

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, March 3, 2025

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

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristi Arenz, Karolee Behringer, Dawn Bender, Beth Blakely, Gina Brown, Hetti Brown, Diana DiazGranados, Liz Evans, Ann Kappauf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carla Lundeen, Dillon Mader, Audra Martine, Jeanne Meyer, Alicia Place, Mary Rohrer, Eric Sanford, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Cora Vercellotti, Jodi Widuch, Katie Wilhelm, Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Lorie Graff, Western Region for Economic Assistance Manager

Sashae Silas, La Crosse County Human Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tita Yutuc and Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the February 3rd, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Dillon Mader shared that audio from the Family Keys update is now available; CHIPS, which is based on assessments of behavioral health, environment, and access to care remains steady; the Health and Human Services Board shared there have been no changes to Medicaid or other services due to the federal funding freeze at this time; the La Crosse County Board passed a resolution requesting additional funding for behavioral health which will go to state legislators and the governor.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt shared that 2025-2027 State Biennial Budget priorities to be discussed with area legislators as part of Human Services Day at the Capitol in Madison on March 27th will be discussed at the March Health and Human Services Board Meeting.

Check-in with Partner Agencies Regarding Any Community Impacts Related to Recent Federal Actions

Continued Planning Regarding State 2025-27 Biennial Budget Priorities

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Parenting Place will host the Family Fun Expo on Sunday, March 9th at the Onalaska Omni Center.

-ORC has teamed with UW La Crosse occupational therapy students to work one on one with disabled members of the community and is proving to be beneficial to all involved.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, April 7th, 2025, AT NOON.

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm.

Approved April 7, 2025. Rebecca Ray, Recorder