

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

October 7, 2025

La Crosse County Administrative Center Room 1107

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dillon Mader, Maureen Freedland, Paul Wuensch, Rick Cornforth, Mike Baroni, Beth Clements, Amanda Strosahl, Sharon Hampson
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Monica Kruse
MEMBERS ABSENT:	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dillon Mader called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. September County Board Action

The County Board approved the resolution regarding Support of State Investment for Income Maintenance Administration and approved the resolution regarding Accepting Matching Funds to Mitigate the Opioid Crisis in La Crosse County.

The County Board passed the amendment to the ordinance entitled "Animal Regulations" of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin with minor changes.

B. Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops:

Amanda Strosahl reported that she attended the screening of the documentary "Under the Bridge: The Criminalization of Homelessness" held at the La Crosse Public Library. Amanda stated that there was a large turnout at the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

POLICY:

A. 2026 Budget

1. Health Department

Health Department Director Audra Martine provided the board with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the bottom line and trends that informed the Health Department 2026 budget, program notables, and future thoughts.

2. Human Services Department

Human Services Director Jason Witt provided the board with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting budget changes and drivers of the Human Services 2026 budget, Human Services initiatives and how they impact the 2026 budget request and future focus areas.

Resolution/Ordinances:

A. Resolution Re: Authorizing Application for State Funding for the County-Wide Safe Routes to School Program for Fiscal Years 2028 – 2030

MOTION by Wuensch/Hampson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused – Kruse**

B. An Ordinance to Create s. 11.32, Entitled "Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid and Synthetic Cannabinoid Products" Of Chapter 11, Public Health and Welfare, of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin

MOTION by Cornforth/Baroni to approve.

Discussion by committee members followed with requests for additional information. The ordinance was postponed for 30 days to allow time to gather requested information.

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DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Health Department Written Director's Report

B. Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Hampson/Strosahl to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused – Kruse**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. Health & Human Services Board Public Budget Meeting 9/9/25
2. Family Policy Board 9/8/25
3. Criminal Justice Management Council 9/17/25

MOTION by Hampson/Strosahl to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused – Kruse**

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, November 4, 2025.

MOTION Wuensch/Cornforth to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused – Kruse**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting. Jennifer Buchholtz, Recorder