

**Barron County Health & Human Services Board Meeting**  
Government Center Auditorium Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
2025 9:30AM

**PRESENT:** Karolyn Bartlett – Chair, Barb Reisner, John Banks, Nancy Keeler, Bob Heil, Toniann Knutson, Lynn Kolpack, Carol Moen, Dr. Richard Sampson, Stacey Wenzel, Patti Anderson, Diane Vaughn, Mary Matthys, Betty Borgen

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff French, County Administrator; Stacey Frolik, DHHS Director, Heidi Syvinski, Financial Analyst; DHHS Program Managers – Karla Broten, Karla Potts-Shufelt, Mary Olsen, Pam Gannon, DHHS Administrative Assistant.

**STAFF ABSENT:** Bonnie Roemhild, Ann Hay, Jodi Busch, Lynette Metcalf and John Muench.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Louie Okey.

Call to order by Chair Karolyn Bartlett at 9:30 a.m.

Public Meeting Notification read by Bartlett.

**Motion:** (Anderson/ Keeler) to approve amended agenda for March 24, 2025 DHHS Board meeting. Carried.

**Motion:** (Moen / Vaughn) to approve minutes from the February 24, 2025 Health and Human Services Board meeting. Carried.

**Comments from the Public:** Katie Wiesner 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rice Lake expressed her concerns regarding the program Embrace. Paul Poppe 1146 Dallas St. Chetek also voiced his concerns about Embrace.

**Introduce new committee member:** Frolik introduced in community member Betty Borgen.

**Youth and Family Program Presentation:** Broten gave presentation on Youth and Family Program and questions answered.

**Discuss frequency and format of financial reports for the committee:** Bartlett suggests that the financial report frequency move to quarterly. If there is a major change then it will be an agenda item.

**Department Updates:**

**DHHS:** Dr. Sampson is retiring and the May meeting will be his last. Dr. Ruppel has an interest in filling Dr. Sampson's position.

**Child Support:** No additional updates.

**Set next meeting date:** April 28, 2025, at 9:30 am

**Future Agenda Items:** Report from management team. Update on Embrace. Chapter 980 victim services.

**Adjourn** – Adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Gannon, Administrative Assistant  
*(Minutes are not official until approved by the DHHS Board.)*

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