

Richland County

Community & Health Services Standing Committee

October 2, 2025

The Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee convened on Thursday, October 2, 2025 in person and virtually at 9:33 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Vice-Chair Kramer called the meeting to order at 09:33 AM.

Roll Call: County Clerk Kalish conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Mary Miller, Sandra Kramer, Larry Engel, Alayne Hendricks, Dr. Jerel Berres, and Francis Braithwaite. Committee member(s) absent: Daniel McGuire and Cindy Chicker.

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

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

Approval Of Minutes From September 4, 2025 Meeting: Motion by Braithwaite second by Engel to approved the minutes of the September 4, 2025 meeting. Motion carried and minutes declared approved.

Public Comment: None.

Election Of Committee Chair And Vice-Chair: Committee Vice-Chair Kramer opened the floor for nominations for a member to serve as the Committee Chair. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Kramer to serve as Committee Chair. Supervisor Engel noted concerns with a previous county employee serving the Community & Health Services Standing Committee in the capacity of the Committee Chair. Supervisor Engel nominated himself to serve as Committee Chair. After asking three times and hearing no other nominations, Committee Vice-Chair Kramer closed the floor for nominations. Voice vote taken and Vice-Chair Kramer declared Chair of the Community & Health Services Standing Committee.

Committee Chair Kramer opened the floor for nominations for a member to serve as the Committee Vice-Chair. Supervisor Hendricks nominated Supervisor Engel to serve as Committee Vice-Chair. After asking three times and hearing no other nominations, Committee Chair Kramer closed the floor for nominations. Voice vote taken and Supervisor Engel declared Vice-Chair of the Community & Health Services Standing Committee.

Reports

A. HHS Director - Administrative Report: HHS Director Ronnfeldt provided brief updates on departmental activities. Brief discussion followed.

B. HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers & Expenditures Over \$2,000 But Less Than \$10,000): Business & Financial Services Manager Levy briefly reviewed the expenditures report. Brief discussion followed.

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C. HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report: Business & Financial Services Manager Levy briefly reviewed the budget summary and placement report. Director Ronnfeldt provided information regarding placement costs requested at the last committee meeting. Brief discussion followed.

D. 2026 Health & Human Services Budget Update: Business & Financial Services Manager Levy noted there were no changes to the budget from what was presented at the last meeting.

Mental Health Presentation: Evan Ewing reviewed the Community Health Improvement Plan. Discussion followed.

Discussion & Possible Action - Resolution Approving Provider Contract Amendments For 2025 For The Health And Human Services Department: Motion by Miller second by Braithwaite to approve the provider contract amendments for 2026 for the Health and Human Services Department. Motion carried and item forwarded to County Board for approval.

Discussion & Possible Action – Approve The Application And Subsequent Acceptance Of The 2026 85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant: Motion by Engel second by Berres to approve the application and subsequent acceptance of the 2026 85.21 Specialized Transportation grant. Motion carried and item forwarded to County Board for approval.

Discussion & Possible Action – Approve The 2026 Vehicle Memorandum Of Understanding With Pine Valley Community Village: Motion by Engel second by Hendricks to approve the 2026 Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding with Pine Valley Community Village. Motion carried and Memorandum of Understanding declared approved.

Discussion & Possible Action – Resolution Urging The State Of Wisconsin To Provide Funding To Offset The County Fiscal Impact Caused By The Enacted Federal SNAP Changes, And To Work With Counties To Ensure Adequate Resources For The Administration Of Foodshare And Related Programs: Motion by Braithwaite second by Hendricks to approve resolution. Motion carried and item forwarded to County Board for approval.

Discussion & Possible Action – Resolution Authorizing Payment Of CMS Fines For Pine Valley Community Village: Pine Valley Community Village Administrator Paulus provided brief background information of resolution and events that led to the CMS penalty. Motion by Miller second by Berres to authorize payment of CMS penalty. Brief discussion regarding the consequences not paying the penalty followed. Motion carried and item forwarded to County Board for approval.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of 2026 Provider Contracts

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of Opioid Settlement Grant Applications

Adjourn: Motion by Engel second by Braithwaite to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

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Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.S. Kalish", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Derek S. Kalish
County Clerk

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