

Barron County Health & Human Services Board Meeting
Government Center Auditorium Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Monday, March 24, 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 18th 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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