to hire Quality Assurance specialists to go through and review each case to ensure accuracy. The plan should be ready by next meeting and at that point we will know the number of positions needed to complete this requirement. Any position would be funded by the state at 100% reimbursement.
13. Veterans Service Officer Larson reported that he has applied to sit on a Joint Legislative Council Study Group dealing with Veterans. He will keep the committee updated.
14. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Wood County Annex & Health Center Classroom in Marshfield.
15. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

