



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

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The following documents are included in the packet for the Health & Human Services Committee Meeting on September 14th, 2026:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 08/10/2026
- 3) Unit Reports



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Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Monday, September 14th, 2026 Time: 4:00 PM
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

Mike Skivington - Chair
Joe Gonyo - Vice Chair
Sarah Allen
Andy Brendemihl
Mary Hess
Nancy Hoffmann
Monica Monohan
Christine Schapfel
Vacant

Samantha Stobbe,
Secretary

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This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee. It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Minutes: 08/10/2026
6. Appearances
 - Kristle Jackson – Grieving Services
7. Director's Report
8. VSO Report
9. Unit Reports
10. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: October 12th, 2026
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
11. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.
Samantha Stobbe, County Clerk

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

August 10th, 2026

The meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was called to order by Chair Mike Skivington at 4:00 PM on Monday, August 10th, 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: Mike Skivington
Joe Gonyo
Sarah Allen
Andy Brendemihl
Mary Hess
Nancy Hoffmann
Christine Schapfel

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Samantha Stobbe, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, HHS Director/County Manager; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Shelby Jensen, ESU/Child Support Manager; Nichole Wienkes, BHU Manager; Rachel Prellwitz, Health Unit Manager/Health Officer; Lisa Schiessl, Children & Family Services Unit Manager (left at 4:55PM); Dawn Brantley, FRI Unit Manager; Renee Thiem-Korth (remote- left at 4:45PM)

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 07/13/2026 MINUTES

Motion/second (Brendemihl/Schapfel) to approve the minutes of the 07/13/2026 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTIONS – This item was moved up on the agenda prior to the public hearing

- ***Creating one additional FTE (35 HR Full Time Employee) Direct Support Professional, Program Aide at Fox River Industries in Health & Human Services***

County Manager, Jason Jerome gave a brief overview of the resolution. Discussion held.

Motion/second (Brendemihl/Hoffmann) to change DVR to Long Term Care Reimbursement under the fiscal note of the resolution.

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hess) to approve the resolution and forward to Administrative and Finance committees for approval, then to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – 4:15PM

Recess for public hearing on 2026 Budget at 4:15 PM. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Chair Mike Skivington dissolved the meeting for the Public Hearing.

Jason Jerome gave a brief overview of the public hearing process and the 2027 Budget. Questions and discussion followed.

Public Hearing concluded at 4:23PM and the Health and Human Services meeting continued.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

- ***Upgrading and Reclassifying one Health & Human Services Unit Manager position to include Health & Human Services Deputy Director Job Responsibilities***

Jerome gave an overview of the resolution. Discussion held.

Motion/second (Brendemuhl/Schapfel) to approve the resolution and forward to Administrative and Finance committees for approval, then to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- ***Creating one additional FTE Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Service Facilitator in Health & Human Services – Behavioral Health Unit***

Nichol Wienkes explained the resolution. Discussion held.

Motion/second (Schapfel/Hess) to approve the resolution and forward to Administrative and Finance committees for approval, then to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- ***To Support Sustainable State Funding for Local Public Health Departments***

Health Officer, Rachel Prellwitz explained the resolution. Discussion held.

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Allen) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote. Discussion held.

2027 HHS BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion held on the 2027 budget as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jerome stated that staff did well in his absence and he commends them for all of their work.

VSO REPORT

Jerome read a note from Vandeyacht as he was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion held. Chair Skivington asked that Vandeyacht reached out to Mike regarding volunteerism.

UNIT REPORTS

Unit managers in attendance gave highlights of the happenings within their departments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

- Next meeting date – September 14th, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
- Future agenda items for action and discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Skivington adjourned the meeting at 5:08PM.

