**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**June 9, 2026**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair William "Casey" Crump, Lenore Lopez, Sandy Hamburg, Robb Jensen, Ann Huntoon

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Chair Dan Hess, Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Jennifer Chiamulera, Shelby Moore, Breana Johnson, Holly Jo Steldt and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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**Call to order:** Vice Chair Crump 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 Crump/Jensen to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

**Minutes of May 12, 2026:** Motion by Lopez/Hamburg to approve the May 12, 2026 Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None

**Welcome New Board of Health Members:** Conlon said we have two brand new board members at today's meeting.

Robb Jensen – Jensen introduced himself as County Supervisor for District 11 since 2013. He has participated in multiple committees.

Ann Huntoon – Huntoon introduced herself as the RN citizen member and stated she has been a full-time resident of Oneida County for 8 years. She is a registered nurse with a degree in music and is familiar with public health work from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Welcome Summer Interns:**

Breana Johnson: Johnson introduced herself. She recently graduated from UW Eau Claire with a bachelor's degree with a major in public health and minor in nursing. Johnson was here last summer and is working with Chiamulera again this year.

Holly Jo Steldt: Stedlt introduced herself. She graduated from Concordia University with a bachelor's degree in social work and plans to continue her education in the fall by pursuing a master's degree. She is currently an AHEC intern and is involved in fieldwork such as WINS checks, going out into the community to complete these assessments.

Kallie Volk: Conlon mentioned that Volk was unable to attend the meeting as she was out in the field for beach testing training.

Conlon noted that the interns are integral part of the team, bringing a lot of eagerness, enthusiasm, and a strong desire to contribute meaningfully. The team is excited to have Breana back and to

welcome Jo & Kallie. Conlon mentioned the interns are actively supporting efforts like beach testing, community baby shower, WINS checks, and the development of social media toolkits.

**Staff Report Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program – Jenny Chiamulera / Shelby Moore:** Moore and Chiamulera both introduced themselves.

Chiamulera provided an update on the COSSUP grant received in 2023, which runs through September of this year. The program is working on an extension. The grant supports peer recovery services and expanded access to recovery housing in Oneida County.

The community response program works with the criminal justice system and accepts referrals from multiple sources. The Rhinelander Police Department participates in a law enforcement initiative and refers individuals to services. The program worked with the Wisconsin Deflection Initiative and other deflection programs to host a Law Enforcement Deflection Training in June. About 9 law enforcement agencies participated. It was the first of its kind in the state. The Rhinelander Police Department is involved at the local level, while a county diversion program exists but operates separately.

The program aims to connect individuals to services as an alternative to jail through deflection. Peer recovery programs have shown success, and staff noted ongoing progress in county efforts.

Funding currently comes from grants and opioid settlement dollars. Human Services is also working on billing options and applying for additional grants.

Recovery housing was discussed as a community need. The goal is to support individuals in recovery by providing housing and life skills. Work includes developing policies, conducting a feasibility study, and recruiting stakeholders. A recovery consultant has been hired to assist with planning, policy development, and coordination. A committee is involved that includes representatives from the Board of Health, county board, local government, individuals with lived experience, and law enforcement. The project is grant-funded and time-limited, and work is ongoing to identify an operator, address zoning, and finalize program details.

**Monthly/Quarterly Reports:**

> Health Hazards: Deede introduced himself and reviewed the quarter 1 of 2026 health hazard report. Discussion followed.

**Accreditation**: Conlon stated that the OCHD has been reaccredited for the second time. She read a letter from Paula Tran from the State of Wisconsin recognizing the achievement. Conlon explained that the reaccreditation process takes place every five years and is an ongoing effort. She said the process helps the organization stay prepared, increase efficiencies, show accountability and strengthens its ability to apply for grants.

**Public Health Vending Machine**:
Conlon said this has been a fun project supported by a grant and thanked Buildings and Grounds and IT for their support. The public health vending machine will be placed under the back overhang of the building to protect it from the elements.

The machine will provide free items such as dental kits for adults and children, First aid kits, socks, sun screen and mittens during the winter months. Conlon said the machine is a true public health resource and noted that many counties already have similar machines.

**PFAS Update**: Conlon mentioned there is a virtual listening session coming up for community representatives to share ideas about how PFAS funding could be implemented to best meet the needs of individuals and communities throughout Wisconsin. Discussion followed.

**Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:**
Crump asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Conlon reviewed the process of the budgets for new members. Conlon said she has no concerns at this time. Crump noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

**Date and Agenda items for next meeting:** Next meeting slated for Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9am, Kallie Volk

**Public comment/communications:** None

Committee Chair or Designee

Joneil Tess
Committee Secretary