

Rusk County HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

AGENDA

DATE: March 12, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Rusk County Government Center-County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Note: Items listed on the Agenda are for discussion and possible action by the Health & Human Services Board;

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT-Limited to Five Minutes Per Person

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 12, 2026

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE

- Approval of Health & Human Services Vouchers and Out-of-County Travel Requests
- Budget Report Form

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Vacant Position Review/ Staff update
- 2025 Annual Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

- General Updates

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Program Reports
 - ADRC
 - Child Support
 - Adult Services
 - Public Health
- HHS updates if applicable

ADJOURN

This agenda was prepared by Ashley Nelson at the direction of Chair Schneider. Posted March 5, 2026.

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UNAPPROVED
RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026

Meeting called to order by Chair Schneider at 9:00 AM.

Board Members Present: Phil Schneider, Tom Hanson, Mary Schneider, Lois Goode, John Moore, Mark Schmitt (Zoom), Dr. John Ziemer (Zoom), Excused: Lisa Wicik

Staff Present: Ashley Nelson, Carla Closs

Appearances by: Rich Green, Heather Anders, Kaylee Bugbee

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Goode, second by Hanson, to approve January 8, 2026; meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of Health & Human Services Vouchers and Out-of-County Travel Requests:

Nelson reported on various purchases, invoices, and Out of County Travel. Motion by M. Schneider, second by Moore, to approve Vouchers and Out of County Travel. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Budget Report:

Motion by Moore, second by Hanson, to approve the Monthly Budget Reports for February 2026. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services:

Discussion held.

Motion by M. Schneider, second by Goode, to approve the budget amendment resolutions for Jail Education and AODA Programming and Veteran Medical Services Transportation; and forward both resolutions to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, second by Goode, to approve the request to fill form for the Disability Benefits Specialist in the ADRC and the HHS Finance Accountant II position; and forward the requests to the personnel committee. Motion Carried.

Public Health:

Discussion held.

Program Reports:

Written reports provided for Children & Family Services, Economic Support and Veteran Services.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of the committee at 10:44 AM.

Next meeting: March 12, 2026

As prepared by: Carla Closs, completed on 02/12/2026 at 12:12 PM

Report Criteria:

Detail report.

Invoices with totals above \$0 included.

Paid and unpaid invoices included.

Invoice Detail.GL account = "250"- "251"

[Report].Description = {<>} "1099 adjustment"

Invoice Detail Created date = 01/29/2026-02/25/2026

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	GL Account and Title
ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC	621301722	ENSURE SUPPLEMENT	02/04/2026	345.75	HHS-SS HDM-SUPPLEMENT
ACCESS, INC	1312026	INDIGENT MEDS	01/31/2026	317.49	HHS-SERV-MHEALTH COMM
ACCESS, INC	1312026	CSP SERVICES	01/31/2026	15,244.00	HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
ACCESS, INC	1312026	PSYCHIATRIC TIME	01/31/2026	3,898.81	HHS-SERV-MHEALTH COMM
ACTION CITY	001-251205-99	CLIENT BENEFIT - TAX REFUND	12/05/2025	19.25-	HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
ACTION CITY	001-260122-99	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-(6) WINTER JUMP & SWIM PASS	01/22/2026	632.94	HHS-CHILDRENS COP
ADAPTIVEMALL.COM LLC	6000289769	CLIENT BENEFIT-SPECIAL TOMATO SOFT-TOUCH SITTING	02/05/2026	831.23	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
ADVANCED MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTI	53	CSP CONSULTATION	01/31/2026	1,550.00	HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
ADVANCED MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTI	53	CSP TRANSPORTATION	01/31/2026	300.00	HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
AIRBNB INC	7671-0409-171	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-AIRBNB ADVANCED PT OT PROGRAM C	01/08/2026	1,633.00	HHS-CHILDRENS COP
AMAZON.COM	113-0055263-0	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-NEX PLAYGROUND PLAY PASS	02/12/2026	89.00	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0078301-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-SQUISHY TOY,STRESS BALL,PROJECTOR,HE	02/05/2026	146.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0081934-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-ADAPTIVE CLOTHING	01/15/2026	31.48	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0349173-3	STAND UP DESK CCS	01/12/2026	59.99	HHS-CCS-OFFICE SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-0612827-7	CLIENT BENEFIT-SPINNING CHAIR,SENSORY NECKLACE,BOOK	01/08/2026	251.17	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0661047-9	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGETS,WEIGHTED HOODIE,GALAXY PROJE	01/27/2026	589.00	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0697083-3	SHEET PROTECTORS	01/12/2026	5.11	HHS-VSO-OFFICE SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-0707994-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED BLANKET	01/22/2026	51.02	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0844979-6	CLIENT BENEFIT-113-0844979-6032206	02/05/2026	49.79	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-0957328-4	EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL-NE	01/21/2026	26.98	HHS-PH WIC-SUPPLIES & E
AMAZON.COM	113-1008020-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-RETURN	12/26/2025	84.98-	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-1089894-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-WORKBOOK,LEARNING SET,TONGUE TRAINER	02/05/2026	214.17	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-1098640-8	CLIENT BENEFIT-SPINNING CHAIR	01/12/2026	104.00	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-1244535-0	CLIENT BENEFIT-ART SET	01/27/2026	39.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-1343186-5	OFFICE SUPPLY	01/05/2026	4.39	HHS-PH REPR-OFFICE EXP
AMAZON.COM	113-1822219-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGETS,ESSENTIAL OIL,WEIGHTED BLANKE	02/12/2026	108.78	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-1960190-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-ROLLING CART	01/15/2026	119.00	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-2047327-8	CLIENT BENEFIT-SPINNING CHAIR	12/30/2025	182.98	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-2327377-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGETS,PEN,PENCIL SET,HEADPHONES	02/05/2026	159.39	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-2402097-7	CLIENT BENEFIT-ADAPTIVE NOISE CANCELING HEADPHONES	02/05/2026	119.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-3141970-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-AIR TRACKER	01/22/2026	39.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-3209404-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-EXERCISE MAT	01/08/2026	229.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-3416275-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-HEADPHONES	01/08/2026	144.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F

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AMAZON.COM	113-3419304-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-ECHO SHOW	01/08/2026	80.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-3994899-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-INNER-ACTIVE SLANT BOARD	01/08/2026	29.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-4019536-0	CLIENT BENEFIT-SECURITY CAMERA,SD CARD	01/12/2026	152.90	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-4355942-8	CLIENT BENEFIT-NEX PLAYGROUND & CASE	02/12/2026	273.97	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-4530824-8	CLIENT BENEFIT-PLAY TUNNEL,EAR MUFF,RRCKING CHR,GAME	01/15/2026	510.96	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-4551392-5	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES,DISINF,WIPES, MAIL ENVEL	01/27/2026	23.57	HHS-OVERHEAD CLEARING
AMAZON.COM	113-4647558-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED HOODIE,BOXING MACHINE	12/23/2025	223.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-4855251-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-JEWELRY CABINET,LOFT BED,TV STAND	01/27/2026	651.96	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5080073-3	SUNGRACE METAL PLATES ASSESSORIES	01/26/2026	17.90	HHS-PH-INSURANCE CLAIM
AMAZON.COM	113-5160532-0	WIRELESS KEYBOARD, MOUSE	02/09/2026	29.99	HHS-CHILD & FAM-SUPPLIE
AMAZON.COM	113-5160790-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGETS,CROCHET KIT,HEATING PAD,SMART	02/05/2026	94.19	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5301260-9	CLIENT BENEFIT-ADAPTIVE NOISE CANCELLING HEADPHONE	02/05/2026	99.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5658767-6	CLIENT BENEFIT-BOXNG MCHN,TTHRSH,FIDGTS,MTN BUBBR	02/05/2026	623.72	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5706513-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-CHEW NECKLACE,SENSORY CHEW TOY	02/05/2026	12.83	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5858073-4	CLIENT BENEFIT-RETURN	02/02/2026	64.92	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-5871969-8	CLIENT BENEFIT-SENSORY TOY	02/05/2026	9.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6473447-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-ADAPTIVE CLOTHING	01/15/2026	28.88	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6487074-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-DESK CHAIR,DESK	02/12/2026	81.98	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6846803-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGET STRESS BALL, FIDGET RINGS	01/22/2026	27.87	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6846803-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-REFUND	01/29/2026	27.87	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6887948-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-HAMMOCK CHAIR STAND	01/22/2026	115.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-6978556-8	BOOKS PHHS 159220	01/23/2026	46.98	HHS-PH-INSURANCE CLAIM
AMAZON.COM	113-7000589-6	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGET STRESS BALL & SENSORY RINGS	02/12/2026	28.14	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7141575-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-BARRE TRAINER	01/15/2026	79.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7410688-4	CLIENT BENEFIT-BEDSIDE LAMP	02/12/2026	16.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7696026-0	CLIENT BENEFIT-ADAPTIVE CLOTHING	01/15/2026	78.26	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7767729-4	CLIENT BENEFIT-FIDGET TOYS,CHEW NECKLACES,SMART WA	02/05/2026	99.43	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7873939-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-LIFE EXTENSION N-ACETYL-L-CYSTEINE	01/27/2026	54.15	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-7949099-0	CLIENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED BLANKET	01/22/2026	62.98	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8095598-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-BED FRAME	02/05/2026	394.98	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8160933-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-POGO TRICK BALL,READING PILLOW	12/18/2025	56.96	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8213560-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-BLANKET HOODIE	01/08/2026	33.65	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8253724-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-BATH TOYS	02/05/2026	43.58	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8559656-3	CLIENT BENEFIT-SD CARD 5 PCK SECURITY CAMERA	12/30/2025	145.90	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8584783-7	CLIENT BENEFIT-SECURITY CAMERAS,WINDOW LOCKS,DOOR	01/08/2026	403.85	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8664365-0	LAPTOP, ETC. NON REPORTABLE, CONT APPROP	01/15/2026	793.07	HHS-PH REPR-OUTREACH S
AMAZON.COM	113-8664365-0	LAPTOP, ETC. PHIFRA 155820	01/15/2026	1,586.14	HHS-PH-OTHER SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-8746668-2	CLIENT BENEFIT-HAMMOCK CHAIR STAND	01/22/2026	115.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-8750092-7	BATTERIES / AIRTAG	12/30/2025	4.79	HHS-PH-OTHER SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-8823975-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED BLANKET	01/22/2026	55.99	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-9024392-5	CLIENT BENEFIT-SMART WATCH, PAINT SET,CANVAS,HEATED	01/27/2026	144.95	HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F

