

LINCOLN COUNTY YOUTH JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, February 20, 2026 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am with 8 in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by Widowski and seconded by VenRooy.

a. YJCC Minutes 12/5/2025

3. Introductions (if needed)

Introductions were not needed as there were no new attendees.

4. Review of Guiding Principles

Widowski reviewed the Guiding Principles and explained that there needs to be 50% attendance from members in order for a meeting to occur. She will be sending out a poll to all members and partners to see if you plan on regularly attending meetings (MEMBER) or would like to continue to be a part of the committee but may not be able to routinely attend (PARTNER).

a. Guiding Principles 2023-2024

5. Set 2026 Goals and Action Steps

The goal for 2026-2028 is to increase awareness through education relating to youth substance use. Attendees felt there was a lack of education with not only teens and vapes, but also with parents/guardians of young people. There was also discussion on the lack of AODA services for youth in the community. With this being our next goal, it is asked to the members/partners - How can you commit to helping the committee achieve this (Widowski included this in a separate email)?

6. Upcoming Programming/Programming Updates

The Health Department will be moving "Essential Items" to the Merrill, Rhinelander & Antigo Children's offices and will be marketing about this. This includes lice and bed bug kits. In April, Children's WI and the Child Abuse & Prevention board will be bringing on a resource navigator to help make connections for families. The Poverty Simulation will be set up on June 2nd and they will need volunteers to help - there will be more information to come.

7. Next Meeting Date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 9:00am in room 156 at Lincoln County Service Center.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56am.