Submitted by,

Samantha Stobbe
County Clerk

Behavioral Health Unit— August 2026 (July Data)

Currently, the Behavioral Health Unit receives the following grants:

- The **State Opioid Response (SOR-4)** funding is used to support unmet treatment needs for individuals with opioid and stimulant use disorders. We are in year 2 of three years of this funding. **To date funding has provided support with case management and recovery housing for 15 clients, uninsured inpatient costs for 3 clients, and peer support for 4 clients.**
- We receive an allotment of state opioid settlement funding which is designated to be used for **room and board costs for Medicaid recipients receiving residential treatment for opioid use disorder.**
- We have received \$75,000 in **Rural Crisis Enhancement funding** through WI Dept of Health Services. This funding begins in March 2026 and the award lasts through 2/28/2027. This funding will support improved collaboration between crisis services and housing supports, criminal justice system involved clients, and local school systems. **Since this grant began in March, we have provided team-based crisis response in partnership with ADVOCAP to 10 individuals and families. We have also provided stabilization or other community-based intervention for 8 individuals.**
- In early June, we were awarded opioid settlement funding in the amount of \$24,800 to support re-entry focused peer support services in partnership with the Green Lake County Correctional Facility.

Outpatient Mental Health (MH) & Substance Abuse (SUD) Programs-

Outpatient services include individual and group counseling as well as psychiatric services. While some clients are court-mandated to attend services, we strive to provide services voluntarily, in the least restrictive setting and in a way that offers pro-active support to prevent crisis situations. Most clients have Medicaid or another form of health insurance that covers these treatment services.

Month at a Glance (July Data)

<i>New Outpatient Therapy Intakes</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>New Psychiatry Admissions</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>IDP Assessments Completed</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Clients Served Across Outpatient Programs</i>	<i>352</i>

Over the past several years, clinician caseload volume has continued to increase. However, a robust internship program and changes made to the crisis scheduling structure have made it possible for clinicians to keep up with this increase. Clinicians have also incorporated more

group therapy options which can help with the higher caseload volume. Currently there is a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group and a grief group running.

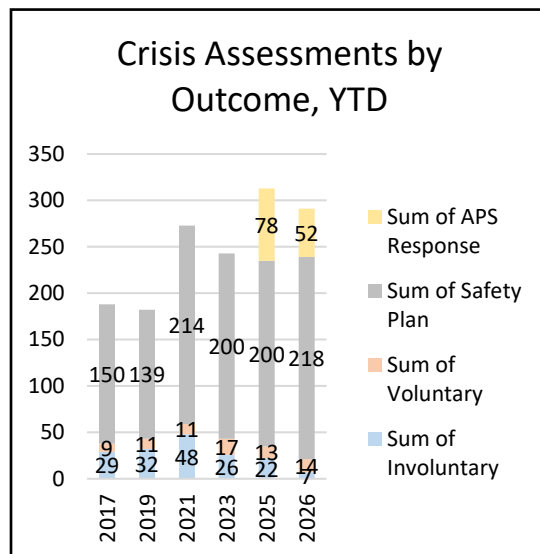
Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP): Our agency serves as an assessor facility for state-mandated IDP assessments. Individuals are either referred to traffic safety school or treatment. Individuals who receive a court order for an IDP are given 30 days to complete the assessment. **We currently have no waitlist for an IDP.**

School-based offices: BHU has school-based offices in 3 school districts in the county to increase youth access to therapy. Overall, these offices help to improve collaboration with school partners, decrease both missed therapy appointments and missed school, and reduce barriers to therapy for youth. **These offices continue to operate at full capacity during the school year. We are working on the process of certifying an additional school location to offer one day of services within the Princeton School District. Of note, we have historically had a provider who offers monthly consultation on mental health programming to the Prairie View Headstart location, however, we were advised by ADVOCAP that Headstart will no longer be available in Green Lake County as of this academic year.**

Wrap-Around Services- *BHU provides three tiers of wrap-around services, allowing us to match individuals with a program that meets the level of need based on their unique situation.*