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AMAZON.COM	113-9111962-8	BABY VITAMINS PHHS GRANT	02/05/2026	33.28	250-01-54101-349 HHS-PH-OTHER SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-9249728-1	CLIENT BENEFIT-SENSORY TENT	02/05/2026	59.95	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-9819295-2	PACKING TAPE	01/19/2026	3.59	250-01-54101-319 HHS-PH-OFFICE SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	113-9947839-7	CLIENT BENEFIT-ZIPPER BEDDING	02/12/2026	56.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-9972256-0	SHARPS CONTAINER	01/19/2026	65.64	250-05-54106-347 HHS-PH REPR-MEDICAL SU
AMAZON.COM	113-9973352-7	CLIENT BENEFIT-SECURITY BOX	01/27/2026	27.34	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	113-9973744-4	CLIENT BENEFIT-CAMERAS, MEMORY CARDS	01/27/2026	97.40	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
AMAZON.COM	114-1790945-6	OFFICE SUPPLIES,STENO PADS	01/14/2026	23.79	250-89-54609-319 HHS-ADRC-OFF SUPPLIES
AMAZON.COM	114-1857113-8	OFFICE SUPPLIES 4PK CORRECTIONTAPE,NOTEBK,BANDS,CLI	01/14/2026	56.87	250-89-54609-319 HHS-ADRC-OFF SUPPLIES
ANCHOR BAY COUNSELING CENTER	114-3018661-7	HEAVY DUTY STEEL GARDEN CART	02/12/2026	89.89	250-91-54607-319 HHS-SS-SM-SUPPLIES
ANCHOR BAY COUNSELING CENTER	9872	MOBILE CRISIS ASSESSMENT REVIEW	01/30/2026	225.00	250-54-53568-000 HHS-SERV-MENTAL HLTH BL
ANCHOR BAY COUNSELING CENTER	9873	CCS SUPERVISION	01/30/2026	2,400.00	250-06-54108-216 HHS-CCS-CONTRACTED SE
AUSTIN, SONIA	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	768.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
AUTUMN LEAF TESTING LLC	R013126	DRUG TESTING ON CHILDREN	01/31/2026	500.00	250-61-53060-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-FAM PRE
BAUER, SAMANTHA	2414	JAN FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	715.00	250-61-53230-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-SUBSTIT
BLACK BEAR MOTELS LLC	02052026	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT- SWIMMING PASS	02/05/2026	300.00	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
BLACK BEAR MOTELS LLC	02162026	5 DAY SWIM PASS	02/16/2026	25.00	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
BOSS, AMBER	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
BRIGHTSPEED	440000840551	CLIENT BENEFIT-MONTHLY INTERNET	01/23/2026	77.48	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
BRIGHTSPEED	460000709689	CLIENT BENEFIT-MONTHLY INTERNET	12/23/2025	77.48	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
BRIGHTSPEED	480000075427	SHELDON MONTHLY PHONE BILL	01/13/2026	86.73	250-95-51650-230 HHS-SS CTRS-SHELDON
BROWN, SUSAN Y	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
BRUCE TELEPHONE COMPANY	34000 0101202	JAN 26 PHONE BILL	01/01/2026	40.37	250-95-51650-233 HHS-SS CTRS-BRUCE UTILI
BRUCE TELEPHONE COMPANY	34000 0201202	MONTHLY PHONE BILL	02/01/2026	39.32	250-95-51650-233 HHS-SS CTRS-BRUCE UTILI
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	O530072035	CLIENT BENEFIT - INTERNET	02/03/2026	79.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	O530072035	CLIENT BENEFIT - INTERNET	02/03/2026	79.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
CHRISMARK HOME LLC	1025	MONTHLY ROOM & BOARD	02/02/2026	5,332.00	250-54-53516-000 HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
CHRISMARK HOME LLC	1025	MONTHLY COST SHARE	02/02/2026	700.00	250-54-53516-000 HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
CHRISTIE MOUNTAIN	02052026	CLIENT BENEFIT-GIFT CARD	02/05/2026	260.00	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
CHURCHWELL, ALYSSA MARIE	2414	JAN FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	4,027.29	250-61-53230-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-SUBSTIT
CHURCHWELL, ALYSSA MARIE	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
CHURCHWELL, BROCK	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	768.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
CIDNET	C-115599859	VISIT CHILD/PARENT	01/29/2026	34.64	250-61-53060-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-FAM PRE
CITY OF LADYSMITH	02022026	JUVENILE RESTITUTION	02/02/2026	500.00	250-23120 HHS-PROTECTIVE PAYEE ACCOUN
CITY OF LADYSMITH	2500	SERVICE OF PROCESS	02/04/2026	100.00	250-13-51330-210 HHS-C/S-SERVICE OF PROC
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	162	REFUND CC CHARGE	05/12/2025	9.54	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	76616	WATER TESTING	08/31/2025	606.00	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	77000	WATER TESTING	09/30/2025	875.00	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	77397	WATER TESTING	10/31/2025	483.40	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	78121	DECEMBER WATER TESTING	12/30/2025	301.40	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
COMMERCIAL TESTING LAB INC	78447	WATER TESTING	01/31/2026	6.00	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIR	618000618299	EMERGENCY PMT FOR VA	12/05/2025	107.57	250-55-54119-000 VETS DONATIONS-DISASTE
DEWITT, LYNDA	2414	JAN SG FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	420.00	250-61-53290-000 HHS-C&F SUBSIDIZED GUA
DREAMPAD LLC	REJANCVJHH	CLIENT BENEFIT - SLEEP APP	02/10/2026	29.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
DUNN COUNTY	IN202600075	SERVICE OF PROCESS	02/03/2026	100.00	250-13-51330-210 HHS-C/S-SERVICE OF PROC
DUTTER-NELSON, LAURA	02032026	REFUND OF WATER TESTS	02/02/2026	75.00	250-01-46591-000 HHS-NURSE-OTHER INC-WA
ELLAOLA	1158855	CLIENT BENEFIT-KIDS MULTIVITAMIN	01/22/2026	39.20	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
ELLAOLA	1158855	CLIENT BENEFIT-TAX REFUND	01/22/2026	2.16	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
ELLAOLA	1158855CR	REFUND TAX	01/22/2026	2.16-	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
ESPECIAL NEEDS	113836S	CLIENT BENEFIT-COMPRESSON SENSORY VEST	01/05/2026	47.90	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
ESPECIAL NEEDS	114123S	CLIENT BENEFIT-SENSORY VEST	01/22/2026	57.90	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FAMILY FARMS LLC	759362A	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/28/2026	279.24	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
FAMILY FARMS LLC	759731A	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/04/2026	274.51	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
FAMILY FARMS LLC	760088A	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/10/2026	279.24	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
FAMILY FARMS LLC	760480A	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/18/2026	278.99	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
FIELDPRINT	FPRUSKCTYH	FINGER PRINT FOR 2 PEOPLE C&F	01/06/2026	15.50	250-61-54561-216 HHS-CHILD & FAM-CONTRA
FLAMBEAU MTN PRINTING LLC	1549	BUSINESS CARDS	12/30/2025	40.00	250-47-54701-319 HHS-VSO-OFFICE SUPPLIES
FORENSIC FLUIDS LABORATORIES, I	81955	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	12/31/2025	226.00	250-61-53060-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-FAM PRE
FORENSIC FLUIDS LABORATORIES, I	82511	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	01/31/2026	66.45	250-61-53060-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-FAM PRE
FRONTPOINT	C0002748921	CLIENT BENEFIT - MONTHLY MONITORING CM	01/01/2026	66.45	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FRONTPOINT	C0002756859	CLIENT BENEFIT - MONTHLY MONITORING TP	01/01/2026	63.29	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FRONTPOINT	C0002756864	CLIENT BENEFIT-SECURITY MONITORING - TN	01/01/2026	63.29	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FRONTPOINT	C00027691018	CLIENT BENEFIT - MONTHLY MONITORING CM	02/01/2026	66.45	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FRONTPOINT	C00027691019	CLIENT BENEFIT - MONTHLY MONITORING TP	02/01/2026	63.29	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
FRONTPOINT	C00027691866	CLIENT BENEFIT-SECURITY MONITORING - TN	02/06/2026	63.29	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
GOIN, LAURIE	2414	JAN SG FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	1,120.00	250-61-53290-000 HHS-C&F SUBSIDIZED GUA
HRYNIEWIECKI, VENUS	2414	JAN FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	1,225.80	250-61-53230-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-SUBSTIT
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	IN5039458	NAME PLATE - WV	01/26/2026	25.46	250-89-54609-319 HHS-ADRC-OFF SUPPLIES
INTAKEQ INC.	JCV8RICH-000	PH PHI GRANT JAN/FEB SUBSCRIPTION	01/12/2026	79.90	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
JACK LINK'S AQUATIC & ACTIVITY CE	1041833.002	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-DAY YOUTH PASS	02/06/2026	150.02	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
JOHNSON, TIFFANY	2414	JAN SG FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	684.00	250-61-53290-000 HHS-C&F SUBSIDIZED GUA
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A1-2	CREDIT FOR RESERVATION MADE EARLIER IN 2025	01/12/2026	98.00-	250-16200 HHS-PREPAID
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A1-2	WHEAP CONFERENCE	01/12/2026	98.00	250-53-54906-001 HHS-LIHEAP WX OPERATIO
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A1-2	WHEAP CONFERENCE	01/12/2026	98.00	250-53-54904-001 LIHEAP-PUB BEN OP LIHEAP
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A3-2	REFUND RESERVATION	01/27/2026	98.00-	250-16200 HHS-PREPAID
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A3-2	WHEAP CONFERENCE	01/27/2026	98.00	250-53-54904-001 LIHEAP-PUB BEN OP LIHEAP
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A3-2	WHEAP CONFERENCE	01/27/2026	98.00	250-53-54906-001 HHS-LIHEAP WX OPERATIO
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	R087A3-2	WHEAP CONFERENCE	02/10/2026	24.00-	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
KALAHARI DEVELOPMENT LLC	RVLJ6D0R	REFUND ON TAX	02/02/2026	222.97	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
KIERNAN, MARYJEAN K	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	1,750.00	250-13-51330-216 HHS-C/S-CONTRACT SERVI
KOSTNER, KOSTNER & SUMMERFIEL	9987	CHILD SUPPORT ATTORNEY FEES	02/04/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
KRONSTAD, NANCY	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
KWIK TRIP	038244	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/30/2026	20.21	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO

