BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chair Dan Hess,

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Breanne Vos, Louise Wells, Bonnie Fralick, Karrin Farrenkopf and Kyla Waksmonski

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Tran (youth in governance), Amber Rehberg, Dorothy Skye

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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 Hamburg/Lopez to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried. Hamburg, Lopez.

Minutes of September 8, 2026: Motion by Jensen/Huntoon to approve the September 8, 2026 Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: Casey introduced a youth in governance member, Katie Tran. She is currently a junior at Rhinelander High School.

Service Awards:

Louise Wells: 5 years

Linda Conlon: 30 years

Staff Report – Bonnie Fralick:

Reproductive Health: Fralick, Public Health Nurse, provided an overview of OCHD's reproductive health clinic, which offers comprehensive services to community members. The clinic recently expanded services to include colposcopy procedures, reducing barriers related to outside referrals, continuity of care, and financial burden. Offering this service in-house has streamlined care and improved client outcomes. Grant funding supported the necessary staff training and equipment.

Monthly / Quarterly Report:

Environmental Health**:** Farrenkopf provided an update on recent changes to the Tourist Rooming House (TRH) policy, including improved coordination between OCHD Environmental Health and Planning and Zoning. Under the revised process, Planning and Zoning will notify OCHD of revoked permits, resulting in suspension of the associated lodging license until the permit is reinstated. Operators are encouraged to continue paying annual licensing fees to avoid additional inspections and fees. Both departments will meet at least annually to ensure continued alignment. Crump asked whether inspections would

be required following reinstatement. Conlon indicated this would be discussed further, along with additional education on Planning and Zoning policies.

PFAS: Conlon provided an update on potential DNR grant opportunities to expand PFAS testing for residents, schools, and childcare facilities in collaboration with Land Conservation. Funding may support testing, personnel, supplies, coordination, and education, with future opportunities potentially available for well remediation. Previous DNR work will help guide decisions on expanded testing. Discussion also included the grant Dr. Amy Schultz received. PFAS research will begin in the Stella community this fall. This is the first step in a long-term University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW) research effort to better understand PFAS contamination, how people are exposed, and how PFAS may affect health. Community PFAS Exposure Study, is funded through a one-year UW–Madison research award and will begin this fall. Approximately 100 community volunteers will be invited to participate. Participation is completely voluntary. OCHD staff and leadership will attend the October 20, 2026 PFAS meeting.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:
Crump asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Conlon provided additional explanation of the budget summary. Crump noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting slated for Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Conlon stated that her evaluation will be done December 8, 2026.

Public comment/communications: Dorothy Skye commended Conlon on her 30 years of service. Crump also commended Conlon on her 30 years of service. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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Committee Chair or Designee	Committee Secretary