

Richland County

Community & Health Services Standing Committee

May 5, 2025

The Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee convened on Thursday, May 8, 2025 in person and virtually at 9:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Glasbrenner called the meeting to order at 09:31 AM

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Mary Miller, Larry Engel, Sandra Kramer, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Daniel McGuire, and Francis Braithwaite. Committee member(s) absent: Dr. Jerel Berres and Cynthia Chicker.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Braithwaite, second by Kramer to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Approval Of Minutes From April 3, 2025 Meeting: Chair Glasbrenner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the April 3, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Glasbrenner declared the minutes approved as published.

Public Comment: Sandy Kramer reminded the committee that starting Memorial Day weekend, her mini donkeys would be making appearances at locations throughout the community.

Election Of Community & Health Services Standing Committee Vice Chair: Chair Glasbrenner welcomed Supervisor Engel to the Community & Health Services Standing Committee as he was a recent appointee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Supervisor Brewer. Chair Glasbrenner gave a brief explanation of the need to fill the roll of committee Vice Chair and told the committee that Michele Harwick had resigned from County Board creating another vacancy on the Community & Health Services Committee. Chair Glasbrenner then opened the floor at 9:34 AM for nominations to the role of committee Vice Chair. Motion by Miller, second by Engel to nominated Sandra Kramer. Chair Glasbrenner asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Chair Glasbrenner closed the floor for nominations at 9:35 AM. Chair Glasbrenner asked for a voice vote to elect Sandra Kramer to the role of committee vice chair. Voice vote was unanimous. Chair Glasbrenner asked if Supervisor Kramer accepted her election. Supervisor Kramer accepted her election and was named the Community & Health Services Standing Committee Vice Chair.

Reports

Chair Glasbrenner stated that she would move item 8E – Child Support Agency: Director Report And Departmental Activities up next so that Director Walters would not have to sit through the presentation of the HHS Annual Report if she did not wish to.

E. Child Support Agency: Director Report And Departmental Activities: Child Support Agency Director, Melony Walters presented the January – March 2025 Child Support Agency Report to the committee. Director Walters briefly explained the slight decrease in arrears collection, reported that

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she had finished her Director's training, reported that her staff was also working on their training, and there was 79.12% remaining of the 2025 Child Support Agency budget. Brief discussion ensued.

A. HHS Director: Administrative Report: Interim Health & Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the HHS May 2025 Unit Updates report to the committee. Brief discussion ensued.

B. HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers & Expenditures Over \$2,000 But Less Than \$10,000): Interim Health and Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the 2025 Expenditure Report. Brief discussion on the new format ensued.

C. HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report: Interim Health and Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt gave a brief report on the HHS Budget Summary and Richland County Placement Report and reported that they were at 25% utilization, that institutionalizations were higher this year, and that adult placements were at 12% utilization and child placements were at 30% utilization. Brief discussion ensued.

D. HHS 2024 Annual Report: Interim Health & Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the HHS 2024 Annual Report to the committee and requested that the staff presenting each portion of the report introduce themselves to the committee.

Administrative & Financial Services Unit

Interim Health & Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the Administrative & Financial Services Unit portion of the report to the committee. Supervisor Engel asked both the incoming director and the outgoing director of the Health and Human Services department what top three areas that needed more resources. County Administrator Clements responded that in her opinion, Crisis/APS (Adult Protective Services) and Public Health were two areas that needed more resources, and expressed her wish for the ability to have a Community Support Program. Discussion ensued.

Behavioral Health Services Unit

Brandi Christianson, Behavioral Health Services Manager, presented the Behavioral Health Services Unit portion of the report to the committee. Discussion on collaboration with local law enforcement and schools ensued. Extensive discussion on the recent and significant rise in crisis calls ensued. Brief discussion on the benefits of sobriety court and drug court ensued.

Aging & Disability Resource Center

Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Aging & Disability Resource Center Manager, presented the Aging & Disability Resource Center portion of the report to the committee. Extensive discussion on the areas of the county not covered by nutrition program ensued.

Economic Support

Briana Turk, Economic Support Manager, presented the Economic Support portion of the report to the committee. Brief discussion on daycare services ensued.

Child & Youth Services Unit

Brittney Wirtz, Child & Youth Services Supervisor, presented the Child & Youth Services Unit portion of the report to the committee. Discussion on lack of licensed foster care homes in Richland County ensued.

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Public Health Unit

Brandie Anderson, Public Health Manager, presented the Public Health Unit portion of the report to the committee and praised her staff for their hard work during 2024. Ms. Anderson highlighted that the Public Health Unit had recently passed their 140 Review. Discussion on environmental contaminants ensued.

Chair Glasbrenner thanked the Health and Human Services staff for their hard work.

Correspondence: None

Future Agenda Items:

Report: 2026 Budget Planning Update – Stephanie Ronnfeldt

Adjourn: Committee Chair Glasbrenner entertained a motion to adjourn to June 5th, 2025. Motion by Kramer, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk