Barron County Health & Human Services Board Meeting
Government Center Auditorium Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Monday, September 28, 2026 9:23 a.m.

PRESENT: Karolyn Bartlett – Chair, Nancy Keeler, Bob Heil, Toniann Knutson, Stacey Wenzel, Patti Anderson, Diane Vaughn, Mary Matthys, Betty Borgen, Mark Eby, Scott Bachowski, Lynn Kolpack, Dr. Lindsey Ruppel

ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Bob Zientara – Barron News-Shield; Kathy Krug B/C Board Supervisor, District #13

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff French, County Administrator; Karla Potts-Shufelt, DHHS Director, John Muench, Director, Child Support; Child Support Program Manager, Finance Director, Rachel Sauve, Financial Analyst; DHHS Program Managers – Ann Hay, Mary Olsen, Patricia Wickman; Samantha Nelson, DHHS Administrative Assistant; Michelle Drury, Finance Program Manager

STAFF ABSENT: Roemhild, Metcalf, Broten

Call to Order: by Chair Karolyn Bartlett at 9:23 a.m.

Public Meeting Notification: Read by Bartlett.

Motion: (Eby/Bachowski**)** to approve agenda for September 28, 2026 DHHS Board meeting. Carried.

Motion: (Knutson/Anderson) to approve minutes from the August 24, 2026 Health and Human Services Board meeting. Carried.

Comments from the Public: None present.

Mandatory Programs Without Funding Review: Potts-Shufelt provided brief overview of any programs.

Approval of 2027 Budget

a) **Health & Human Services:** Sauve presented the proposed Health and Human Services Budget. Wenzel made a motion to approve the 2027 budget for the Health and Human Services budget of $23,214,507 with tax levy of $9,412,427. Heil seconded the motion. Discussion, and questions answered. Motion to amend the budget to remove funding for the Plan B pill. 2 yes (Vaughn; Keeler) 11 no. No further discussion. Vote on original budget motion by Wenzel, 11 yes, 2 no (Vaughn, Keeler). Motion carried.
b) **Child Support:** Sauve presented the proposed Child Support Budget. Bachowski made a motion to approve the 2027 Child Support Budget of $1,076,306.19 with taxy levy of $212,972. Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion with questions answered, all in favor. Motion carried.
c) **Opioid Funding:** Sauve presented the proposed Opioid Funding Budget. Knutson made a motion to approve the 2027 Opioid Funding Budget of $139,100. Bachowski seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Department Updates:

a) **Child Support:** No updates
b) **Health & Human Services:** No updates.

Set next meeting date: October 26, 2026, at 9:30 am

Future Agenda Items: None at this time.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:13 a.m.

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