

# Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee

February 5, 2026

The Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee convened on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in person and virtually at 9:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

**Call To Order:** Committee Chair Kramer called the meeting to order at 09:30 AM

**Roll Call:** Deputy County Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Mary Miller, Sandra Kramer, Alayne Hendricks, Daniel McGuire, Dr. Jerrel Berres, Frances Braithwaite, and Cynthia Chicker. Committee member(s) absent Larry Engel and Rod Perry.

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

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

**Approval Of Minutes From December 4, 2025 Meeting:** Committee Chair Kramer asked if there were any amendments or corrections to the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting. Motion by Miller, second by Berres to approve the minutes. Motion carried and the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comment:** None.

## Reports

**A. HHS Director: Administrative Report:** Health & Human Services Director, Stephanie Ronnfeldt, presented the HHS February 2026 Unit Updates report to the committee and highlighted various items including: a program of the ADRC to promote socialization for men over the age of 60, the hiring of a new lead case manager in the Behavioral Health Unit, the continued search for a mental health therapist, the influx in youth justice cases with the CYS Unit, continued legislative advocacy regarding federal reimbursement rates, a campaign to lower adolescent anxiety, upcoming meetings on how to address homelessness in the community, the vacant secretary position had been filled, and that one of the fiscal specialists were retiring. Brief discussion ensued.

**B. HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers & Expenditures Over \$2,000 But Less Than \$10,000):** Kali Levy, Business & Financial Services Manager, presented the Expenditures Report. No discussion.

**C. HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report:** Kali Levy, Business & Financial Services Manager, presented the HHS Budget Summary and Richland County Placement Report and reported that adult placements were at 53% utilization and child placements were at 49% utilizations. No discussion.

**D. Pine Valley Community Village: Administrative Report:** Brittany Paulus, Nursing Home Administrator, presented the Administrator Monthly Report to the committee and highlighted various

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items including: the skilled nursing beds were at 80, assisted living beds were at 16, hospital stays were up in December due to a respiratory infections, there was a recent complaint that lead to a survey, and the IDDSI implementation in the Dietary & Nutrition Services area. Brief discussion ensued.

**E. Child Support Agency: Director Report & Departmental Activities:** Melony Walters, Child Support Agency Director, presented her report to the committee and highlighted various items including: the statewide average for child support collections is 72.91%, her office averages 74.72%, the part time clerical position is still vacant, and that she has started her second year of Director training. Director Walters also presented her budget reports, and a resolution passed by the Wisconsin State Senate honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the child support program in Wisconsin. Brief discussion ensued.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Changing Committee Meeting Time:** Committee Chair Kramer briefly spoke to her desire to change the time of the committee meeting to later in the day, but to remain on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Discussion ensued. Consensus was gained from the committee to table this item until the next meeting.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Changes To The Pine Valley Community Village Addendum:** Brittany Paulus, Nursing Home Administrator, presented a resolution outlining the proposed changes to the committee. Extensive discussion ensued. Motion by McGuire, second by Braithwait to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried and the changes to the Pine Valley Community Village Addendum was tabled until the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Discussion & Possible Action: Changing Committee Meeting Time

Discussion & Possible Action: Changes To The Pine Valley Community Village Addendum:

**Adjourn:** Committee Chair Kramer entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Braithwaite, second by Berres to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Myranda H. Hege

Deputy County Clerk