

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 11, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dan Hess, Debbie Condado (zoom), Billy Fried, Lenore Lopez, Khrystyne Lindgren (zoom)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Vice Chair William "Casey" Crump; Marcy Davies

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Venette Tess, and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**Minutes of October 14, 2025:** Motion by Fried/Lopez to approve the October 14, 2025, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None

**Staff Report - Venette Tess**

**Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWPP):** Tess, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWPP) Coordinator, introduced herself and provided an overview of the program, her 2025 activities, and upcoming initiatives. Tess shared an example of a participant from a county without a provider who was able to access essential breast cancer screenings. After her diagnosis, she was connected to Well Woman Medicaid for treatment and financial support—demonstrating the program's crucial role in promoting women's health statewide.

**Monthly / Quarterly Reports**

**Communicable Disease:** Conlon reviewed the Quarter 3 communicable disease report, noting that most cases were down except for an increase in tick-borne illnesses. Respiratory illnesses continue to occur year-round, with recent rises in gastrointestinal and respiratory cases among school populations. Conlon also noted differences in disease reporting—for example, home flu tests often go unreported when individuals do not seek medical care. This can also cause lower numbers. Some discussion followed.

**PFAS Update:** Conlon said a PFAS meeting was held on October 1 in the town of Stella and was well-received, with many community questions addressed effectively. Initial concerns about discussions on hunting did not become an issue, and overall feedback was positive. One recent topic of discussion among OCHD staff involved how butchers process meat, as some combine meat from multiple deer while others will process deer individual upon request —residents were advised to talk with their butcher if they prefer their deer processed individually.

Conlon noted that in Crescent, PFAS levels have varied but were generally consistent with expected water flow patterns, with no major surprises. The county is becoming more involved in addressing PFAS concerns, and Fried requested that the issue remain on the agenda.

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

Conlon reviewed the 2025 budget, along with the invoices paid 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, December 9, 2025 at 9 am

**Public comment/communications:** None

  
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Committee Chair or Designee

  
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