

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

1:00 p.m.

North Central Health Care

Present: X Kurt Gibbs X_(Webex) Renee Krueger
X_(Webex) Lance Leonhard X Robin Stowe

Staff Present: Jason Hake, Vicki Tylka

Others Present: Brian Desmond, Marathon County Corporation Counsel

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Gibbs at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment for matters Appearing on the Agenda

- James Meseberg addressed the committee regarding recent notification of a rate increase for cost for nursing home services.

December 2, 2025 Executive Committee Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to approve the December 2, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Update

- Mr. Hake provided an overview of the November financials highlighting a net income for service programs of \$473,000. Pine Crest will have a larger loss due to accruing for sick leave in December. The sick leave accrual will be expensed in 2025 and paid out in 2026. Health insurance continues to run strong through November. Year-to-date financials have a net income is \$7.1 million, of which \$1.6 million is from prior year. The \$2.5 million debt payment to Marathon County was paid in December; however, the winter CCS reconciliation payment arrived and offset the debt payment.

Medical Clearance Update

- Ms. Tylka provided an overview of the proposed on-site medical clearance model at NCHC's Behavioral Health Hospitals as outlined in the memo provided in the packet.
- The Committee is in favor of next steps and supports further evaluation of the proposed model.

Clinical Coordinator Position Request

- Ms. Tylka provided an overview of the position request for a Clinical Coordinator as outlined in the memo provided in the packet.
- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Krueger, to approve the Clinical Coordinator position increasing from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE as presented. Motion carried.

Nursing Home Operations Committee

- The Committee agreed with Mr. Hake's request to move the discussion about the continuation of the Nursing Home Operations Committee to a future meeting.

Closed Session

- Mr. Desmond explained that the rationale for a closed session is to discuss strategy and things related to the lawsuit and not lose any tactical advantage based on our discussion.
- **Motion**/second, Leonhard//Krueger to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 19.85(1) (g), for the purpose conferring with counsel with respect to litigation NCHC could become, or is likely to be, involved in, to wit: Kraegenbrink Notice of Claim. Roll call vote taken, all indicating aye. The following individuals were allowed to remain in closed session: Mr. Desmond, Mr. Hake, and Ms. Barbier. Meeting convened in closed session at 1:36 p.m.
- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Krueger to return to Open Session at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried.
- Possible announcements and/or action regarding Closed Session items
 - No action taken.
 - Counsel will continue to provide updates.

Next Meeting Date & Time, Location and Future Agenda Items

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the NCHC Eagle Board Room.

Adjournment

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kristina Barbier, Executive Assistant