

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: BOARD OF HEALTH

PLACE: ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT – SECOND FLOOR
100 W KEENAN ST; RHINELANDER, WI
CALL-IN OPTION – 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 832 1772 7297 Password: 897278

**** If you are having difficulties with zoom please call the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111. Zoom is being offered as a convenience for this meeting. If zoom functionality drops, the meeting will continue in-person at the location listed above.**

DATE: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

It is possible that a quorum of county board members will be at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the County Board pursuant to State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board, Wis 2d 553, 494 n.w.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the County Board will not take any formal actions at this meeting. It is also possible that there may be quorums of other County Board Committees present, although those committees will not take any formal action at this meeting.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ASSUMED TO BE DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Chairperson's announcements.
2. Approve agenda for today's meeting (order of agenda items at Chairperson's discretion).
3. Approve minutes from [July 14, 2026](#), Board of Health Committee Meeting
4. Public comment/communication
5. Introduction of New Community Health Supervisor:
 - Breanne Vos
6. Staff Report
 - [Maternal Child Health \(MCH\): Jen Tienhaara](#)
7. PFAS Update
8. Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters
9. Date and agenda items for next meeting
10. Public comment/communication
11. Adjournment

NOTICE OF POSTING

TIME: 12:30 PM DATE: 8/7/2026 PLACE: Courthouse Bulletin Board

Dan Hess, Chair

Notice posted by Joneil Tess, Committee Secretary. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6106.

NEWS MEDIA NOTIFIED BY EMAIL DATE: 8/7/2026 TIME: 12:30 PM

Northwoods River News	Lakeland Times	Star Journal
Tomahawk Leader	WHDG Radio Station	News WJFW Channel 12
WXPR Radio Station	WPEG.net Television Network	

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Tracy Hartman at (715) 369-6125 with specific information on your request allowing adequate time to respond to your request.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sandy Hamburg

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Shelby Moore, Moriah Gross, Kallie Volk, Maddie Engebretsen 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/Huntoon to approve today’s agenda with the order of items at the Chair’s discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes of June 9, 2026: Motion by Crump/Lopez to approve the June 9, 2026 Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Introduction of New Introduction:

Kallie Volk – Wold introduced Volk as one of our AHEC interns who is working on a number of projects. One of her big project is the community baby shower and family day.

Volk introduced herself and is from Three Lakes. She will be a senior at UW Milwaukee this year where she is majoring in kinesiology, with minors in chemistry and biology along with a pre-med emphasis. She is also working on Med One this summer.

Mackenzie Troyer – Wold introduced Troyer as our new finance technician. Troyer introduced herself. She is originally from New Jersey. Troyer graduated in 2019 from UW Superior with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Sustainable Management. Troyer, her husband and daughter currently live in Hazlehurst.

Staff Reports:

FACT: Moore introduced herself as the lead of the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition. Moore said Chiamulera is FACT coordinator but is stepping down and Moore will be taking over the position this next school year. Moore said they had a really passionate groups of kids this year. She reviewed the work the FACT program worked on this school year and mentioned the strong collaboration they have with James Williams Middle School.

WINS: Gross introduced herself as the Community Health Specialist and the lead for the Wisconsin Wins (WINS) program. She gave an overview of the program and its goal of preventing youth access to tobacco and nicotine products through compliance checks and retailer education. Gross reported that underage sales have increased in the counties served by the program, but Oneida County is currently on track with the state average. The goal is to continue improving and perform better than the state average.

Gross shared that a new round of compliance checks has started for the July–June fiscal year. She also recognized the strong group of 16 and 17 year olds who helped with the program this year and many will return for this next fiscal year. Retailers continue to receive resources such as ID reference cards, magnifying glasses, digital ID calendars, and scanners to help verify IDs. Gross explained that violations may result in citations to the business and trained clerk, with a \$263.50 forfeiture in Oneida County that goes to the county's general fund.

Tobacco: Moore shared an update on the FACT program, which is part of the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition. She explained that building the current FACT group took about seven years. Students across the state participated in a survey, with over 100 local students sharing concerns about family and friend health, social isolation, and the impact of tobacco and vape marketing. The group chose to focus on social isolation this year and worked on ways to help students build connections with others.

Moore also discussed efforts to address vape use and disposal. Currently, there are no vape disposal locations in the Northwoods, with the closest option in Wausau. The program is working with Rhinelander and Lakeland Union High School districts and hopes to expand efforts with Three Lakes and local vape shops. Moore emphasized the importance of preventing youth from starting and providing support for those who want to quit. She also noted that school consequences for vaping vary by district and the program encourages non-punitive approaches that focus on education and support.