1. **Targeted Case Management (TCM)**— *Less intensive case management for clients in Behavioral Health treatment or for vulnerable adults to offer follow up or prevent future contact with Adult Protective Services. **It presently serves 48 individuals.***
2. **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)**— *Recovery-focused support for clients who may benefit from an intensive level of services for a shorter period of time. **This program presently serves 32 individuals.***
3. **Community Support Program (CSP)**— *Intensive community-based support for individuals with chronic mental illness. This support is intended to be long-term and supports clients to maintain psychiatric stability in the community and to reduce hospitalizations. **This program presently serves 22 adults.***
4. **Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)**— *Medicaid waiver program provides funding for families of children with long-term disabilities (developmental, physical, and/or severe emotional disturbance) to access services such as respite care and service coordination which are otherwise not covered by Medicaid insurance. When an eligible youth is screened for services, the waiver program must open their case within 30 days. **Our current program census is at 79 youth and continuing to grow.***

Crisis/ Adult Protective Services- *Crisis services are available 24/7 including weekends/ holidays for psychiatric and substance use disorder emergencies.*



Crisis call volumes have increased over the past 5 years, a more dramatic increase this year, due to the addition of Adult Protective Services (APS) responsibilities. The data represent new crisis calls each month. The crisis team provides additional follow up to most contacts. This may include case management, supportive counseling, service linkage/ referral, discharge planning, court work (including civil commitment and/or guardianship), or APS investigation.

Despite rising call volume, hospitalizations have decreased substantially over the past several years. **Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) has continued to increase their daily rate by 10%/ year over the past several years. The work that our crisis team does ensures that WMHI is utilized only when no other less restrictive option is available.**

Adult Protective Services: In the first year of handling APS calls, the Crisis Team responded to 118 calls. The most prevalent reported topics included self-neglect, caregiver burnout or inability to continue care, financial abuse, and scams.

Zero Suicide Initiative: Zero Suicide is a collaborative team approach to reducing fatalities due to suicide by focusing on the entire system, not just individuals who have already entered crisis services. Our team meets monthly, and collaborates with teams in Waushara and Marquette counties. Accomplishments include annual awareness campaigns, QPR training, and implementation of caring contact cards. The team is reviewing processes for early identification, as we identify that almost all deaths by suicide and near-lethal attempts involved individuals who had no contact with crisis or DHHS prior to attempting suicide.

Housing Subcommittee: In Spring 2024, BHU initiated a community partnership engaging a variety of professionals as well as interested community members on the subject of homelessness and housing insecurity. This began after a number of contacts to our crisis line that involved primary need being housing. The group now operates as a subcommittee of the WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition with an immediate, short term focus to increase awareness and understanding of the unique issues around homelessness/housing issues in rural communities. The group meets monthly. Accomplishments include awareness efforts such as a large town-hall style event and follow up community conversation.

I-Team: This team meets monthly with a focus on awareness and reduction of elder abuse as well as shared understanding of available community resources that might help prevent elder abuse. This year, the team has heard presentations on housing, Senior Helpers, scam prevention, grief-related supports, Longterm Care Ombudsman, and more.

