

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2026

1:00 p.m.

North Central Health Care

Present: X Kurt Gibbs X Renee Krueger
 X Lance Leonhard X Rachel Ramer

Staff Present: Jason Hake, Brandy Thorne, Wendy Peterson, Patrice Lanning

Others Present: Brian Desmond, Marathon County Corporation Counsel; Emily O’Fallon, Marathon County Assistant 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

- None.

August 26, 2026 Executive Committee Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Ramer, to approve the August 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Update

- Mr. Hake provided an overview of preliminary financial results for August, reporting a monthly net income of \$483,000. Health insurance reported net income of \$138,000 for the same period. Year-to-date net income of almost \$4.2 million. Health insurance has recognized net income of \$1.1 million year-to-date. Cash remains stable, with approximately 161 days cash on hand.

2027 Budget Presentation

- Mr. Hake provided an overview of the 2027 budget as highlighted in the presentation in the packet.

Approval of 2027 Budget

- **Motion**/second, Krueger/Ramer, to approve the 2027 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Data Officer Position Request

- Mr. Hake provided an overview of the request to create one (1.0 FTE) Data Officer position through conversion of an existing Solution Analyst position as outlined in the memo provided in the packet.
- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Krueger, to approve the position as presented. Motion carried.

Director of Behavioral Health Strategy and Integration Position Request

- Mr. Hake provided an overview of the request to create one (1.0 FTE) Director of Behavioral Health Strategy and Integration position replacing the Deputy Executive Director position as outlined in the memo provided in the packet.
- **Motion**/second, Krueger/Leonhard, to approve the position as presented. Motion carried.

Closed Session

- Mr. Desmond explained the rationale for the closed session is to discuss litigation strategy related to a lawsuit involving an event at North Central Health Care in July 2025.
- a. **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Ramer, to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Required) pursuant to Wis. stat. s. 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of conferring with counsel regarding strategy in the *Estate of Kraegenbrink v. NCHC et al.*, (W.D. 26CV825). Roll call vote taken; all indicating aye. Mr. Desmond, Ms. O’Fallon, Mr. Hake, and Ms. Barbier remained in closed session. Meeting convened in closed session at 1:45 p.m. Motion carried.
- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Ramer, to return to open session at 2:03 p.m. Motion carried.
- Possible announcements and/or action regarding closed session items
 - None.

Next Meeting Date & Time, Location and Future Agenda Items

- Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Eagle Board Room.

Adjournment

- **Motion**/second, Ramer/Krueger, to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kristina Barbier, Executive Assistant