

**Chippewa DHHS Board
Meeting Minutes
6-4-2026**

Call to order: 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Christy Curtis, Tom Boger, Terri Bush, Director Rose, Jennifer Dunton

Absent: Justin Jarvi, Leann Thompson

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes of May 2026

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

Presentation:

None

Public Comments:

None

Contracts:

MA 26 – Counseling Services Motioned to approve by Terri Bush, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Old Business

MCSSA QUESTIONS UPDATE:

Director Rose updated the board on his conversation with Luther Lowell. Will continue our processes of approval of board spending as is, until further notice.

Business process for agency county card assistance from Mackinac was reviewed; discussed potential organizations to partner with in Chippewa County. The board agreed that United Way of the EUP would be a great place to start; with a review of potential additional organizations added in the future.

County Budget

May Budget Reviewed.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the reimbursement to EUPTA for 4 bus tickets = \$24.00, Terri Bush supported. Motion carried.

Director Rose reviewed the current budget is on track with spending for FY26.

Board Comments.

None

Director Update:

The following was discussed:

- MCSSA Conference this fall in Frankenmuth.
- Staffing updates
 - Decrease in cases of assistance payments and child welfare.
 - Vacancy for assistance payments worker to fill behind recently hired FRS, was denied.
 - Two child welfare staff positions that we lost due to staff leaving for other positions, careers – request to fill behind was denied.
 - Staff member that left on maternity leave and decided not to return, this position was not requested to fill behind.
 - Staff member (child welfare services) transferred downstate – did not seek to fill behind.
 - WOC of class CW Supervisor was denied.
 - Director Rose will be meeting with BSC1 to discuss these requests and will continue to monitor case levels to request additional positions, when needed.
 - Approval was received to fill 4 FTS positions to provide case aide services under the child welfare teaming model.
 - Two have recently been hired, 1 in Chippewa, 1 in Mackinac
 - Two more will be posted for Chippewa office.
- Teaming model has been reorganized due to staff changes in the tri.
 - FRS staff are not counted toward supervisor staffing.
 - The model is going well.
 - Counties are getting more formalized as time goes on.
 - 1 Pod for Luce/Mackinac, 3 Pods/Teams in Chippewa
- Longtime Mackinac Board member – Ron Tamlyn, passed away June 1.
- Stats for assistance payments, still working on BRIMM to receive accurate reports.
 - Was able to share stats for child welfare

Next meeting scheduled:

July 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Terri Bush will not be available for this date.

 _____ Christy Curtis, Chairperson – Chippewa County	7/2/26 _____ Date
Minutes taken by: Jennifer Dunton	7.8.26
Prepared by: Leann Thompson	_____ Date