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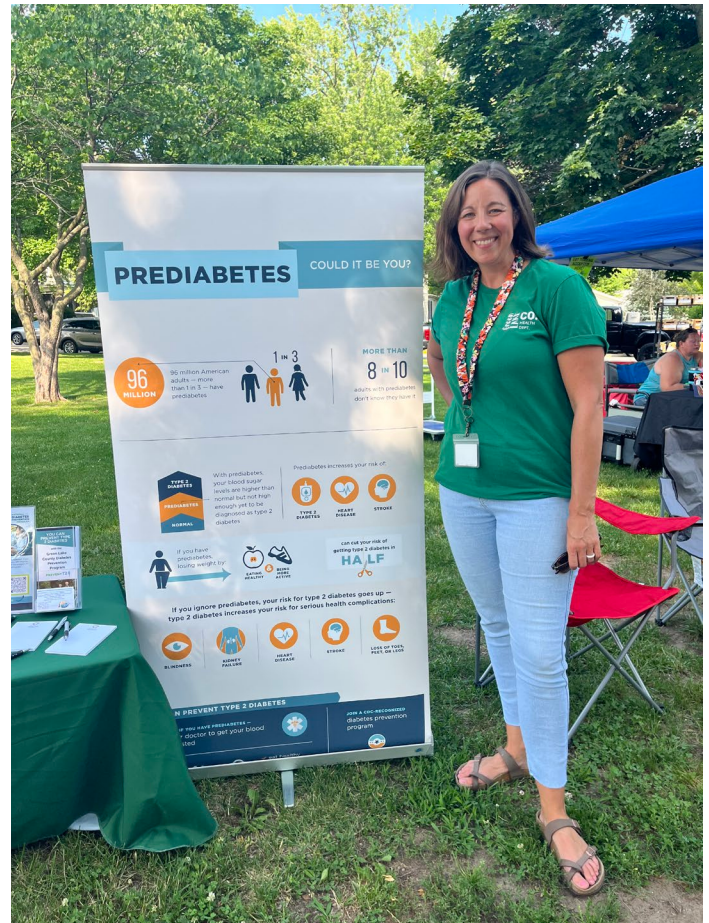
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July 2026 Health Unit Monthly Report to the Health & Human Services Board

Public Health Update:

- Lisa and Sofia attended the Berlin Farmer's and Artist Market on Tuesday, July 7th in Berlin.



- Community Day and Sports Camp held on Wednesday July 8th from 12:30pm to 7pm at Princeton School. We had over 40 students attend the sports camp portion with the option to be choose one of 5 sports (football, basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball). We also hosted free sports physicals, haircuts, vision screenings and community meal. See pictures below 😊





- Rachel attended the Adolescent Mental Health Learning Community call on July 14th. Attending these learning community calls is a grant requirement for our Maternal Child Health grant. Our chosen objective is Adolescent Well-being.
- Rachel (and other HHS staff) attended the Berlin/Princeton plunge to do a deep data dive of SYNC (Supporting Youth, Nurturing Connection) at Princeton school on July 15th. SYNC is made up of community members and youth serving organizations working on youth mental health and social media use.
- Lisa and Intern Sofia attended State Opioid Response Training through the Alliance for WI Youth (AWY) in Fond du Lac on July 20th. This training focused on training on logic models. By obtaining data that shows local conditions in Green Lake County, our coalition (Green Lake County United for Prevention) can transfer that into a logic model that not only displays the reality of substance use and misuse right here in our county but can help target our efforts to meet needs where they are at.
- Wellness Committee hosted the first Farmer's Market at the GLC Government building with Boerson Farms on July 23rd selling a huge variety of beautiful fresh produce!



- DPP Update-provided by Nancy:
 - Cohort #9 graduated on July 2nd with a collective weight loss of 174 pounds!! There was a total of 10 participants who completed the year-long program with weight loss ranging from 4% to 18% of total body weight. 4 participants lost over 20 pounds and 2 participants lost over 30 pounds!
 - Virtual group is underway and going smoothly.
 - The next cohort (set to be in-person at the Berlin Senior Center) is still enrolling, but almost full and slated to begin mid- October.
 - Next we will begin filling for either the Ripon or Green Lake site or possibly another virtual group- all dependent on interest.
 - We are hosting our second annual DPP Alumni meeting on 9/16 here in the nurses screening room. This is a chance for past participants to get together share successes, challenges and camaraderie.
 - Submitting our 8th Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program data to the CDC in September.
 - Will be promoting and recruiting at the Health and Wellness Fair on 9/17/26

- We were awarded the Environmental Health grant in the amount of \$10,000 to focus on Lyme Disease prevention through the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health. Nancy will be presenting to the Green Lake Bird and Nature club on 9/8. We have received about 1700 Tick kits that will be distributed through various activities over the next year. Great partnerships formed with; local campgrounds, the Green Lake Conservancy and Green Lake Sanitation Department, Green Lake Bird and Nature Club and our own County Park system manager Mike Van Meel.
- Held our first dental clinic with Noble Community Clinics on July 28th. We had 9 patients received dental screenings and cleanings which made for a full day of appointments! We plan to host another clinic in December.



