

CHIPPEWA COUNTY MDHHS BOARD MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1-8-2026 rescheduled from 1-1-2026 due to New Year Holiday, notice posted.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: MDHHS Conference Room

Call to Order: Christy Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Christy Curtis, Tom Boger, Terri Bush, Director Rose, Leann Thompson

Absent: Justin Jarvi

Approval of Agenda:

Terri Bush motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Reorganization of the Board:

Tom Boger nominated Christy Curtis to continue as Chairperson, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Tom Boger nominated Terri Bush to continue as Vice-Chairperson, supported by Christy Curtis. Motion carried.

- Chairperson – Christy Curtis
- Vice Chairperson – Terri Bush
- Member – Tom Boger

Approval of Minutes of December 2025

Tom Boger motioned to approve the December minutes, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Contracts:

None

MDHHS Presentation:

MCSSA stated they could do a presentation for Chippewa, Luce, and the Mackinac County Boards. Requesting to know if there is a preference for virtual or in person and the topics the board would like to discuss.

- The board members stated if all Tri-County board members would like to do an in-person in one location, it could be a possibility, if not – then virtually would be fine.
- Topics:
 - Board roles and responsibilities.
 - Board allowable spending.
 - By-Laws
 - Any additional topic ideas, email to Chuck or Leann.

New Business:

None

Old Business

None.

County Budget

December budget was reviewed, 2025 balance ZERO.

Chippewa County Administrator, Kelly Church, could not provide a breakdown of what portion of the MDHHS board appropriations come from federal/state or county funds.

Board Comments.

None

Director Update:

The following was discussed:

- State level staff changes, one being Director Starling last day 1/12, is going to a private non-profit position, Erin Frish, and Kelly Este also leaving MDHHS.
- Time Limited Food Assistance in Chippewa but waived for Mackinac and Luce.
- State Budget – operating budget received 2 weeks ago.
- NAOW position to fill behind Holly Bishop, not posted to date.
- Joeline Bellinger resigned as adult services, Stephanie Hogue will be filling behind Joeline, leaving some movement in CPS.

Next meeting scheduled:

February 5, 2026, 10:00 a. m.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Boger, supported by Terri Bush. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Christy M. Curtis 2/5/26
Christy Curtis, Chairperson Date

Leann Thompson 2.5.26
Prepared by: Leann Thompson Date