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LADWIG, SHANINDA	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	049162	POSTAGE / RABIES SPECI	01/28/2026	16.68	250-01-54101-311 HHS-PH-POSTAGE
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	B29664/1	POSTAGE	01/13/2026	17.75	250-01-54101-311 HHS-PH-POSTAGE
LADYSMITH NEWS	21687	PRINTING THE SOURCE	01/01/2026	20.00	250-54-53810-000 HHS-SERVICES A CRGVR
LADYSMITH NEWS	21687	PRINTING THE SOURCE	01/01/2026	173.43	250-99-54611-346 HHS-SS FAM CARE-ED & INF
LADYSMITH NEWS	21687	PRINTING THE SOURCE	01/01/2026	153.43	250-97-54612-350 HHS-SOURCE-NEWSPAPER
LADYSMITH NEWS	21685	WHEAP AD	01/08/2026	232.70	250-53-54906-001 HHS-LIHEAP WX OPERATIO
LADYSMITH NEWS	21695	WHEAP AD	01/08/2026	252.10	250-53-54904-001 LIHEAP-PUB BEN OP LIHEAP
LADYSMITH POSTMASTER	002467	POSTAGE FOR EVNIRON HLTH	01/30/2026	10.48	250-01-54101-311 HHS-PH-POSTAGE
LEIBEL-CEGLER, SARAH	SC-JAN26	SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	01/31/2026	326.25	250-09-53550-216 HHS-PH B23-CONTRACTED
LEIBEL-CEGLER, SARAH	SC-JAN26	SERVICE COORDINATION	01/31/2026	6,548.75	250-09-53550-216 HHS-PH B23-CONTRACTED
MARATHON COUNTY	024978	SERVICE OF PROCESS	02/12/2026	85.00	250-13-51330-210 HHS-C/S-SERVICE OF PROC
MARSHFIELD CLINIC HEALTH SYSTE	1565-7665-247	EMERGENCY FUND PMT	10/19/2025	200.00	250-55-54119-000 VETS DONATIONS-DISASTE
MILLER, CYNTHIA	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
MT OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARK	3091190	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-LODGING	12/29/2025	114.99	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
NACVSO INC	16375	2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES	10/31/2025	50.00	250-47-54701-339 HHS-VSO-CONVENTION & D
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WE	MHFA168623	PHHS GRANT-BLENDED SEATS - ADULT OR YOUTH MHFA	01/09/2026	598.75	250-01-54101-240 HHS-PH-INSURANCE CLAIM
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	202387	TRANSCRIPT REVIEW	02/11/2026	50.00	250-87-54114-337 HHS-PH-FAS-CONT ED
NOLAN, LISA	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	768.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
NORTHWEST CONNECTION FAMILY R	NCFR0201202	CHILD CARE CERTIFICATION	02/01/2026	145.66	250-62-58310-000 HHS-CHILD CARE-DIRECT C
NTERA	20120455	CLIENT BENEFIT - INTERNET	01/01/2026	54.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
NTERA	20122307	CLIENT BENEFIT - INTERNET	02/01/2026	54.99	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	400637253600	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	12/26/2025	67.68	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	400637260090	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/09/2026	75.72	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
R&S NORTHEAST LLC	577261	BIRTH CONTROL	01/07/2026	1,035.65	250-05-54106-347 HHS-PH REPR-MEDICAL SU
R&S NORTHEAST LLC	577735	BIRTH CONTROL	01/08/2026	3,961.42	250-05-54106-347 HHS-PH REPR-MEDICAL SU
R&S NORTHEAST LLC	578379	BIRTH CONTROL	01/12/2026	240.50	250-05-54106-347 HHS-PH REPR-MEDICAL SU
RODRIGUEZ, ROSA	RR01222026	WIC INTERPERATION	01/22/2026	35.00	250-04-54109-216 HHS-PH-WIC-CONTRACTED
RODRIGUEZ, ROSA	RR01222026	PH INTERPERATION	01/22/2026	26.25	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
RODRIGUEZ, ROSA	RR020226	PH INTERPERATION	02/02/2026	122.50	250-01-54101-347 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
RUSK COUNTY PHARMACY	113159	PER KAYLEE, EPI PENS	01/27/2026	425.00	250-01-54101-347 HHS-PH-MEDICAL SUPPLIES
RUSK COUNTY PHARMACY	113623	TUBERSOLE	02/05/2026	205.00	250-01-54101-347 HHS-PH-MEDICAL SUPPLIES
RUSK COUNTY TRANSIT COMMISSIO	14706	VA TRANSPORTATION	01/31/2026	230.00	250-47-54701-280 HHS-VSO-SUBSIDIZED TRA
SANKO, MELISSA	SM 020126RE	CLIENT BENEFIT - GUITAR LESSONS	02/01/2026	32.00	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
SANKO, MELISSA	SM 030126	CLIENT BENEFIT - GUITAR LESSONS	03/01/2026	80.00	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
SAWYER COUNTY	02122026	CONTRACTED SERVICE	02/12/2026	75.00	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
SAWYER COUNTY	02122026-2	CONTRACTED SERVICE	02/12/2026	641.94	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
SCHILLING SUPPLY CO INC	1034853-00	SUPPLIES FOR CENTER	01/07/2026	205.45	250-44-54602-348 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-SUP
SCHILLING SUPPLY CO INC	1036537-00	SUPPLIES FOR CENTER	01/21/2026	267.27	250-44-54602-348 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-SUP
SKATE CITY	#3NY	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-SKATE SESSION GIFT CARD	01/22/2026	50.00	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP
SKATE CITY	#PHDV	CCOP CLIENT BENEFIT-SKATE SESSION GIFT CARD	01/22/2026	75.00	250-03-53377-000 HHS-CHILDRENS COP

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SKATE CITY	#PHDV DUP	DUPLICATE CHARGE ERROR	01/22/2026	75.00	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
SKATE CITY	#PHDVCR	REFUND DUPLICATE CHARGE	01/23/2026	75.00-	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
SOUTHPAW ENTERPRISES	22045967	CLIENT BENEFIT- THERAPY MOON SWING	01/15/2026	322.62	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIE	INV-DF-USA-6	STARLINK SUBSCRIPTION - 2026-01	01/05/2026	39.60	250-89-54609-225 HHS-ADRC-COMMUNICATIO
SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIE	INV-DF-USA-6	STARLINK SUBSCRIPTION - 2026 - 02	02/05/2026	39.60	250-89-54609-225 HHS-ADRC-COMMUNICATIO
STAFFWORKS GROUP	17678126	HOME CARE	02/06/2026	56.00	250-99-54611-216 HHS-SS FAM CARE-CONTRA
STAFFWORKS GROUP	17678667	HOME CARE	02/13/2026	56.00	250-99-54611-216 HHS-SS FAM CARE-CONTRA
STERICYCLE INC	8012879370	BIO HAZZARD WASTE DISPOSAL-IMM	12/18/2025	24.85	250-86-54113-216 IMMUNIZATION-CONTRACT
STERICYCLE INC	8012879370	BIO HAZZARD WASTE DISPOSAL-PH	12/18/2025	24.85	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
STERICYCLE INC	8012879370	BIO HAZZARD WASTE DISPOSAL-LD	12/18/2025	24.85	250-04-54109-216 HHS-PH WIC-CONTRACTE
STERICYCLE INC	8012879370	BIO HAZZARD WASTE DISPOSAL-RH	12/18/2025	24.85	250-05-54106-216 HHS-PH REPR-CONTRACTE
STREAMLINE SOUND, INC	082307	NFCSP - PASS X 12 @ 5.00 TICKETS FOR 3 MONTHS	01/07/2026	60.00	250-99-54611-348 HHS-SS FAM CARE- SUPPLI
SUNLIGHT ASSISTED LIVING LLC	1430	MONTHLY ROOM & BOARD	01/31/2026	5,425.00	250-54-53516-000 HHS-ADULT SERV-COMM M
SURVEYMONKEY	47400118	CHARGE THAT WILL BE CREDITED	02/02/2026	493.74	250-13104 HHS-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
SURVEYMONKEY	47415121	PH INFRAS SUBSCRIPTION 3/19/26-03/18/27 2027	02/10/2026	96.48	250-16200 HHS-PREPAID
SURVEYMONKEY	47415121	PH INFRAS SUBSCRIPTION 3/19/26-03/18/27 2026	02/10/2026	371.52	250-01-54101-216 HHS-PH-CONTRACTED SER
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	518220203	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/29/2026	1,740.34	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	518220203	SUPPLIES FOR THE CENTER	01/29/2026	12.80	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-SUP
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	518230805	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/05/2026	2,092.64	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	518239179	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/12/2026	2,071.91	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
SYSCO BARABOO, LLC	518247694	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	02/19/2026	1,899.14	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
TAFT, MARK	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
TIMMERS, HEATHER	2414	JAN FOSTER CARE	02/02/2026	710.00	250-61-53230-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-SUBSTIT
UNIVERSITY OF WI SYSTEM	CIV-00036215	WCWPD5 TRAINING	11/11/2025	200.00	250-61-54561-339 HHS-CHILD & FAM-TRAININ
UNIVERSITY OF WI SYSTEM	CIV-00041400	WCWPD5 TRAININGS	11/26/2025	310.00	250-61-54561-339 HHS-CHILD & FAM-TRAININ
UTKE, SANDRA	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	768.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
VERIZON WIRELESS	489572239	CLIENT BENEFIT - INTERNET	01/01/2026	45.00	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
VERIZON WIRELESS	4907941276	CLIENT BENEFIT-INTERNET SERVICE	02/01/2026	45.00	250-03-53385-000 HHS-CHILDRENS WAIVER/F
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	41.22	250-01-54101-225 HHS-PH-TELEPHONE
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	222.70	250-06-54108-225 HHS-CCS-TELEPHONE
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	270.33	250-61-54561-225 HHS-CHILD & FAM-COMMUN
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	45.55	250-95-51650-231 HSS-SS CTRS-HAWKINS
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	81.08	250-03-54102-225 HHS-CLTS-TELEPHONE
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	40.54	250-63-51515-225 HHS-CST COMMUNICATION
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	27.64	250-05-54106-225 HHS-PH REPR-TELEPHONE
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	41.22	250-54-54561-225 HHS-BCA COMMUNICATION
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	40.54	250-91-54607-225 HHS-SS-SM-COMMUNICATIO
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	45.54	250-01-54561-225 HHS-CHILD & FAM-COMMUN
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	127.30	250-04-54109-225 HHS-CHILD & FAM-TELEPHONE
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	40.54	250-53-54906-002 HHS-LIHEAP-WX OPERATIO
VERIZON WIRELESS	6132745210	12/05/25-01/04/26, ACCT 983216421-00001, MTHLY CHRGS 61327	01/04/2026	127.30	250-89-54609-225 HHS-ADRC-COMMUNICATIO

