

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dan Hess, Vice Chair William "Casey" Crump; Debbie Condado, Billy Fried, Lenore Lopez, Khrystyne Lindgren (zoom)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: Marcy Davies

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Kyla Waksmonski, Jody McKinney, Cami Charbarneau, Moriah Gross, and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Vella Walden

Call to order: Vice Chair Hess called the meeting to order at 9:02am 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 Condado/Lopez to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes of November 11, 2025: Motion by Fried/Lopez to approve the November 11, 2025, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Out of State Request: Linda Jerzak; Tampa Bay, FL; 1/6/2026 - 1/11/2026; 2026

Comprehensive Colposcopy Course - DPH Colposcopy Training Grant:

Conlon reviewed an out-of-state training request for Jerzak to attend Comprehensive Colposcopy Course funded by a state grant specifically to be used for colposcopy training. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Hess/Condado to approve Out of State Request and forward on. All ayes: motion carried. Student Representative: Aye

Environmental Health License Fee Schedule: Conlon mentioned that the state had been receiving 10% reimbursement rate of licensing fees. Since 2021, the rate has increased by 1% a year and is currently at 13%, with the rate going up to 14% reimbursement for next year. McKinney reviewed the proposed license fee increases, and discussion followed. A new water testing fee for licensed Tourist Rooming Houses was added for a combined bacteria and nitrate test. The new State Lodging Code requires annual testing of bacteria and nitrates for private well water at all lodging facilities.

Motion made by Condado/Lopez accept Environmental Health License Fee Schedule as presented. All ayes: motion carried. Student Representative: Aye

Staff Report – Cami Charbarneau & Moriah Gross

Drug Free Communities (DFC): Gross reviewed the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Program, which grew out of the community health assessment (CHA). The CHA identified youth substance use as a primary health concern.

In February 2024, the Oneida County Substance Use Coalition completed strategic planning with community partners regarding youth substance use prevention. Nicotine, THC, and alcohol were identified as primary substances of concern, with favorable parental attitudes being a root cause of the issue. Nicotine is already being addressed by the Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition, therefore the OC SU Coalition included THC and alcohol in its DFC grant application.

Conlon noted the value of working directly with schools and youth serving community coalitions during this process to address their specific concerns.

The Oneida County Substance Use Coalition was awarded DFC funding In October 2024. It allowed the coalition to expand its focus to youth substance use prevention and create the Youth Substance Use Prevention (YSUP) Team. Previously, the coalition primarily focused on intervention and response related to adults.

In 2026, the YSUP Team will focus on building a youth-driven coalition, coordinating a youth prevention event, and ongoing capacity-building via the Oneida County DFC Support Program. The team also plans to support THC retailers in preventing underage access and also work with event organizers to reduce youth access to alcohol.

PFAS Update: McKinney provided an update on the expanded sampling effort. Sampling locations include Crescent North, Crescent South, Town of Sugar Camp near Highway 17, and Town of Newbold (McNaughton area) near Fort Wilderness and surrounding fields. These areas were selected due to similar land use activity and underlying geology influencing groundwater flow. Testing eligibility may be expanded if participation is low. Residents with questions are being directed to the DNR contact.

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, January 13, 2026 at 9 am

Public comment/communications: None



Committee Chair or Designee



Committee Secretary