

**MANITOWOC COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:17 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

Board Members Present: Agnew, Bruns, Falkowski, Muench, Naidl, Ruggirello, Schiesl, Shimulunas

Board Members Excused: Klein, Ruggirello

Board Members Absent:

County Board Members Present: Martell

County Staff Present: Abbet, Ader, Fure, Johnson, Kubec, Miller, Schmidt-Sadowski, Stephan, Whitney, Williquette, Ziegelbauer

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2025 MINTUES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY AGNEW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11TH MEETING. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

EDUCATION TOPIC – COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES-ABBY ABBET AND NAOMI SCHMIDT-SADOWSKI

Naomi gave an overview of the CCS program. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is a mandated program. The CCS Program is a psychosocial rehabilitative program for individuals of all ages who need ongoing services for a mental illness, substance use disorder or for a dual diagnosis across the lifespan. Most of the participants are children. Naomi explained how CCS is a significant resource that saves money and lives. These clients have severe issues that may lead to inpatient or other expensive treatment.

Abby gave examples of some of the issues her clients presented with and how they are currently doing.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR DECEMBER, 2025 – Daniel Whitney

Dan Whitney presented the December financial report, current status of budget and projects he is working on to recoup additional reimbursement. It will be April before we have a clearer idea of final numbers for 2025.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESTRUCTURING OF CST PROGRAM POSITIONS TO CLTS WAIVER.

The CST positions are currently grant and levy funded. If we restructure the positions to dual CST/CLTS waiver, the positions will become 100% funded by the CST grant and Medicaid.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHIESL, SECONDED BY MUENCH REGARDING RESTRUCTURING OF CST PROGRAM POSITIONS TO CST/CLTS WAIVER DUAL POSITIONS. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS - Lori Fure

Director Fure reviewed additional steps taken over the past 6 weeks to reduce expenses.

Jessica Huss the Business Division Deputy Director resigned; we are looking at restructuring this position. Two psychotherapists resigned and we are holding those positions open. Our Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber resigned. We are holding that position open.

We did fill two Adult Protective Services (APS) vacancies after two veteran APS staff retired in late December. This is because APS numbers are up 57% since 2023. In 2025, six workers handled 724 referrals.

Another vacancy that will be filled is a daytime crisis worker. This position is necessary to fulfill the requirements for enhanced crisis billing and to meet requirements of a grant that was recently submitted.

One of our Economic Support workers discovered a case with significant fraud which went to the District Attorney's Office.

Director Fure gave updates on some serious cases we have been dealing with recently.

QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on February 26, 2026 at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Manitowoc County Human Services, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:04 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.