

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, May 5th, 2025

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

Meeting Held via Zoom

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Claire Bakalars, Laquita Becker, Karolee Behringer, Dawn Bender, Gina Brown, Hetti Brown, Diana DiazGranados, Liz Evans, Jenny Felty, Amanda Holmgard, Lauren Journot, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Dillon Mader, Audra Martine, Vie Matty, Jeanne Meyer, Joan Parke, Alicia Place, Mary Rohrer, Anna Stindt, Cora Vercellotti, Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Amanda Strosahl

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Alicia Place and Joan Parke to approve the April 7th, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Dillon Mader shared that at the April meeting a presentation on communicable diseases was shared and that this is available on the website. A list of 400 recommendations is being sent to County Department Heads to prepare the full report on the DEIB plan that is due in September. The La Crosse County Board passed a resolution to urge Congress to not make cuts to Medicaid and The Older Americans Act Funding.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt shared that he attended the Wisconsin County Human Service Association Spring Conference where the uncertainty surrounding federal funding was a topic of conversation.

Cell Phone Policies in Schools-Diana DiazGranados

-Powerpoint

-<https://youtu.be/MDvU6nNeeas>

Federal Funding Changes

-Check in on Local Impact (Group Check-in)

-FY 26 Proposed Federal Health and Human Services Budget (Hetti Brown)

[Powerpoint](#)

-Potential Advocacy

State 2025-2027 Biennial Budget Update

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

-HeadStart is uncertain of funding; regional office in Chicago was shut down with no notice and new regional office is in Kansas and covers 10 states.

-New Horizons is participating in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day Awareness Walk today. New Horizons was also awarded the 2025 Home Award.

-Health Department reports that Onalaska has enacted an ordinance to bar the sale of hemp-derived THC products to consumers under the age of 21.

-La Crosse Area YMCA reported that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and in collaboration with Great River United Way and La Crosse County Health and Human Services they are providing events and sharing habits to support mental health. [Mental Health Coalition of Greater La Crosse](#)

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025, AT NOON.

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:02pm

Approved June 2, 2025, Rebecca Ray, recorder