BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dan Hess, Vice Chair William "Casey" Crump, Lenore Lopez, Robb Jensen, Ann Huntoon, Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sandy Hamburg

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Breanne Vos, Jennifer Tienhaara 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 Jensen/Hess to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes of July 14, 2026: Motion by Crump/Lopez to approve the July 14, 2026 Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Introduction of New Community Health Supervisor – Breanne Vos:

Conlon said the Community Health Supervisor position was offered to Vos who accepted the position. Conlon mentioned the supervisor role is somewhat unique, as it is structured as 60% supervisory responsibilities and 40% staff work.

Vos introduced herself and shared that she began her career with the Oneida County Health Department as a Public Health Nurse in January 2020. In August 2023, she transitioned into the role of WIC Director. Vos expressed her enthusiasm for her new position and is looking forward to continuing to serve the community in this new capacity.

Staff Report – Maternal Child Health: Tienhaara introduced herself as a Public Health Nurse who is the lead for the Maternal Child Health program. Tienhaara mentioned a survey focused on fathers and families received 138 electronic responses, and the group is currently determining next steps. Conlon noted that community partners did a great job promoting the survey and that the response was encouraging.

Tienhaara mentioned the Oneida County Youth Mental Health Committee is expanding community representation by adding a parent member and incorporating more youth voice. The committee has partnered with the Raise Your Voice Club at Rhinelander High School, with 18 youth currently involved. The goal is to have one or two students participate in committee meetings and help guide youth mental health initiatives.

Tienhaara also provided an update on the Community Baby Shower. This year, 31 families attended, with support from 27 businesses and 10 community partners. Thirty-five raffle

baskets were donated, and approximately 8,400 diapers were distributed, with each family receiving about 120 diapers. Some supplies remain available for future community use.

PFAS Update: Crump is working with partners to organize a community meeting in October. At this time, there are few updates, as they are still waiting to hear back from others.

Discussion followed regarding the DNR's plans to manage PFAS grant programs for municipalities and homeowners. The DNR is considering hiring approximately eight or nine staff members to oversee the programs, but it remains unclear whether local communities will be responsible for managing the funding. Hess asked to be notified of any updates.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:
Hess asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Conlon mentioned an extension for the COSSUP grant which would go until September 2027. Hess noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting slated for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 9am, Closed Session, 2027 Budget

Public comment/communications: None

David L. Hess
Committee Chair or Designee

Joneil Tess
Committee Secretary