

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, July 7th, 2025

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Microsoft Teams)

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laquita Becker, Dawn Bender, Diana DiazGranados, Liz Evans, Lauren Journot, Ann Kappauf, Carla Lundeen, Audra Martine, Vie Matty, Jeanne Meyer, Mary Rohrer, Anna Stindt, Stephany Stordahl, Amanda Strosahl, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Cora Vercellotti, Jodi Widuch, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Serena Pelosa

Rachel Hayes

Tara Ostromencki

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Liz Evans called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Audra Martine and Tita Yutuc to approve the June 2nd, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Amanda Strosahl shared that at the June HHS Board meeting Economic Support Manager Lorie Graff gave an overview of Medicaid and FoodShare programs and described the increasing ways AI is used to assist with eligibility work. She also spoke about federal budget proposals that may impact Medicaid and FoodShare administration.

HS Director Update: Serena Pelosa shared that La Crosse County Human Services has been awarded one of the \$350,000 Wisconsin Deflection Initiative Funding will be utilized for housing support, as well as wraparound supports to expand the deflection efforts through the Pathways Home Initiative.

Preparation Discussion for August 4th Family Policy Board Meeting:

Discussion with Office of Representative Derrick Van Orden

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Horizons has shared that the State budget recently passed allotted \$20 million for domestic violence agencies, which makes up some of the loss of funding from previous cuts. CAC also received a large increase in funding.
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region shared that they have created a new Facebook page.
- The Parenting Place Annual Children's Festival will be held August 23rd from 9am-12pm at Myrick Park.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025, AT NOON.

Vice Chairperson Liz Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:54pm.

Approved August 4, 2025, Rebecca Ray, recorder