CRAWFORD COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Health and Human Services Board was held on Monday, August 11, 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, Mary Kuhn, Gari Lorenz, Linda Munson, Joyce Roth, Amanda Schultz, and Tucker Trefz were present along with non-board members Dan McWilliams, Director, Sonya Lenzendorf, Health Officer, and Mary Glawe, Clerk III. Excused/Absent: Harrison Heilman and Brad Steiner

- Posting of Meeting Notice verified by Dan McWilliams.
- Motion by Brooks to approve preceding meeting minutes as mailed, second by Roth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Lorenz to approve the bills for \$6,574.44, second by Brooks. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Public Health Update – Sonya Lenzendorf</u>

- Crawford County on the Move had 145 encounters and 57 participants.
- There were 13 animal bite encounters for the month.
- There were 288 vaccine reminder letters mailed. Eight out of ten people will get the HPV vaccine. This vaccine helps prevent cancer.
- Wisconsin had 9 confirmed measle outbreaks in Oconto County, which were linked to traveling.
- The State did a cite visit to audit the VFC Program (Vaccines for Children), which gives free vaccines to children. All went well. There may be funding cuts in this program for 2026.
- The Point in Time (POI) count of unsheltered individuals recorded 8 individuals. Our county count has been at zero for many years.
- Check out the air quality alerts on our Facebook page.

Agency Offices Update

Work is continuing in the water-damaged offices. As of today, the last coat of paint is being applied. Carpets and floors will then need to be cleaned, applicable staff will clean out their desks, and office furniture will be replaced where necessary. Dan will go to Public Property this week requesting the cubicle room be changed to two offices and a storage room.

Key Fiscal Indicators

The Key Fiscal Indicators were presented for January through June, with Mental Health, Children's and Winnebago/Mendota placements continuing to be overbudget. One child placement alone is \$30,000/month. Payroll continues to stay positive with two therapist vacancies. Services continue to be overbudget due to Family Support, Northwest Connections and B-3 services spending. Revenue will look better by year end.

2026 HHS Budget Discussion

Dan met with Gary Koch after last month's meeting and he has decided to proceed as a normal year. Instructions from Finance include no increased levy, no new positions created, and the county covering insurance and cost of living. DHS will request the Governor provide GPR to cover the costs for the last three months' increase in ES administrative costs from the OBBB. If Sequestration occurs, Social Security Block Grants may be cut in 2026. Medicare funding may also be cut; however, NACO indicates this will not happen. Contractors are requesting increases. Dan will present the budget at next month's meeting and then to Finance the following week.

Over the last several years the WHEAP program lost \$20-\$25,000 per year due to inadequate funding to support it. It is recommended we move the levy from WHEAP to ES and discontinue our contract to do WHEAP. LaFayette and Crawford counties are the remaining counties in our Southern Consortium who offer WHEAP in house. Motion by Roth for Dan to inform the State that Crawford County will discontinue the WHEAP Program effective 10/01/25. Second by Munson. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates

Navigator position – will work on trying to continue the position. Mental Health Therapist two positions – working with 1 person to fill one position

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brooks, second by Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Joyce Roth JR:DM:mpg