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WALMART	009645	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/07/2026	2.30	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
WALMART	033462	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/28/2026	37.80	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
WALMART	054959	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/27/2026	13.09	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
WALMART	067798	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/14/2026	20.94	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
WALMART	075466	SUPPLIES FOR WIC	02/05/2026	10.95	250-04-54109-349 HHS-PH WIC-SUPPLIES & E
WALMART	076118	RAW FOOD	01/22/2026	13.31	250-04-54109-349 HHS-PH WIC-SUPPLIES & E
WALMART	077816	RAW FOOD FOR CENTER	01/08/2026	27.12	250-44-54602-344 HHS-JAIL MEAL CLEAR-FOO
WALMART	20000143-185	BABY TREND NURSERY CENTER PLAYARD MCH MATCH	02/10/2026	350.00	250-63-54118-349 HHS-MCH-OTHER SUPPLIES
WALMART	2000139-7610	3CAR SEATS	01/08/2026	297.00	250-01-54101-240 HHS-PH-INSURANCE CLAIM
WARLITNER, TIFFANY	2414	JAN KINSHIP CARE	02/02/2026	384.00	250-61-53770-000 HHS-CHILD & FAM-KINSHIP
WCSEA	2026MEMBER	CARLA, RICH ANNUAL2026 WCSEA DUES	01/27/2026	100.00	250-13-51330-339 HHS-C/S-CONTIN EDUCATIO
WEBER SCIENTIFIC	50307022	PH WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	01/19/2026	739.55	250-82-54110-349 HHS-PH-DNR-OTHER SUPPL
WEBER SCIENTIFIC	50307195	PH WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	01/21/2026	525.88	250-82-54110-349 HHS-PH-DNR-OTHER SUPPL
WEBER SCIENTIFIC	50308497	PH WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	01/29/2026	269.51	250-87-54114-349 HHS-PH-FAS-OTHER SUPPLI
WHOVA	WHV-3L7U8G9	AMBER ANNUAL CONF REGISTRATION	01/15/2026	298.34	250-04-54109-339 HHS-PH WIC-CONTINUING E
WI COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ASSO	02102026	WCHSA DUES 2026	02/10/2026	500.00	250-44-50021-000 HHS-OVERHEAD CLEARING
WI DEPT OF HEALTH & FAMILY SERVI	435-000014991	2025 FAMILY CARE CONTRIBUTION	02/18/2026	181,078.45	250-54-54561-216 HHS-SERV-CONTRACTED S
WI DEPT OF HEALTH & FAMILY SERVI	435-000014991	2026 FAMILY CARE CONTRIBUTION	02/18/2026	60,359.49	250-54-54561-216 HHS-SERV-CONTRACTED S
WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	BY7MKVBG	BACKGROUND CHECK - C&F	01/14/2026	30.00	250-61-54561-216 HHS-CHILD & FAM-CONTRA
WI DEPT OF JUSTICE	UH261PSF	BACKGROUND CHECK - C&F	01/09/2026	30.00	250-61-54561-216 HHS-CHILD & FAM-CONTRA

Grand Totals:

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We, the undersigned committee, have reviewed and approve the attached list of invoices and purchasing card statement(s).

Phil Schneider- Chair

Date

Lois Goode - Vice Chair

Mary Schneider-Community Member

John Moore

John Ziemer-Community Member

Tom Hanson

Mark Schmitt - Community Member

Lisa Wicik - Community Member

RUSK COUNTY BUDGET REPORT
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PERIOD: January - December 2025

Dept: Ashley Nelson, HHS Director

HHS & SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 250

Category	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 YTD Total	Year-End Projected	Budget vs. Projected
Levy	622,053	853,635	1,538,417	1,538,417	1,538,417	-
Grants	2,839,876	3,388,314	3,061,545	2,824,034	3,235,279	⊗ 173,734
Public Charges for Services	259,300	291,239	228,240	444,053	445,008	⊗ 216,768
Local Government Charges	504,143	508,981	571,717	349,387	394,988	⊗ (176,729)
MHI Charges	(150,505)	(154,279)	(100,000)	(514,596)	(476,326)	⊗ (376,326)
Misc Revenue	24,744	21,030	22,050	20,137	20,137	⊗ (1,913)
Donations	29,005	20,383	17,450	15,260	15,260	⊗ (2,190)
Inkind	60,668	72,581	-	-	-	-
County Billable Services	697,164	705,920	684,936	689,496	689,496	⊗ 4,560
Opioid Interest	5,042	11,793	-	13,086	13,086	⊗ 13,086
Opioid Settlement	19,558	118,415	-	44,503	44,503	⊗ 44,503
S85.21 Trust	-	2,806	-	1,296	1,296	⊗ 1,296
Sale of Asset	915	590	-	-	-	-
Fund Transfers	570,675	504,457	395,678	-	-	⊗ (395,678)
Total Revenue	5,482,637	6,345,864	6,420,033	5,425,074	5,921,146	⊗ (498,887)
Wages & Benefits	2,820,088	3,024,087	3,457,359	3,125,185	3,125,185	⊗ (332,174)
Contractual Services	1,138,986	1,475,159	1,325,674	1,246,509	1,246,509	⊗ (79,165)
Operating Expense	371,990	392,450	412,575	370,346	370,346	⊗ (42,229)
Program Expense	451,661	735,841	830,293	596,915	596,915	⊗ (233,378)
Indirect Cost	219,817	218,894	257,727	276,145	276,145	⊗ 18,418
Capital Outlay	19,107	-	-	-	-	-
Inkind	60,668	72,581	-	-	-	-
Donations Expense	2,631	771	400	33	33	⊗ (367)
Fund Transfers	361,819	361,105	136,005	-	-	⊗ (136,005)
Total Expenditures	5,446,768	6,280,889	6,420,033	5,615,131	5,615,131	⊗ (804,902)
Net	35,870	64,975	-	(190,057)	306,014	⊗ 306,014

REVENUE	Budget vs. Projected	Reason For Concern & Corrective Action
Grants	-	
Public Charges for Services	-	
Local Government Charges	Concern	CCS program services is based on actual expenditures including staff time. CCS currently has reduction in wages because of a vacancy/staff turnover and credential; thus decreasing the CCS reimbursement from the Lead CCS County (Chippewa County).
MHI Charges	Concern	Based on placements at high cost. Winnebago processed a payment of \$105,224 which will decrease the actuals to \$476,326.
Misc Revenue	Concern	
Donations	Concern	
Inkind	-	
County Billable Services	-	
Opioid Interest	-	
Opioid Settlement	-	
S85.21 Trust	-	
Sale of Asset	-	
Fund Transfers	Concern	Year end reconciliation for fund transfer.

EXPENDITURES	Budget vs. Projected	Reason For Concern & Corrective Action
Wages & Benefits	-	
Contractual Services	-	
Operating Expense	-	
Program Expense	-	
Indirect Cost	Concern	Indirect cost (i.e., IT, Admin, Facilities, Corp Counsel, etc.). As a cost towards doing business is based on direct hours spent on programs.
Capital Outlay	-	
Inkind	-	
Donations Expense	-	
Fund Transfers	-	

Department Head's Signature Ashley Nelson Date: 3/4/2026

Oversight Chair's Signature _____ Date: _____

Finance Chair's Signature _____ Date: _____

This monthly budget report is to be sent to the Clerk's Office/Agenda Preparer for inclusion in the packet provided to the Oversight Committee and the Finance Committee.
Full approved and executed report is to be kept filed with the Finance Director.
Please refer to the Financial Procedures Manual, Chapter 6 for the full policy regarding monthly department budget reports.



February 23, 2026

Ashley Nelson
Rusk County
311 East Miner Avenue
Suite C240
Ladysmith, WI 54848

Dear Ashley,

The Department of Children and Families wants to recognize your agency's successful efforts at completing and documenting caseworker contacts for children in out-of-home care. The efforts of your staff have directly contributed to Wisconsin exceeding the federal requirement that at least 95% of children in out-of-home care have face-to-face contact with a caseworker at least once a month.

As one of the highest performing counties statewide, Rusk County demonstrated the exceptional performance of 99.37% for FFY 2025.

As you know, research indicates that regular face-to-face contacts with children by the caseworker are essential to meeting the safety and permanency goals established in the case plan and achieving positive outcomes for children and families. The federal requirement to document contacts with children is based upon the importance of caseworker contacts with children to ensure the safety and well-being of children while in out-of-home placement. Staying current with case documentation also keeps the eWISACWIS case record up to date when information is needed about the case.

The Department of Children and Families thanks your child welfare staff for their ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of some of the most vulnerable children in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Elliot".

John Elliot, Administrator
Division of Safety and Permanence

CC: Rich Green



Rusk County DHHS 2025 Annual Report

Ashley Nelson, CSW | Executive Director | 01/06/2025

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Mission

The mission of the Rusk County Department of Health & Human Services is to enhance the health and well-being of all county residents through assurance and/or provision of an array of programs, services and education that enable individuals, families and communities to improve their quality of life.

Message from The Director

The 2025 Rusk County Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Report shows the path of a year of hard work, dedication, and resilience. With plenty of ups and downs and lots of uncertainty across the board; our HHS team continued their efforts to promote and support safety, health, and well-being for our residents. Our team has demonstrated we operate with empathy, kindness, patience, and best-practice standards.

With multiple programs in 2025 being halted, including WIC and SNAP benefits, our team continued to provide customer service and run the programs to the best of their abilities through the uncertainty. Operating with transparency during funding freezes and trying to answer questions when there aren't really any answers is a testament to our wonderful team that keeps showing up day after day.

The year came with a lot of turnover; putting the burden on existing staff to bridge the gaps. It is hard to provide great customer service with a revolving door of staff. Overcoming the barriers has been difficult, however, we all continue to strive to provide high-quality service to each individual that comes to HHS. Overall, we had 13 employees leave HHS in 2025. We have 20 part-time staff and 37 full-time staff totaling 57 employees, with 5 vacancies at the end of the year.

I feel very fortunate to have the team that we have in HHS. A team that is dedicated to serving our community and doing what is right, not what is easy. Overall HHS has over 46 programs and services we provide to our community and have served over 2,200 people in some capacity last year.

In conclusion, I would like to express how thankful I am to the HHS Committee and the Rusk County Board of Supervisors for their continued support of Health and Human Services staff and programs, and showing their commitment in helping us work towards a healthier, safer, and better-connected community for us all.

Ashley Nelson, CSW

HHS Committee Members

Phil Schneider- Chair

Lois Goode- Vice-Chair

John Moore

Tom Hanson

Current vacancy

Citizen Members

Mark Schmitt

John Ziemer

Mary Schneider

Lisa Wicik

The Rusk County HHS Committee consists of 5 County Board members and 4 Citizen members. We thank our board for their dedication and their support of our Department and the residents of Rusk County.