- Vaccine for Children (VFC) program site visit successfully completed with DHS staff on July 30th. This is a biannual, on-site inspection to make sure we are meeting on grant deliverables for the immunization program.
- Beach monitoring program updates:
 - July 15th: Blue-green algae bloom identified at sunset park boat launch. Signage placed for swimming closure and advisory at boat launch.
 - Swimming closure lifted on 7/17, advisory remained in effect until August 21st.
 - July 20th- High E. Coli levels detected at Sunset Park Boat Launch- advisory issued, lifted on August 3rd.
 - July 23rd- County K Marsh boat launch had visible signs of blue-green algae bloom, advisory issued, lifted on August 14th.

Intern Sofia



Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES UNIT – July 31, 2026

The children and family unit remains the same with a total of 12 employees.

The Boys Summer Group concluded at the end of July, please see attached document of the boys group this year. There were five boys who participated in the group, and all expressed how much they loved working with the horses!

Our Birth-3 Program underwent the yearly state review for the Determination Status. Green Lake County determination status is “**Meets Requirements**”, which is the highest status that can be met.

Out-of-Home Care – as of 07/31/26

In July, we had one youth reach permanency through a subsidized guardianship with his placement. This allowed the underlying CHIPS case to close. The unit also removed one child from their home due to neglect for caregiver drug use. This child was originally placed in a foster home but will be moving to her maternal grandmother’s home.

There are levels to Out of Home Care. Those levels are as follows:

- Court Ordered Relative Care
- Level 1 Foster Care- specific child license or relative license
- Level 2 Foster Care-general foster care with no prior relationship
- Level 3 Treatment Foster Care-private agencies
- Level 4 Specialized Treatment, Group Home
- Level 5 Exceptional Treatment, Residential Care Centers

Green Lake County has the following in each form of placement:

Ct. Ordered Relative Care- 1

Level 1- 0

Level 2- 5, 2 of these children are with licensed relatives and 3 are with non-relatives

Level 3- 0

Level 4- 0

Level 5- 0

Total Placements = **5 children in care currently.**

Voluntary Kinship Care (\$384.00 month per child)

Ten (10) children are in this form of kinship care. They must have a yearly review.

Subsidized Guardianship – Is considered a permanent placement for the children and the county must review the home and placement one time per year.

Nine (9) subsidized guardianships.

ACCESS REPORTS

Child Protective Services –

January – 12 reports, 2 screened in, 10 screened out

February- 14 reports, 3 screened in, 11 screened out

March- 14 reports, 3 screened in, 11 screened out

April- 15 reports, 6 screened in, 9 screened out

May- 16, 4 screened in, 12 screened out

June- 7, 0 screened in.

July- 13, 7 screened in, 6 screened out

YTD: Total reports 91

25 reports screened in total

Child Services/Welfare –

January – 5, 2 screened in; 3 screened out

February-2, 1 screened in, 1 screened out

March- 3, 0 screened in, 3 screened out

April – 5, 3 screened in, 2 screened out

May- 0 reports

June- 4, 2 screened in, 2 screened out

July- 4, 0 screened in, 4 screened out

YTD: Total Service Reports-23

8 screened in total

Youth Justice –

January – 4

February- 7

March-3

April – 6

May- 4

June- 3

July- 5

YTD: 32 referrals

Birth to Three/C-COP/CLTS

****Birth to Three** had (3) three new children referred to the program in the month of July. Three (3) new Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) were developed. There were Twenty-two (22) open children in the program in the month of July that had active IFSP's.

Children's Community Options program (CCOP) has one (1) child enrolled.

Children's Long-Term Support Waiver (CLTS) children are presently also being carried by the Birth to Three program coordinator; ten (10) cases have been assigned.

