

CRAWFORD COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Health and Human Services Board was held on Monday, July 21, 2025, in person and via electronic videoconferencing/teleconferencing at the Crawford County Administration Building, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, Munson.

Roll Call showed board members Ellen Brooks, Harrison Heilman, Gari Lorenz, Linda Munson, Amanda Schultz, Brad Steiner and Tucker Trefz were present along with non-board members Dan McWilliams, Director, Sonya Lenzendorf, Health Officer, and Mary Glawe, Clerk III. Excused/Absent: Mary Kuhn and Joyce Roth

- Posting of Meeting Notice verified by Dan McWilliams.
- Motion by Brooks to approve preceding meeting minutes as mailed, second by Heilman. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Steiner to approve the bills for \$10,715.22, second by Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Update – Sonya Lenzendorf

- Tic-borne Disease encounters are already at 37 for 2025. In 2024 the year-end total was 44 and in 2023 it was 24.
- A grant was received for “Cribs for Kids” and we will be purchasing 20 Pack & Plays.
- At the June Quarterly Housing meeting it was noted that the city of Prairie du Chien is working on a draft ordinance to limit the quantity of Airbnb’s allowed in the city at one time. They are also working on the development of other areas in the city for housing.
- Connections were made with Coulee Cap to help with the “Point in Time” homeless count on Thursday, 07/24/25. Public places will be checked from 4 am-6 am for the count.
- The Administration Building Health Box had its screen burn up from sun exposure. We will get a new screen and then move the box to the east side of the building.
- Our nurses have visited the Amish Community and toured their birthing facility.
- We have been distributing many Fentanyl strips.

Building Closure/Opening Date

On 06/19/25, the Administration Building had a sprinkler head break on 3rd floor at 2:00 a.m. Along with many of our offices the Server room was damaged knocking out the phone service and computers, but most of our staff had laptops and cell phones and could work from home. The week of 07/07/25 mental health social workers could work in open offices on the 2nd floor or do virtual sessions. On 07/07/25 the Clerical and Mental Health Units were able to return to their offices while most employees continue to work from home. On 07/22/25 construction is to begin. Dan will go to Public Property to see if the cubicle room can be changed to regular offices.

Key Fiscal Indicators

The Key Fiscal Indicators were presented for January through May, with Mental Health, Children’s and Winnebago/Mendota placements continuing to be overbudget. Payroll will stay positive with the resignation of two therapists. Overhead should be close to zero by end of year.

Services are overbudget due to Family Support, Northwest Connections and B-3 services being overspent. Revenue will catch up by end of the year.

Federal Legislation and State Budget Information

- FoodShare was cut by \$186 billion and an estimated 3 million will lose that benefit
 - WHEAP clients will no longer be automatically eligible for FoodShare
 - Effective October 2026, states will pay more than 50% of FoodShare and Administration costs
 - FoodShare error rates need to be under 6%, if over 6%, our state would share in the benefit cost which is approximately \$68 million
 - \$1 trillion was cut out of Medicaid over the next 10 years and an estimated 12 million will lose access to health care
 - States must conduct eligibility redeterminations for expansion MA population every 6 months vs. 12 months
 - Retroactive Medicaid changes from 3 months prior to application to 1 month
 - More frequent address verifications are required
 - Public Health will have cuts up to 25% for Preparedness Funding
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- Youth Justice corrections costs at facilities were vetoed
 - Foster Care and Kinship rates will increase by 2.5% effective January 2026
 - Child Care provider payments are increasing
 - ES funding increased by 2% to meet budget authorization of the last biennium but is flat for the new biennium
 - MA revenue will continue to rise by \$1.53 billion in 2026 and \$2.28 billion in 2027 due to new provider taxes
 - Behavioral Health did not include full state funding for crisis, CSP or authority for DHS to pursue Medicaid waiver for children's behavioral health managed care system

Health and Human Services 2026 Budget Discussion

Budgeting will proceed as a normal year with no increased levy, no new positions created, and the county will cover insurance and cost of living. We may not include WHEAP in the budget due to potential cuts and that it is not fully funded or mandated. We will evaluate that possibility for the next meeting. Monica Honer will retire at the end of this year. There are no therapist candidates at this time.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Heilman, second by Steiner. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Roth
JR:DM:mpg