Years of Service

Mikayla Riel- Economic Support Specialist	1
Heather Morrisey- Children and Family Social Service Worker	1
Sabrina Cynor- Comprehensive Community Services Facilitator	1
Heather Wallace- Children and Family Social Service Worker	1
Danielle Bedford- Health and Human Services Clerk III	1
Bailey Engelstad- Children and Family Services Social Worker	1
Brittany Pasanen- Children's Long-Term Support Case Manager	1
Tami Inman-Stoker- Veteran Services Officer	1
Talhia Lueck- Registered Nurse	2
Kaylee Bugbee- Public Health Officer/ Public Health Supervisor	2
Patricia Reynolds- Comprehensive Community Services Facilitator	3
Kimberleigh Newton- Comprehensive Community Services Facilitator	3
Geri Leisch- Health and Human Services Clerk III	3
Tiffany Johnson- Economic Support Specialist	3
Carla Murray- Child Support Specialist	3
Heather Anders- Economic Support Supervisor	6
Kayla Olmstead- WIC Director	6
Alisha Granica- Adult Protective Services worker	6
Cheyenne Makinia- CST and Out of Home Care Coordinator	6

Rich Green- Children and Family Services Supervisor	7
Brenda Lane- Economic Support Specialist	7
Chris Soltis- Adult Services/ Behavioral Health Supervisor	8
Ronda Gulich- Health and Human Services Clerk	8
Kay Whittenberger- Aging and Disability Resource Center Clerk	10
Ashley Nelson- Executive Director	11
Bethany Julien- Adult Services Social Worker	11
Kathy Walthers- Aging and Disability Resource Center Supervisor	12
Amber Feira- Competent Professional Authority (WIC)	12
Angela Harvey- Information and Assistance Specialist	12
Michele Kinney- Children's Long-Term Support Case Manager	13
Amanda Weinert- Registered Nurse	17
Carla Closs- Child Support and Support Staff Supervisor	21
Lora Wimer- Finance Accountant II	24
Janice Zimmer- Child Support Specialist- Lead Worker	35

Staff we welcomed in 2025:

Cody Panozzo- Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

Alyssa Brookshaw- Children's Long-Term Support Case Manager

Sally Hunter- Economic Support Specialist

Kristina Howard- Comprehensive Community Services Facilitator

Rebecka Erikson- Environmental Health Specialist

Years of Service in Senior Services

Site managers, cooks, drivers, subs

Karla Kesan- Senior Services	2
Marie Bentley- Senior Services	2
Kelli Grotzinger- Senior Services	4
Gregory Schultz- Senior Services	3
Jacquelyne Nitek- Senior Services	6
Janet Kennedy- Senior Services	6
Jill Baker- Senior Services	6
Timothy Farley- Senior Services	11
Jolee Nitek- Senior Services	3
Laura Papiernik- Senior Services	6
Joan Campbell- Senior Services	4
Michael Kuchta- Senior Services	3
Ruth Bentley- Senior Services	6
Tanya Gryga- Senior Services	1
Louis Franzen- Senior Services	9
Michal Mendleski- Senior Services	11
Donald Matazynski- Senior Services	9
Lillian Davis- Senior Services	11

Financial Summary

Overall, funding primarily relied on state and federal aid, supplemented by county levy funds. This has allowed the Department to fulfill its mandated service obligations and offer valuable programs to our county residents.

DHHS total 2025 Budget- \$6,212,202

Budget by Dept.

Adult Services- \$1,994,997- projected levy \$319,068

ADRC- \$485,393- projected levy \$77,029

Senior Services- \$586,161- projected levy \$327,558

Child Support- \$293,670- projected levy \$45,427

Children and Family Services- \$1,406,681- projected levy \$319,068

Economic Support- \$530,605- projected levy \$99,911

Public Health- \$815,808- projected levy \$221,522

Veterans Services- \$98,886- projected levy \$86,198

2025 GRAND TOTAL LEVY request= \$1,625,815

How we finished 2025

Budget by Dept.-

Adult Services- ~~\$134,552~~

Aging and Nutrition (ADRC)- \$136,266

Child Support- ~~\$290.00~~

Children and Family Services- \$321,282

Economic Support- ~~\$2840~~

Public Health- ~~\$13,393~~

Veteran Services- \$8,423

HHS as a whole = \$306,014

High-cost placements at Winnebago Mental Health Institute was the driving factor in Adult Services ending the year over-budget.

(Final figures may change as fiscal closeouts/ reimbursements are finalized)

Adult Services

Overview of Programs

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)- CCS is a voluntary program that is available for both adults and children. This program is designed to assist those who wish to work on their mental health and/or substance abuse needs. This program is recovery focused and assists individuals design a plan that fits their needs and wants to help them on their recovery journey. To be eligible, individuals must have Medical Assistance and be determined functionally eligible through a Functional Screen.

Adult Protective Services (APS)- APS investigates allegations of abuse to adults or elderly adults at risk. Results of investigations could result in interventions like Guardianship and Protective Placement.

Community Support Program (CSP)- Rusk County Community Support Program is a community-based outreach program for adults who are severely and persistently mentally ill. This program includes a wide range of services designed to maintain individuals with serious mental health problems in the community. Services include assistance with daily living skills, group therapy, work adjustment, social/recreational opportunities, and education regarding mental illness and substance abuse. Evidence-based best practices are utilized that enables an individual to learn strategies to manage their mental health issues and make progress toward recovery. Core values in recovery emphasize the use of personal choice, hope, collaboration, and respect of the person being the expert in their own experiences.

Case Management- Adult Services staff meet regularly with individuals both voluntarily and on a court-ordered basis to support the client's individual needs to assist them in their recovery.

Crisis Services- The Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services provides a State-certified emergency response system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crisis means something different to different people, however, please call if you or another person are in crisis and need assistance.

Adult Services Team

Chris Soltis- Adult Services Supervisor

Bethany Julien- Social Worker

Alisha Granica- Social Service Worker

Kim Newton- CCS Facilitator

Patty Reynolds- CCS Facilitator

Sabrina Cynor- CCS Facilitator

Kristina Howard- CCS Facilitator

Adult Services Highlights

61 Crisis Assessments

24 office hours

37 after-hour

43- Adult 18- Children

21- Male

40-Female

27- Community-Based Safety Plans

21- Emergency Detentions

3-Voluntary Hospitalizations

3-Emergency Detention Transfers

3- Jail Safety Plans

2- Medical Transfer

21- Ladysmith PD

39- RCSO

1-MMC

Aurora Crisis line- 15 calls for Rusk County residents

Northwest Connections- 17 crisis calls for Rusk County residents

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) active participants- 38

Open County Commitments- 10

Community Support Program (CSP)- 15 participants

Adult Protective Referrals- 96

Emergency Protective Placements-4

New Guardianships/ Protective Placements-4

Individuals under Protective Placement- 27, (19 residing out of county)

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Program overview

Nutrition Programs

Meals on Wheels- Qualified individuals who are homebound age 60 and older may be able to get a meal delivered to their home. This is available on both a short-term and long-term basis to help individuals stay independent. To see if you qualify, call 715-532-2176. **This program has a suggested donation amount.**

Nutrition supplement drink program- Senior Services/ ADRC has nutrition supplements available at a discounted price. If your doctor recommends nutritional supplements, we have them available at the agency in chocolate and vanilla. We carry Ensure and Ensure Plus, we sell these at cost- \$23.00 or \$25.00 per case.

Commodity Supplemental Program- Qualified individuals can receive a box of commodity foods each month. Each box contains cheese, peanut butter, juice, pasta, protein, canned vegetables, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, dry milk, and cereal. Call 715-532-2176 to see if you qualify.

Senior Dining- There are four senior dining sites in Rusk County; Ladysmith, Bruce, Sheldon, and Hawkins. Reservations are needed by 12:30 p.m. the day before the meal. Please call 715-532-2176 to reach the ADRC for more information regarding reservations, meal dates and times. Typical meal times at the sites are 11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. **This program has a suggested donation amount.**

Dining at 5- Dining at 5 is a sit-down dinner once a month hosted at the Ladysmith Senior Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 715-532-2176. **This program has a suggested donation amount.**

Ageing and Disability Resource Staff can assist with the following:

- **Applying for Disability**
- **Counseling on Medicare and other optional insurances**
- **Screening, Counseling and Application assistance for Public and Private benefits (FoodShare, SeniorCare, Medicaid, Social Security, Social Security Insurance (SSI), Homestead Tax Credits)**
- **Locating information and resources**
- **Help you explore your options**
- **Help connect you to services**
- **Short-term and long-term care**
- **Enrolling into long-term care programs like Iris or Family Care**
- **Healthy Living Programs**
- **Fall Prevention workshops**
- **Locating transportation**
- **Locating in-home assistance/ providers**
- **Caregiver support and programs**
- **Home safety modifications and adaptive equipment**
- **Housing, including senior and low-income housing options**

Memory Screens- Our agency has trained staff to conduct memory screens at your request. These can happen at the office or in your home. A referral to your doctor will be made for a medical follow-up if deemed necessary.

Loan Closet- Our ADRC has an equipment loan closet. Some of the items available are canes, walkers, bath chairs, etc. Equipment is limited.

Meet the ADRC team

Kathy Walthers- ADRC Supervisor

Angie Harvey- Information and Assistance Specialist

Madison Read- Information and Assistance Specialist

Kay Whittenberger- Clerk III

Disability Benefit Specialist-vacant

Elder Benefit Specialist- Vacant

ADRC Highlights

- 18,196 home-delivered meals
- 7,010 meals at the Congregate sites
- Total meals served was 25,206
- Elder Benefit Specialist assisted 354 individuals
- Disability Benefit Specialist assisted 149 individuals
- I & A Specialists served 405 individuals.
- Adult Long-Term Care functional screens completed- at least 66
- Adult Long-Term Care enrollments, disenrollment and transfers- at least 77
- Health Promotions Provided-Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less, Living Well with Chronic Conditions & Stepping On
- Participants in the Health Promotions for 24-25= 20 and 231 hours of service from Oct. 1, 2024 through Sept. 30, 2025
- Independence Your Way event
- Participated in Advocacy Day

Varying vacancies in our ADRC throughout 2025 has impacted service delivery.

Children and Family Services

Overview of Programs

The Children and Family Services staff are here to support kids, teens and families when they want or need it. Some key issues this unit addresses are: abuse and/or neglect, truancy, behavioral challenges, mental health, or when a child's needs are more than the family is able to meet. The goal is to protect children, strengthen families and try to prevent further agency involvement by offering services, support, and resources, rather than being punitive.

Child Protective Services- CPS is a process that starts at Access. Access is the point where a child protection concern is reported to an agency worker. This worker listens, gathers information, and works with their team and supervisor to determine an appropriate response based on Child Welfare Standards and WI Chapter 48 State Statutes. If appropriate, the report is screened in or out. If screened in, the case is opened up for an investigation, an Initial Assessment. Throughout the Initial Assessment process, the initial report is looked into, the worker meets with the children, parents, and other relevant parties including teachers, law enforcement, medical professionals, etc. A determination is found at the conclusion on whether abuse or neglect occurred; who, if anyone, caused it and if court intervention is necessary.

Youth Justice- A youth who has violated a law can be referred to Children and Family Services. Intake Workers assess each referral received from Law Enforcement and work with the youth and family to find solutions that hold youth accountable and keep the community safe. Court intervention could be an outcome.

Coordinated Services Teams (CST)- A wraparound program that helps youth with complex behavioral health needs. The team is selected by the consumer and can contain family members, service providers, and natural supports; all working towards that child being successful with reaching their identified goals.

Kinship Care- allows children to stay with relatives or like-kin individuals either voluntarily or court-ordered.

Foster Care- provides licensed caregivers to care for children who are in out-of-home care when Kinship Care isn't an option.

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)- The purpose of this voluntary program is to help families support children with severe disabilities within their home. The CLTS Waivers are funded through Medicaid and local government funding. This program is available to children and youth under the age of 22, who are determined eligible through the functional screen.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)- CCS is a voluntary program that is available for both adults and children. This program is designed to assist those who wish to work on their mental health and/or substance abuse needs.

