

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dan Hess, Vice Chair William “Casey” Crump, Debbie Condado, Billy Fried, Lenore Lopez, Khrystyne Lindgren, Marcy Davies

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Cami Charbarneau, Tina Meier and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to order: Chair Hess called the meeting to order at 9:00am on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Fried/Lopez to approve today’s agenda with the order of items at the Chair’s discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes of March 10, 2026: Motion by Fried/Condado to approve the March 10, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Out of State Staff Report: Conlon stated that this will be postponed until next month due to Jerzak being out ill.

Strategic Plan Update: Conlon reviewed the strategic plan and recommended providing quarterly updates to the Board of Health. She gave an overview of the plan’s key components, including the three priority areas, noting that the plan focuses on enhancing and improving existing services. She reviewed progress made in 2025 and identified activities that will continue into 2026. The plan includes a timeline, and work is ongoing across multiple goals and objectives.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update: Charbarneau introduced herself as the Community Health Specialist, who leads the CHIP plan. She reviewed a handout that provides updates on the CHIP four priority health areas: housing, childcare, substance use, and mental health, including their focus areas.

Monthly/Quarterly Reports:

Environmental Health: Meier introduced herself as an Environmental Health Technician. Conlon said her main responsibilities include Tourist Rooming House (TRH) work and water testing. Meier reviewed a handout that summarized the ATCP 72 updates for TRH facilities, which took effect on January 25, 2026.

Respiratory Illness: Conlon stated respiratory illness cases are declining, but RSV is lingering a bit longer. Young children and older adults remain the highest-risk groups. Overall, things look fairly stable, though there has been a spike in gastrointestinal illness in schools.

Reaccreditation Update: Conlon reported that the preliminary accreditation report has been received and reflects positive results. The site visit was completed ahead of schedule, and OCHD and the site visit team had a productive discussion. She noted that the report is strong but there are a couple areas for continued improvement. A final accreditation decision is expected at the May meeting. Hess and Crump participated in the process on behalf of the Board of Health. Conlon emphasized that accreditation focuses on meeting standards and supporting ongoing quality improvement, and noted that achieving accreditation reflects a high level of performance across public health functions and demonstrates effective and efficient operations.

PFAS Update: Conlon said the DNR is continuing private PFAS sampling. Most positive results are in the Town of Stella. She said new legislation has passed, but it is still being decided who will manage the funds. Crump said he thinks the DNR will be in charge. The money will be split between private and community needs, including wells, filtration systems, and testing. It is still unclear when funds will be available or how to apply. Conlon said they hope to get quarterly updates from the DNR and will keep following the process. She added that progress is being made and funding has been awarded.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters: Hess asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Conlon does not have any major concerns at this time. Hess noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting slated for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9am, Out of State Staff Report from Linda Jerzak

Public comment/communications: None



Committee Chair or Designee



Committee Secretary