

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2026

The meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Mike Skivington at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026 in person and via remote access at the Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Mary Hess
Mike Skivington
Christine Schapfel
Nancy Hoffman

Absent: Brian Floeter
Joe Gonyo

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, HHS Director/County Manager; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Shelby Jensen, ESU Unit Manager; Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer (remote); Lisa Schiessl, Children & Family Unit Manager; Jon Vandeyacht, Veterans Service Office; Nichol Wienkes, Behavioral Health Unit Manager; Brooke Zank, Clinical Therapist

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/10/2025 MINUTES

Motion/second (Schapfel/Hoffmann) to approve the minutes of the 11/10/2025 meeting as presented with a change to the next meeting date. That date is correct if a December meeting would have taken place. Motion carried with no negative vote.

SCHOOL BASED OFFICE PRESENTATION

Nichol Wienkes, Behavioral Health Unit Manager, and Brooke Zank, Clinical Therapist, presented information regarding the school based therapy sessions offered throughout the county. There are currently 4 schools participating and one more request but there is not enough staff at this time. Wienkes and Zank spoke in regard to the logistics, benefits, and challenges of the program. Questions and discussion held.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS

Nichol Wienkes, Behavioral Health Unit Manager, provided information on a free security risk assessment through BH Connect. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the formalized policy. *Motion/second (Hoffmann/Schapfel)* to approve the policy and assessment. Motion carried with no negative votes.

HHS FINANCIAL POLICIES DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager, stated that the current policy has not been reviewed since 2017 so the auditors recommended an update. This is an outline of day to day operations with a few new notations made. *Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hess)* to accept the policy changes as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

2026 RATE SCHEDULE

Jason Jerome, HHS Director/County Manager, stated this is an annual requirement with no changes to the current rates as presented in the packet. *Motion/second (Hoffmann/Schapfel)* to approve the 2026 rates as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jason Jerome, HHS Director/County Manager, stated that the department is in the process of closing out 2025. An opioid settlement task force has been formed to distribute those funds through an application process. Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer, updated the committee on the funding requirements.

VSO REPORT

Jon Vandeyacht, Veterans Service Officer, asked for ideas for Student Government Day in April. He provided a recap of services for 2025 including outreach programs.

UNIT REPORTS

Discussion held on the suicide rates included in the Health Unit report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

- Next meeting date – February 9, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
- Future agenda items for action and discussion -

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Skivington adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto

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County Clerk