Environmental Health: Engebretsen introduced herself as an Environmental Health Specialist and reviewed her presentation on lake water quality. She shared that the department is testing five beaches this summer for E. coli and monitoring for harmful algal blooms (HABs). With warmer temperatures, algae blooms may become more common. Because it is difficult to tell if a bloom is toxic, the department focuses on public education. Residents can report algae blooms online or they can call the health department.

Rural Health Transformation Grant: Conlon shared information about a grant opportunity to support Community Health Workers (CHWs). She explained that CHWs are not case managers but work with individuals to connect them to services, including housing, mental health resources, and other community supports. This could help people who are unwilling to work with traditional case managers, especially those facing health hazards or homelessness.

Conlon provided an overview of a proposed regional and/or partnership with Human Services type of grant to support Community Health Workers. Discussion followed.

Jensen asked about the demand for the position and how the partnerships would work. Conlon explained that a Community Health Worker does not necessarily need a college degree, which may increase the number of applicants.

2026 WIC LTE Expanded Hours: Conlon requested an increase in WIC LTE clerk hours due to a staff member being out on extended FMLA leave. She explained that the additional hours are needed to help support WIC services and that funding is available through the WIC grant to cover the increase. The request is for an additional 276 hours.

Conlon noted that this request is outside of the regular budget process and will need approval from the Executive Committee. Motion by Jensen/Hess to approve the additional 276 LTE hours and

forward the request to the Executive Committee, contingent on the hours being covered by grant funding. All ayes; motion carried.

2027 LTE Requests: Conlon reviewed the 2027 LTE Requests. Discussion followed. Motion by Jensen/Hess to approve the 2027 LTE Requests and forward them to LRES and the Executive Committee. All ayes; motion carried.

Strategic Plan: Conlon shared that financial planning is an important part of the department's strategic plan. The goal is to increase financial stability by maintaining a diverse funding system. She explained that most of the department's budget does not come from tax levy and highlighted strengths such as strong billing practices, grant writing, and responsible financial management.

Conlon also discussed financial risks, including uncertainty with federal, state, and local grant funding. The department continues to look for ways to improve sustainability, such as serving as a fiscal agent for regional grants, expanding services, and reviewing billing and fee options. She noted that fees must be balanced with community needs. Discussion followed.

Conlon shared that the department's strategic plan includes six goals and objectives focused on long-term sustainability. The plan and supporting documents will be shared with the Board.

PFAS: Conlon shared that the DNR will no longer offer PFAS testing. When the testing was first available, participation was low. Interest has increased, but funding for the program is ending. Residents who received a testing letter and want to participate must pick up their testing kit by July 26 and return it by no later than August 2.

Conlon noted that Oneida County has not seen large PFAS impact areas like the Stella area, but there is PFAS scattered across the county UW has also sent letters to some residents for PFAS testing as part of a research study. The study may include both blood and water samples, and there are efforts to seek additional funding to expand the research.

Crump shared that a PFAS update meeting for Stella is being planned for September. A meeting notice will be sent out, and the department will also receive the final DNR testing report.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:

Hess asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Hess noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting slated for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 9am, Budget

Public comment/communications: None

Committee Chair or Designee

Janeil Tess

Committee Secretary

2026 Highlights

Fatherhood Initiative

Community partners were surveyed to determine if there is a need for father-focused support and programming in Oneida County. It was determined that there is a need for support, so a survey was launched to gather input directly from Oneida County fathers and father figures for their input.



The survey is still open, but this is what the **138** responses have shown so far:

- Mixed interest in participating in a program
- Top 3 topics of interest:
 - Activities to do with kids
 - Supporting children's mental health
 - Stress management
- Top 3 barriers to participation:
 - Work schedule
 - Lack of time
 - Cost

Oneida County Youth Mental Health Committee

The Oneida County Youth Mental Health Committee continues to strengthen community representation by adding a parent member and working to incorporate youth voice. A partnership has been established with the Raise Your Voice Club at Rhinelander High School, with the goal of having one or two students join committee meetings to help guide youth mental health initiatives.

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Youth!

About Raise Your Voice:

NAMI Wisconsin's Raise Your Voice Club empowers students to promote mental health awareness, reduce stigma, and advocate for positive change through education and leadership.



Community Baby Shower & Family Day at the YMCA

OCHD received monetary donations, as well as raffle basket donations, from **27** businesses! **31** families received diapers, essential baby supplies, onesies and sleepers, and postpartum care products, along with helpful information and community resources.

Kids enjoyed the bounce house and had quality playtime with their parents.



Community partners:

Birth to Three
After the Birthquake
Children's WI
Aspirus
Rhinelander Food Pantry
Health and Motion
Aspirus MedEvac
Rhinelander Fire Department