BOYS SUMMER GROUP

Build Strength. Build Respect. Build Connections.



OBSERVING & LEARNING

Watching the horses and learning about their behavior.



CARING & RESPONSIBILITY

Helping with feeding and barn chores.



BUILDING TRUST

Grooming and connecting with the horse.



TEAMWORK & PROBLEM SOLVING

Working together to complete challenges and activities.



LEADERSHIP & CONFIDENCE

Leading and guiding with courage and calm.

THE POWER OF EQUINE THERAPY



BUILDS CONFIDENCE

Accomplishing tasks with horses helps build self-confidence and self-esteem.



IMPROVES FOCUS

Working with horses encourages patience, attention, and mindfulness.



TEACHES RESPONSIBILITY

Caring for horses helps boys understand the importance of commitment and follow-through.



STRENGTHENS EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Horses provide non-judgmental support and help reduce stress and anxiety.



DEVELOPS SOCIAL SKILLS

Group activities promote teamwork, communication, and mutual respect.



ENCOURAGES POSITIVE CHOICES

Time with horses helps build self-control, resilience, and a positive mindset.

WHAT THE BOYS ARE SAYING

“

I enjoyed being with the horses and feeding them because it help with my anxiety and taught me how to calm down.

”

“

I enjoyed working with the horses, I found a connection with their names and what I was struggling with mentally. That made me understand that I am not going through things alone.

“

I truly enjoyed making outside connections in the group with kids. I probably would have not connected with before. I also enjoyed the horse named secret. He made me feel cared about and it helped with my emotions.

“

Working with the horses have helped me with my anger and my anxiety. It is something I look forward to doing every week.



STRONGER TOGETHER. STRONGER EVERY DAY.



DHHS 2026 Budget Update - through August 2026				
Expenditures			Revenues	
Admin				
Total Budget:	\$	624,700.69	\$	597,417.00
YTD Expenses	\$	366,290.64	YTD Revenues	\$ 597,862.26
% YTD Expenses		59%	% YTD Revenues	100%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Health				
Total Budget:	\$	551,232.00	\$	536,908.00
YTD Expenses	\$	313,824.11	YTD Revenues	\$ 405,662.34
% YTD Expenses		57%	% YTD Revenues	76%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Children & Families				
Total Budget:	\$	1,647,745.00	\$	1,647,745.00
YTD Expenses	\$	871,579.23	YTD Revenues	\$ 914,643.81
% YTD Expenses		53%	% YTD Revenues	56%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Economic Support				
Total Budget:	\$	435,204.00	\$	435,204.00
YTD Expenses	\$	274,805.38	YTD Revenues	\$ 186,961.08
% YTD Expenses		63%	% YTD Revenues	43%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
FRI				
Total Budget:	\$	1,573,061.00	\$	1,573,061.00
YTD Expenses	\$	981,787.84	YTD Revenues	\$ 982,080.28
% YTD Expenses		62%	% YTD Revenues	62%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Behavioral Health				
Total Budget:	\$	2,590,674.00	\$	2,590,674.00
YTD Expenses	\$	1,277,368.49	YTD Revenues	\$ 1,578,780.15
% YTD Expenses		49%	% YTD Revenues	61%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Child Support				
Total Budget:	\$	262,107.00	\$	262,107.00
YTD Expenses	\$	122,244.16	YTD Revenues	\$ 72,527.23
% YTD Expenses		47%	% YTD Revenues	28%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Aging				
Total Budget:	\$	1,375,317.00	\$	1,375,317.00
YTD Expenses	\$	862,362.12	YTD Revenues	\$ 882,338.53
% YTD Expenses		63%	% YTD Revenues	64%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%
Total DHHS				
Total Budget:	\$	9,060,040.69	\$	9,018,433.00
YTD Expenses	\$	5,070,261.97	YTD Revenues	\$ 5,620,855.68
% YTD Expenses		56%	% YTD Revenues	62%
% Should Be:		67%	% Should Be:	67%