Barron County Health & Human Services Board Meeting
Government Center Auditorium Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Monday, October 26, 2026

PRESENT: Karolyn Bartlett – Chair, Bob Heil, Toniann Knutson, Stacey Wenzel, Patti Anderson, Diane Vaughn, Mary Matthys, Betty Borgen, Mark Eby,

ABSENT: Nancy Keeler, Scott Bachowski, Dr. Lindsey Ruppel, Lynn Kolpack.

OTHERS ATTENDING: Bob Zientara- Barron News Shield.

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

STAFF ABSENT: Bonnie Roemhild.

Other Staff Attending: Megan Hahn, AJ Simon, Dan McNamara, Laura Doebereiner, Heidi Erickson, April Holten.

Call to Order: by Chair Karolyn Bartlett at 9:30 am.

Public Meeting Notification: Read by Bartlett.

Motion: (Eby/Vaughn) to approve agenda for October 27, 2025 DHHS Board meeting. Carried.

Motion: (**Anderson/Knutson**) to approve minutes from the September 28, 2026 Budget Public Hearing and Health and Human Services Board meeting. Carried.

Comments from the Public: Toniann Knutson was concerned about an article she read that Non-Citizens are receiving benefits.

Environmental Health Fee Approval: Bartlett and Potts-Shufelt explained the 2% increase for the Environmental Health Department. **Motion to bring Environmental Health fee for vote: (Wenzel/Vaughn)** all in favor motion carried.

Drug Treatment Court Presentation: McNamara gave presentation of the Drug Treatment Court and answered questions.

Barron Family Recovery Court and Celebrating Families Presentation: Doebereiner and Erickson gave presentation of the two programs and answered questions.

Department Updates:

DHHS: EHR program is moving along with sometime in 2027 hoping to go live.

Child Support: September 30th was end of the Fiscal year Metcalf gave an update on monies collected and that the department met 3 of the 4 measures by the state. Metclaf and Muench attended the fall conference last week.

Set next meeting date: November 23, 2026 at 9:30 am

Future Agenda Items:

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:19 a.m.

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