

Barron County Health & Human Services Board Meeting
Government Center Auditorium Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:30AM

PRESENT: Karolyn Bartlett – Chair, John Banks, Toniann Knutson, Stacey Wenzel, Patti Anderson, Diane Vaughn, Mary Matthys, Betty Borgen.

ABSENT: Barb Reisner, Lynn Kolpack, Bob Heil, Carol Moen, Nancy Keeler, Dr. Richard Sampson.

OTHERS ATTENDING: Dr. Lindsey Ruppel.

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff French, County Administrator; Stacey Frolik, DHHS Director, Child Support Program Manager, Lynette Metcalf, Heidi Syvinski, Financial Analyst; DHHS Program Managers – Karla Broten, Karla Potts-Shufelt, Ann Hay, Mary Olsen, Bonnie Roemhild; Pam Gannon, DHHS Administrative Assistant. John Muench, Director Child Support arrived at 9:40 am

STAFF ABSENT:

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

Public Meeting Notification read by Bartlett.

Motion: (Knutson/Vaughn) to approve agenda for May 27, 2025 DHHS Board meeting. Bartlett would like to add between items 5 and 6 the introduction of Dr. Lindsey Ruppel Carried.

Motion: (Anderson/Banks) to approve amended minutes from the March 24, 2025 Health and Human Services Board meeting Carried.

Comments from the Public: Heidi Wise, 746 21st St. Chetek, Wi. 54728. Spoke about her concerns with the county's relationship with Embrace.

Frolik to introduce new Board Member: Frolik introduced Dr. Lindsey Ruppel who is replacing Dr. Sampson who is retiring.

Financial Reports: Syvinski presented Financial Updates;

- a. Health & Human Services – 2024 Period 13 (preliminary)
- b. Health & Human Services – 2025 1st Quarter; Synviski and Frolik stated that when budget planning for 2026 that the TSS funds are probably going away and possible changes to Medicaid would have a local impact. Broten and Frolik answered questions. Also SNAP eligibility requirements may be changing.
- c. Child Support - 2025 Period 13 (preliminary)
- d. Child Support – 2025 1st Quarter

Behavioral Health Presentation – Ann Hay: Hay gave Behavioral Health Presentation and questions answered from the board.

Embrace – Diane Vaughn: Vaughn gave a presentation on Embrace because she states that she has had concerned citizens contacting her. Questions answered.

Department Updates:

DHHS: DHHS Software update. Frolik is hoping it will go live 11-2025. There is no major setbacks expected.

Child Support: Metcalf stated that child support had their TRI Annual audit was completed. This audit happens every three years and they passed with excellence.

Set next meeting date: June 23, 2025, at 9:30 am

Future Agenda Items: Public Health Report

Adjourn – Adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 10:47 a.m.

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