Children and Family Services Team

Rich Green- Children and Family Services Supervisor

Bailey Engelstad- Social Worker

Cheyenne Makinia- Social Service Worker

Heather Morrisey- Social Service Worker

Heather Wallace- Social Service Worker

Alli Hansen- Social Service Worker

Michele Kinney- CLTS Service and Support Coordinator

Brittany Pasanen- CLTS Service and Support Coordinator

Alyssa Brookshaw- CLTS Service and Support Coordinator

CLTS Service and Support Coordinator- vacant

Children and Family Services Highlights

In 2025 the unit received 213 Child Protection reports. Of these reports; 28 were screened in for Initial Assessments and investigated based on WI Statute 48. The agency received 69 Child Welfare Services reports, screening in 58 Services reports in 2025 to offer services, resources and support.

Through collaboration with families, service providers, and case managers, there were multiple children who were able to go from high-level placements to community-based placements with relatives with a high success rate. This allowed children to stay in our community with family.

30 Youth Justice referrals. 10 Truancy and 20 Delinquency.

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) enrollment- 99 CLTS only participants and 27 children receiving both CLTS and CCS services; totaling 126 children being provided services and supports. The program continuously receives new referrals and screens are done in accordance with CLTS timelines and standards. 35 screens were completed in 2025, only 2 children were determined to not be functionally eligible. Staff worked with the families to explore other service options.

Assistance with Christmas- 34 families were served which helped 82 kids. This included assistance from 3 community organizations, 4 businesses that collected toys, and numerous community donors. Families who came in received information on Energy Assistance, Food Share, CLTS/CCS services, ICAA services, food pantry information, library programs, RRYP, and ADRC services.

Children and Family Services hosted prevention events throughout the year, 1 included an all-county staff event for "Hidden in Plain Sight." The staff go into the schools and community to host an Escape the Vape prevention activity and OWI prevention activities. Flambeau has incorporated this into their health education class in partnership with this agency.

Children and Family Services also participated in many community events through-out the year to promote County resources and services, including Mandated Reporter training for local schools.

Rusk County CFS exceeded the DCF benchmark of 95% for 2025 for out of home care face-to-face contacts and documentation. Per the letter from DCF- Rusk County demonstrated exceptional performance finishing with 99.37%.

Child Support

Rusk County Child Support assists families to provide adequate financial and medical support for their children by delivering timely, cost-effective services consistent with Federal, State and local policies.

Services provided:

- Enforce child, family, and medical support orders**
- Establish child and medical support orders**
- Establish paternity**
- Locate parents who are absent from the home**
- Modify and/ or review existing child support orders**
- Interstate Enforcement**

Child Support team

Carla Closs- Child Support and Support Staff Supervisor

Janice Zimmer- Child Support Specialist- Lead Worker

Carla Murray- Child Support Specialist

Child Support Highlights

- In September 2025, we received our Certificate of Excellence for FFY 2024 (October 2023-September 2024). This was received due to Rusk County Child Support Agency meeting/exceeding all 4 Federal Performance Incentives. Rusk County was 1 of 20 counties statewide to receive this award.
- January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; the Rusk County Child Support Agency collected \$1,753,252.28 through administrative enforcement. This includes tax intercept monies.
- All Paid collections January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; equaling \$72,475.43, 252 transactions.
- Child Support case count as of December 31, 2025; 1,053 total cases. 771 IVD cases, 282 NIVD cases.

Economic Support

The Economic Support Department provides the following services:

Rusk County Economic Support is part of a multi-county consortium. Eligibility and benefits are determined by the Economic Support Workers through the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. Services provided through the Consortium are: BadgerCare, Medicaid, Food Share, Child Care Subsidy, and Caretaker Supplement.

FoodShare- FoodShare Wisconsin helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health. FoodShare helps individuals with low-income, live on a small or fixed income, are retired, have lost their jobs or who are not able to work due to being disabled. This has income-based eligibility.

Medical Assistance and Medicaid- Wisconsin's ForwardHealth Medicaid provides health coverage for individuals who are elderly, blind, or disabled with a family income at or below the monthly program limit. BadgerCare provides affordable health care coverage to qualified children, adults and pregnant women.

Child Care Subsidy Program- The Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial child care assistance to low-income parents who are working or preparing to enter the workforce.

Caretaker Supplement (CTS)- Wisconsin's Caretaker Supplement is a cash benefit for parents who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments and who meet the program rules.

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)- The Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources provides services to Wisconsin qualified residential households with energy assistance and weatherization needs. Call 715-532-2299 for assistance.

Rusk County can also assist individuals with uploading necessary documents into their Consortia case upon request as a Central Data Processing Unit (CDPU).

Child Care Certification- Rusk County contracts with a local agency to provide Child Care Certification for interested parties.

Economic Support team

Heather Anders- Economic Support Supervisor

Brenda Lane- Economic Support Specialist

Tiffany Johnson- Economic Support Specialist

Mikayla Riel- Economic Support Specialist

Sally Hunter- Economic Support Specialist

2025 Economic Support Year in review:

- Staffing- Rusk County had a worker to replace and the Northern Consortium had multiple new workers and have been short staffed most of the year.
- Countless policy changes due to state and federal requirements, including certain Medicaid members paying for medical insurance (MAPP) and also implementing various work requirements for MAPP and FoodShare.
- The Federal Shutdown that occurred in latter part of 2025 really impacted service delivery through an increase of confused callers. Staff also had to navigate significant policy changes and work-arounds to properly and accurately confirm benefits.
- Forest County is no longer part of the Northern Consortium effective 1/1/2026, making the Northern Consortium now consisting of 11 counties.
- Fraud issues in other states are causing Federal review of all programs. The Northern Consortium is happily prepared to send in any verification and comply with transparency needs to uphold program integrity.
- The consortium had an average monthly FoodShare (SNAP) caseload of 15,841 cases, serving a total of 28,473 recipients. In Rusk County, the average was 1,271 cases with 2,303 recipients.
- For Medicaid, the consortium averaged a monthly caseload of 37,195 cases, which included 58,954 recipients. Rusk County's average Medicaid caseload was 2,931 cases, serving 4,642 recipients.

- The consortium handled an average of 7,379 calls each month, achieving a response rate of 95.96%, often ranking as the top-performing consortium in the state.
- The consortium surpassed state and federal requirements for the timeliness of benefit applications and renewals, reaching nearly 99% for both FoodShare and Medicaid.
- **WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WHEAP):** Rusk County- 2026 Heating Season started Oct 1, 2025: 685 members assisted totaling \$365,093. There have been 24 members assisted with furnace replacements or repairs totaling \$69,341.

2026 Economic Support Changes/Concerns:

The Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) has significantly altered the funding sources for FoodShare. Previously, the funding for FoodShare administration was split evenly, with 50% coming from federal dollars and 50% from state dollars. However, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2026, this allocation will change to 25% federal funding and 75% state funding. Additionally, the funding sources will be determined based on the state's FoodShare error rates from the previous year. This error rate will be calculated for the entire state and its tribes, rather than on a county or consortium basis. If the error rate, as assessed by federal reviewers, falls below 6%, agencies will be required to contribute to the FoodShare allocation amounts. Currently, the state is below 6%, and the Northern Consortium stands at under 4%, which gives us reason for optimism that this will not adversely affect Wisconsinites too much. To minimize FoodShare errors, the Northern Consortium has implemented robust quality assurance tools to pre-screen and review FoodShare cases.

For 2026, the Northern Consortium will use contingency funds to address this funding shortfall and ensure that all counties within the consortium remain financially stable. In 2027, unless the state's General-Purpose Revenue (GPR) increases for FoodShare administration and operation, counties will need to budget for this shortfall. The consortium plans to begin working on the 2027 budget as soon as possible to establish initial estimates. Note that due to these fiscal challenges, the consortium will closely monitor employee attrition to ensure that replacing retired or vacant positions makes fiscal sense.

Public Health Services

The Public Health Department is responsible for the following programs and services:

Birth to Three- The Birth to Three Program is an early intervention program serving families that have a child between the ages of birth to 36 months that is experiencing a developmental delay, who is diagnosed with a medical condition that has a high probability of developmental delay, or who is experiencing atypical development. Services provided can include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and early childhood special education services.

Car Seat Safety Checks- Rusk County has a certified Child Passenger Seat Technician on site. This technician can educate the community on: proper car seat installation, height and weight requirements for safety seats, and what requirements are needed to advance to the next seat. This technician can also inspect car seats to ensure they are installed properly.

Communicable Disease- Public Health staff look for trends in data, and for ways to stop the spread of communicable disease. This can include things like screening for Tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, sending animal specimens to the State Lab of Hygiene for rabies testing, monitoring potential foodborne illness, working with nursing homes and assisted living facilities to investigate potential illnesses, providing education about different illnesses and preparing for potential outbreaks.

Dental Services- Public Health works with dental clinic staff to provide teeth cleanings, exams, and referrals for further services for community members.

DNR Transient Non-Community Well Program- this program is used to ensure safe water at places that are not on a monitored water system. Typically, these are businesses like campgrounds, gas stations, restaurants, taverns, or churches that are located outside of a city or village. This program is coordinated with the DNR.

Environmental Health/ Human Health Hazards- Public Health investigates possible human health hazards per Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 254.

Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Full Agent Program- This program is overseen by our Environmental Health Sanitarian. Licensed facilities are inspected on a regular basis to ensure businesses are follow state laws and

regulations. Regardless of type of food license, all need to follow proper food handling and safety regulations.

Mental Health First Aid- This course teaches the skills needed to recognize when someone is having a mental health or substance use challenge and teaches how to respond and support the individual. Classes can be offered in-person, online, or a combination of the two.

Immunization Program- Public Health's Immunization program focuses on ensuring access to vaccines for children who are uninsured, have Medicaid, or are Native American or Alaskan Inuit, through the State's Vaccines for Children Program. We can also provide some vaccines to adults without insurance through the Vaccines for Adults Program.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program- Lead exposure can cause serious health issues such as learning disabilities, developmental delays, and other health and behavior concerns. Public Health can perform blood lead testing, then will notify a primary care provider of the results. If results are elevated, Public Health can investigate possible causes, and provide information on how to lower levels.

Maternal Child Health- This program aims to help improve the health of mothers, children, and families. Program initiatives include: Cribs for Kids infant safe sleep program, Healthy Beginnings, postpartum and newborn support, and Breastfeeding Friendly Recognition sites.

Narcan Direct Program- This is a state program with the goal of increasing harm reduction by making Narcan easily available in communities. Public Health provides training on how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to properly administer Narcan. Narcan is available at no-cost in the Public Health Department and the West entrance of the Rusk County Government Center.

Public Health Preparedness- This program works to ensure our department is ready to assist the community in any threats to health. This may include: acts of bioterrorism, infectious disease, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

Reproductive Health- This program offers family planning services, including access to contraceptives, testing for sexually transmitted infections, and education on different family planning methods.

Water Lab- Public Health has a small water lab. We are able to test bacteria and coordinate with a larger lab for testing of nitrates, arsenic, and other contaminants. Beach water is also tested during the summer months to monitor

water safety. Water testing kits are available to the community for a cost. Certain individuals qualify for water testing through the State at no-cost to them.

