

**MEETING OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2026

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Lautenschlager, Chris Kniep, Karen Powers, Harold Singstock, Bryan Stafford, and KristL Laux

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ralph Harrison

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Annette Beattie, Ann Kriegel, Melissa Hoodie, Heather Foust, Nicole Hecimovich, and Julie Kotajarvi

OTHERS PRESENT: County Executive Gordon Hintz (Virtual)

Chairman Larry Lautenschlager called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM B: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of County Board Supervisor Walt Ulbricht, who passed away on March 15th. The group shared stories and memories of Walt as a dedicated board supervisor.

AGENDA ITEM C1: APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026, HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Karen Powers moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Bryan Stafford and carried unanimously. (6-0)

AGENDA ITEM C2: ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026, ADRC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Harold Singstock moved for acceptance; seconded by KristL Laux and carried unanimously. (6-0)

AGENDA ITEM D1: ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS – LONG TERM SUPPORT – NICOLE HECIMOVICH

Long Term Support Aging & Adult Services Program (APS) Supervisor Nicole Hecimovich introduced herself. Winnebago County APS provides support for adults who are vulnerable or have disabilities, addressing issues such as abuse, neglect, and financial issues. There are four staff on the APS team. She shared a slide show providing an overview of 2025 statistics. Board members may receive a copy if requested. The slide show included 2025 statistics with 676 investigations. Other information includes on-call numbers, Wisconsin statutes of mandated services, funding, and expenditures. June is Elder Abuse Awareness month, please wear purple in support.

AGENDA ITEM F1: REPORT ON RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BY ANNETTE BEATTIE

Annette identified there are more openings than last month with most in Child Welfare and Behavioral Health.

AGENDA ITEM F2: FINANCIAL REPORT

Janet Rohloff was not in attendance and left notes with Annette. At the last meeting there was a question of how many clients were associated with 47,918 claims processed in 2024. There were 3,598 clients with an average of 13 claims per client. Annette also shared year end closure is still in process so there is no report for 2025 yet.

AGENDA ITEM G1: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Annette Beattie reviewed placement statistics: Child Welfare (CW) Division – Juvenile Corrections is at 1.0 Actual Daily Populations (ADP). Residential Care Centers are currently at 4.6 ADP. Behavioral Health (BH) - Specialty Hospitals for adults is at 0.6 ADP with the youth being at 0.1 ADP. Secure Detention is at 2.6 ADP. Foster Care is at 55.3 ADP. Kinship Placements are at 152 ADP.

AGENDA ITEM H: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Karen Powers asked about the Director of Human Services vacancy and expressed concerns regarding capacity and compensation for those covering.

Chris Kneip shared the next Powerful Tools for Caregivers class starting April 2nd in Neenah. The class is in-person for 6 weeks which helps caregivers take care of themselves. The event organizer is Alisa Richetti. Her contact information can be found here: [Powerful Tools for Caregivers - In-Person \(3pm CT, April 2nd, 2026\) \[Caregivers of Adults\] - Powerful Tools For Caregivers](#)

KristL Laux mentioned that Thursday, March 26th there is candidate forum on housing at Beckett's in Oshkosh at 6pm and asked if anyone could attend.

Bryan Stafford's last meeting is today, and he mentioned how he appreciates his time on the board. Group thanked Bryan and Ralph for their dedication.

Larry Lautenschlager shared information from the Legislative Committee Meeting regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 180. This bill is designed to reduce FoodShare payment errors and is aimed at saving Wisconsin taxpayers from having to pay hundreds of millions in penalty fees to the Trump administration due to new changes under the "Big Beautiful Bill".

There is not yet a date for the Wheelchair Wash though the planning group is convening.

With no further business, Karen Powers moved for adjournment; seconded by Bryan Stafford and carried at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kotajarvi, Human Services Department/jk