Wisconsin Infant and Children Program (WIC)- This program assists families in nutrition education, breastfeeding support, food vouchers for healthy foods. To qualify, you must live in Wisconsin and meet income guidelines, be pregnant or have had a baby in the past six months, be breastfeeding a baby under one year of age, or are the caregiver for a child younger than five years old.

Red Cross CPR/AED- This course provides training on CPR, Heimlich maneuver, and the use of an AED for infant, child, and adult patients.

Red Cross Babysitting class- This course teaches basic baby and child care and CPR. Recommended for youth age 11 and up.

Meet the Public Health Team

Kaylee Bugbee- Public Health Officer & Supervisor

Tahlia Lueck- Licensed Practical Nurse

Amanda Weinert- Registered Nurse

Kayla Olmstead- WIC Director/ Registered Dietician

Amber Feira- Competent Professional Authority (WIC) & Breastfeeding Coordinator

Cody Ponozzo- Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

Rebecka Erickson- Environmental Health Specialist

Public Health Highlights

- Birth to Three: 23 children were enrolled for services, and an additional 10 children were screened and did not meet the qualifications for services, but received education on possible resources.
- WIC: 418 total participants in 2025. 82 moms pregnant during 2025 (which means additional nutrition and support) and 74 children currently enrolled who were born in 2025. The rest of the participants would be children under 5 and moms who are a year or less postpartum.
- Maternal Child Health: 107 mailings sent out to families in Rusk County that welcomed a baby in 2025- includes info about resources available in the county and safe sleep practices, as well as a voucher for a New Baby Welcome Bag that contains a baby swaddler, pacifiers, diapers, water bottle, etc. 42 families turned in their voucher for their New Baby Welcome Bag from the Children and Family Wellness Committee.
- 10 pack and plays were given out to people reporting needing a safe place for their baby to sleep and education was provided.
- 4 car seats given and education provided to parents reporting they were unable to get a car seat for their child
- Reproductive Health: 63 in-office visits for reproductive health concerns- discuss options for birth control, screen for STIs, etc. 12 bottles of prenatal vitamins given out to women who were pregnant or were trying to get pregnant
- Immunizations: 321 immunizations given to 213 different patients
- Food and Lodging: 254 licenses issued in the last licensing year (July 2024- June 2025) to places serving food or providing lodging in Rusk County.
- Distributed gun locks at no cost
- Participated in activities including: National Night Out, Farmers Market Community Table, story time at the Rusk County Community Library, and partnered with ICAA for events at the Family Resource Center

- Our first year offering Mental Health First Aid instruction to interested community members
- Our first year being able to teach Red Cross Baby Sitting Class and Red Cross CPR
- We tested beach water weekly between Memorial Day and Labor Day at Memorial Park and Trails End Camp beach
- Participated in community coalitions- including Rusk County Youth Council (RCYC) and Coordinated Community Response (CCR).
- Public health coordinates the Rusk County Children and Family Wellness Committee, Rusk County Community Health Improvement Plan- which includes offering events outside of normal business hours like community hikes, volunteer fairs, etc. These both meet monthly.
- Hand out mosquito repellent and wood tick removal kits at county parks and hiking spots for "Fight the Bite"
- Manage the Narcan Box in the west entrance of the courthouse
- In 2025 we had the Greenwood Manor fire which required a big HHS presence to care for all those displaced, hold a resource fair, and find everyone some sort of housing while assisting in the temporary shelter operations.

Veteran Services

Tami Inman-Stoker- Veteran Services Officer

The Rusk County Veteran Services office assists in acquiring federal and state benefits for Veterans and their families. Our County Veteran Services Officer (CVSO) will assist and advocate regarding issues to include medical, financial, compensation/pension, death/burial and education benefits, this includes referrals to other agencies as needed. This office provides timely and accurate information and assistance.

Veteran Services Data

- Total Federal VA Forms filed for veterans in 2025 - 843; 689 of which directly involved Federal Service Connected, Pension and/or burial claims.
- Reported deaths for 39 Rusk County veterans; Authorized burial benefits filed for 26 county veterans' next-of-kin;
- Processed VA Health Care Claims for 72 local veterans through the Minneapolis or Tomah VA Medical Centers; 70 filings approved resulting in full health benefits for the veterans.
- Submitted 11 CHAMPVA dependent health care benefit for 5 surviving spouse post-veteran's death and 6 submissions for a spouse of a veteran recently granted the 100% P&T Award. CHAMPVA provides qualifying dependents with an excellent health insurance coverage through the federal VA free of charge.
- Petitioned WI Property Tax credit for 14 qualifying veterans (or surviving spouses) ensuring 100% reimbursement of CY2024/2025 primary residence property taxes (home + 1 acre).

78 Service Connected, Pension and specialized claims finalized by the VA

Earned initial benefits and pensioned dollars totaling \$273,872.82 received and allocated from the Federal VBA to include PACT Act/TERA claim grants. These tax-free monies go directly in the pockets of Rusk County resident veterans and/or their surviving family.

Highlights:

- Received multiple donations from the community during 2025. The funds were deposited into the Rusk County Veterans Emergency Relief Fund intended for emergent situations that our county veterans may face.
- Worked with multiple Veteran families providing much need emergent support, with food, gas cards, housing (All different Veterans).
- HISA Grant Awarded to a Rusk County Veteran, for improvement of his home to make it handicap accessible. This Veteran also received a grant from the Habitat for Humanity for window replacement.
- Transferred some Emergency Relief Money to Transportation account, to transport Veterans to medical appointments.
- Attended many different Veteran support organizations throughout Rusk County doing introductions and providing pertinent Veteran related VBA/VHA to the leadership of multiple service organizations.
- Received \$11,000 VSO grant from Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Got a visit from Acting Secretary James Bond, he was doing visits to all Veterans Service Offices in the state of Wisconsin.
- Attended the WICTVSO Spring Conference in Superior, WI in May 2025, and the WICTVSO Fall Conference in Eau Claire, WI in Oct 2025. Required annual training received.
- Extra Emergency relief requests. Increased home visits to assist Veterans.
- Attended many events including: Spring & Fall Honor the Fallen fundraisers, Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies, laid wreaths for Wreath Across America for Veteran graves of Rusk County.
- 70 New Veterans added to the Rusk County VA office.
- Transportation Grant awarded from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs - \$3900
- Transportation Grant awarded from Marshfield Medical Center - \$10,000

Fiscal and Clerical team

Lora Wimer- Finance Accountant II

Ronda Gulich- Clerk I

Danielle Bedford- Clerk III

Geri Leisch- Clerk III

Finance Accountant- Vacant

Members of this team are responsible for assisting multiple programs and services that are offered through HHS. These team members often work behind the scenes, however, their contributions to the efficiency of the agency do not go unnoticed. Dani, Geri, and Ronda complete the Popcorn for a Cause each month; making popcorn using all donated supplies and selling for \$1 a bag. They raise money for local organizations, events, and charities. \$683.00 was raised and donated in 2025. Great job ladies!

Not only are Ronda, Geri, and Dani the first faces you see at HHS, they also each work within programs, completing many tasks to ensure clients are being served timely and effectively. WHEAP, CLTS, and our Water Lab rely heavily on members of this team.

Lora will be retiring in July of 2026 after 24 years of service to Rusk County. This is an incredible career and we wish her the best in her retirement.

Final Note-

It has been an unforgettable and busy year. Behind the scenes, I have been working on boosting team morale by recognizing staff for their dedication and celebrating staff work anniversaries as well as their birthdays. Our leadership team also hosted team building activities throughout the Holidays and hosted staff appreciation potlucks and cookouts throughout the year. We are working on building closer relationships between Finance and our HHS supervisory team. This ensures more accountability and understanding of our budgets. We've worked on improving our waiting area to make it more organized as well as making our resources more accessible. We've updated our Programs Offered sheets to be as educational and informative as possible. I will continue to be an advocate and voice for this team.

I would like to thank the entire HHS team for their dedication to our community. Each of our seven departments is important and essential in meeting the needs of the public. I appreciate everyone's patience and grace as I transitioned from Children and Family Services Supervisor to Executive Director. Please know that every member of this team is making a difference, each and every day.

Thank you for a wonderful year-

Respectfully,

Ashley

Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Disability Resource Center
Advisory Committee Meeting

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Board held its bi-monthly meeting Dec 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Present: Kathy Walthers, Angie Harvey, Victoria Voight Mark Schmitt, Ashley Nelson, Tom Hanson, Richard Tuma, Marlene Tuma, Mary Schneider, Kathy Halbur,

EXCUSED: Michelle Seator, Shannda Ladwig, Bob Saal, Alice Kesan,

1. Call meeting to order -1:00 pm-Mark Schmitt called meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting- Mary motioned for approval, Marlene 2nd
3. Public Comments-none
4. HHS Ashley, HHS Executive Director, reported wrapping up the end of year. HHS is still recruiting a Financial Accountant; the position is still posted. Tuesday a resolution was passed for 4th CLTS worker. Ashley highlighted the generosity of the community during this holiday season!! We are very fortunate for the generous people in our community. She also reported holiday fun quick games for HHS staff for the holidays.
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
 - a) ADRC
 - i. Advocacy: Hospitals around the state are working on supportive measures for those that struggle making their own decisions without guardianship, if possible, to help with transitioning from the hospital back home or to a facility, etc.
 - ii. Committee member: Mary Sue Timmerman Mary Sue passed away November 17, 2025. She will be greatly missed. Mary Sue was a wonderful person and advocate for our community. Mary Sue was the vice chair so will need to vote on a new vice chair.
 - iii. New Committee Vice Chair and vote Marlene nominated Alice, Kathy H or Tom for Vice Chair. Tom declined the nomination, Alice was unable to be present, and Kathy H. accepted the nomination. Marlene motioned to approve Kathy H. for Vice Chair, Tom 2nd, motion passes.
 - iv. New Committee Member Motion and vote Kathy Halbur and Robert “Bob” Saal nominated to be on ADRC Committee. Dick made a motion to nominate both as committee members, Marlene 2nd, motion passes.
 - v. ADRC Positions Status update
 - i. I & A posted twice, now on 3rd posting. 1st accepted then declined. 2nd declined because of a change that recently happened for candidate. This candidate would like to be considered in the future if applying at another time.
 - ii. EBS small pool as well as the inability to conduct interviews until after the holidays so extended posting.
 - vi. ADRC Budget see attached; for ADRC, bulk of budget is staff wages
 - vii. Quarterly Reports see attached; Noted that the Rusk and Barron counties numbers are combine they were not separated because the state is still working on PeerPlace reports and because Rusk is short staff so numbers will not reflect the correct work load in per position.

- viii. Health Promotions updates – Stepping On classes will be March 19-April 30, 2026, on Thursdays in Bruce. Mind Over Matter (MOM) will be March 25, April 8, April 22, 2026 in Ladysmith. Walk with Ease and Mind Over Matter programs were discussed.
- b) Aging
 - i. Staff updates- No current Changes reported no changes
 - ii. Commodities (110 max- 104) One person is on the wait list. May be able to go to 120 max but waiting to hear from Melissa, from the program, on what she will allow for max. Volunteers much appreciated for their additional help.
 - iii. Aging Plan review see attached; update Mark Schmitt's last name spelling on the plan.
- c) Other
 - i. Discuss 2026 meeting dates: June 11th, with the 4th as a backup August 13th if need to change, Dec is same date as commodities, questioning if wanting to have potluck ½ earlier or stay at just meet at 1pm, nothing decided at this time
 - ii. Other updates

Adjourn 1:43pm; motion by Dick, Tom 2nd, motion passes

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, 1:00 p.m. LEC
2026 Bi Monthly (Feb 19, April 16, June 11, August 20?, October 15, Dec 17 -
Potluck/meeting? 1pm

This agenda was prepared by Kathy Walthers, Program Manager of the ADRC under direction of Mark Schmitt committee chair.

Rusk County Health & Human Services Board Meeting,

March 2026

Child Support Services

(Information current as of February 28, 2026)

Current Case Count:

IVD Cases: 780

NIVD Cases: 281

Total Case Count: 1061

Collections for Current Federal Fiscal Year:

Oct 2025	\$131,061.07
Nov 2025	\$132,313.76
Dec 2025	\$145,242.63
Jan 2026	\$127,113.16
Feb 2026	\$139,750.31
Mar 2026	

Apr 2026	
May 2026	
June 2026	
July 2026	
Aug 2026	
Sept 2026	

Performance Measures

	Paternity Establishment Rate	Court Order Establishment Rate	Current Support Rate	Arrears Cases
Rusk County	100.00%	93.36%	77.66%	70.55%
State of WI	89.56%	83.96%	72.92%	57.04%
Measures	90%	80%	80%	80%

General Information:

We are 5 months into our new FFY which runs from 10/1/25 to 9/30/2026. I am very pleased with our performance measures. We had a couple of rough months at the start of FFY26 in Current Support, however this month we had a significant rise in the current collection percentage. It will take a bit for us to build back up. We do continue to be above the state average.

Incarcerated payers continue to be extremely challenging cases for us. We have also noted in the past couple of months, mail seems to be somewhat inconsistent with self-payer's monies getting to the trust fund timely and applied to the current month. The State emailed out an announcement noting the inconsistencies in timing appear to be mail related vs trust fund related.

Lastly, it is that time of year..... State and Federal Tax intercept time is upon us!



January- February 2026 Report

General Updates

Public Health is busy in January and February wrapping up grants that end in December. There's always a lot of progress reports and meetings that occur during this time, with our consolidated contracts to wrap up one cycle and start the next.

We continue to prepare for our DHS 140 review where we meet with the State Department of Health Services to confirm we are meeting all our requirements as a local health department as well as determine where we could improve. This review will occur on July 8th.

Full Agent Program

Because the end of the year financial reporting was due, and still being down a finance person in HHS, I could not get data about the financials for cost and revenue of the Full Agent and DNR TN programs yet but hope to be able to share it next month.

Meanwhile, we continue to work to get our new EHS, Becka Erickson, trained in all things related to the full agent program. This program requires a strong knowledge of the food code, lodging code, campground code, and the ability to help explain these codes and the rules and regulations that go with them, to people who are interested in operating a business in Rusk County. In the past two months, Becka attended training with the State DATCP staff in Eau Claire to learn more about food inspections. They have also come to Ladysmith to work with her on inspections here. She has also spent a day with Ashland County's full agent, shadowing food license and tourist rooming house inspections. She needs to complete twenty-five shadowed food inspections with someone before she is allowed to begin doing solo inspection. Food inspections often take several hours, depending on the complexity of the food license.

She attended a tabletop exercise in Eau Claire in February that focused on the process of tracing a foodborne illness. In cases where someone may have gotten food poisoning, Public Health is very hands-on in the process of contact tracing, collecting specimens, gathering food samples for testing, and working with license holders and the State to determine the cause and how widespread an outbreak may be.

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Communicable Disease Update

As you can see from the most recent data from DHS, we are still seeing respiratory illnesses coming through our region. Reviewing our county data, I would say we are seeing the same trends as the region. We are seeing quite a few cases of Influenza B and RSV and not as many Covid cases at this time. Influenza B is a late season flu, that often becomes more prominent after Influenza A has simmered down. We continue to provide guidance to assisted living and skilled nursing facilities when they have questions about how to handle increases in illness in facilities.

February 21, 2026

This dashboard shows respiratory virus activity and trajectories for the week ending on February 21, 2026.

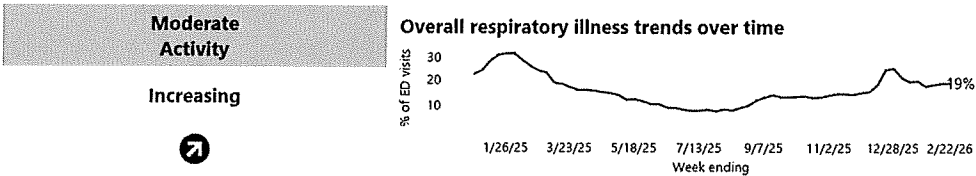


To view emergency department activity level data for a region, use this dropdown

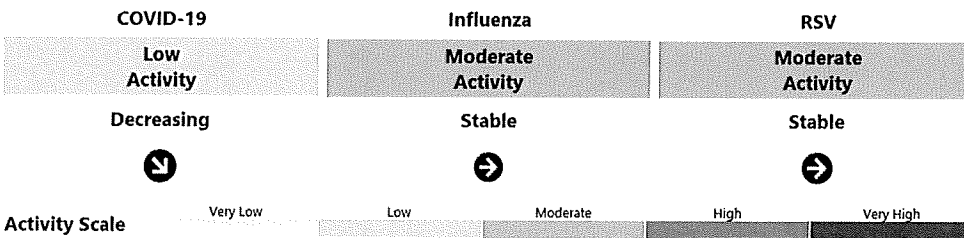
Western Region

Western Region respiratory illness activity based on emergency department (ED) visits

This represents a wide variety of respiratory illnesses that lead to ED visits, ranging from the common cold to COVID-19, flu, and RSV.



Western Region virus-specific activity based on emergency department visits



Statewide virus-specific activity and trajectory based on laboratory testing

Top five respiratory viruses circulating statewide based on laboratory testing data

Data for week ending on February 21, 2026

This list shows the 5 respiratory viruses with the highest percent test positivity for the most recent week with data. It also shows the virus's trajectory.

1. Influenza B
2. Seasonal coronavirus
3. RSV
4. Influenza A
5. Rhinovirus/Enterovirus

List of respiratory viruses included in this analysis

Adenovirus
Seasonal coronaviruses (CoV)
SARS-CoV2
Human metapneumovirus (HMPV)
Influenza A
Influenza B
Parainfluenza
Rhinovirus/enterovirus (Rhino/enterovirus)
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

View data for all viruses:



More information can be found at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/respiratory-data.htm>

As always, we continue to offer testing, treatment, and follow up for sexually transmitted infections. We still offer testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis for females in house through the Visby test kits or can submit urine samples to the state lab of hygiene for testing. We can also provide antibiotics for those who test positive.

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We had our “Sizzling Summer” tabletop exercise on January 27, 2026, with members from eleven local agencies participating. Talhia, who coordinates our Preparedness program, lead the tabletop for us. We had good discussion and worked through the scenario together. We also discussed areas of strength and possible improvement. Strengths identified included collaboration among agencies at the county level. We also had plans for who could assist with specific aspects of the scenario. Areas where we can improve include getting more involvement from village or township government. There is a role for them to play in these kinds of emergencies, but it’s hard to determine if they are ready. We do invite them to the tabletops, but we think that they may not realize that this is applicable to their village or township. Goal for improvement is to get a mailing out township and village leadership to them detailing some of the things public health does and how they can help their community and partner with us for emergency situations.

WIC Updates

We had 369 participants in WIC last month. This is down slightly from December when we were sitting at 373. WIC continues to not only offer WIC benefits to qualifying participants so they can have access to whole foods that are nutritious and healthy, but they also continue to provide education and resources for eating better including getting kids to try new foods, and how to cook some foods that may not be as familiar to participants. They also coordinate referrals for immunizations, car seat checks, well water testing, the Family Resource Center, and dental, among others.

In February, Kayla, our WIC director/ dietician, was invited to Headstart where she brought some fresh produce for a tasting party. Kids tried dragon fruit, jicama and guava. Kayla taught about how even though we may not love every fruit or veggie we try, it’s important to try new foods and the kids had a great time.

Cody continues to work strongly in the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor position. In January she made 45 successful contacts with new or expecting moms, in 81 attempts. In December she had 55 successful attempts out of 106 attempts. She continues to reach out and be available to mom’s needing support and encouragement while on their breastfeeding journey via text or phone call and often outside of normal business hours.

Immunization Update

Every two years, our state grant contract monitor for the immunization program comes to our office for an onsite visit. Our most recent onsite visit happened in February. Our monitor conducts random chart audits to ensure that we are only giving vaccine to kids who meet the

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qualifications for the Vaccines for Children program (uninsured, Medicaid insured, or Native American or Alaskan Inuit. They check our temperature logs, and review our immunization rates, our policies and procedures, and talk with staff involved in the process. We passed our onsite visit with no areas of concern! Our nurse, Amanda, has been leading the immunization program for years and does a great job ensuring we are being good stewards of our vaccine and following or program requirements. Amanda, Talhia, and I work together to immunize qualifying children.

Looking Ahead

- We are offering car seat safety checks at all three of our public schools 3k, 4k, or Kindergarten open houses. While these ages are typically growing out of car seats, and into booster seats, we find that it is not uncommon for parents to think their children are big enough and do not need a booster. State law is that children must be in a booster until they are eight years old, weigh over 80 pounds, or are taller than 4 foot 9 inches. Best practice is to stay in a booster until they are at least 4 foot 9. Talhia will be providing education and free checks at all these events.
- Kaylee and another instructor are teaching Mental Health First Aid to ICAA staff on March 20. This program is an intensive day long training that really helps people understand what they can do if they feel someone is having a mental health crisis- how to recognize signs and determine next steps including when to contact someone like the Crisis Line. It is wonderful that they are willing to get their whole staff trained.
- Our CHIP Committee is hosting a 5k run/walk in conjunction with the Spring Expo on March 14. This is part of our efforts of encouraging people to get outside, get more active, and add more physical activity to their lives. This race is not timed, and there is no entry fee but a donation of food, litter, cleaning supplies, etc., to the Rusk County Animal Shelter is being encouraged.

If there are any programs in Public Health that you would like more information on, have questions about, or if you are interested in seeing the department, and meeting staff, please feel free to reach out and I would be happy to give you a tour and introduce you to our staff.

Respectfully submitted on March 4, 2026, Kaylee Bugbee, Health Officer.