

LINCOLN COUNTY DEATH REVIEW TEAM

Monday, April 13, 2026 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Caylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Val Caylor, Stephanie Byer, Trina Knospe, Brian Burkhardt, Dr. Michael Clark, Deanna Engel, Sue Kuber, Jessi Rumsey, Josh Klug, Becky Dallman

Guests: Shelly Missall, Amy Cline

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

a. Death Review Team Meeting Minutes - 10/13/2025

M/S Clark/Burkhardt to approve the 10/13/2025 Death Review Team Meeting Minutes. Carried on voice vote.

3. Any Changes in Practice Since Last Review

a. 988 Education - Shelly Missall, Wisconsin Lifeline 988 Outreach Coordinator

Missall provided an overview of how the 988 triage line works. There is an option for veterans when calling 988. The triage line is automated until a counselor is reached, typically within 60 seconds. A 4-question assessment is used when the call is answered by the counselor. All counselors have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with extensive training before taking calls, including training for special populations.

They receive 7,000-8,000 calls per month, 2,500 texts/chats per month, and 500-1,000 follow-up calls. There is a nationwide back-up center if the Wisconsin center needs assistance. All calls where outside intervention is needed (law enforcement, EMS) are reviewed within 3 days. The counselors do follow-up with individuals if they agree to it and will try to reach them once per day for the next 3 days.

Missall left the meeting after her presentation at 10:18 a.m.

b. Merrill High School Teen Mental Health First Aide and Staff Training - Trisha Kubichek

Knospe provided an overview of the MHS Teen Mental Health First Aide that is being provided for Grades 10-12 in the required Health class. Trisha Kubichek, Social Worker, and Breanna Kratz, Counselor, provide the education to the students. This training teaches students to recognize the mental health warning signs, how to initiate tough conversations, and connect peers with trusted adults.

c. DNR Boating Safety and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Education - Val Caylor

Caylor stated that she continues to work on connecting with the DNR regarding boater safety and carbon monoxide education. She would like to see signs posted at boat landings in Lincoln County with the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. Suggestions were made to do a social media campaign and share that with partners so messaging is consistent across the County. Sue Kuber, public health RN, will bring this back to the Health Department to discuss further. Kuber will also connect with Lucas Williams, Lincoln County Forestry Administrator, to see if posting signage at the Lincoln County boat landings is a possibility.

d. Boater Safety and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Legislation - Val Caylor

Caylor has contacted State Representative Calvin Callahan's, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's, and Gov. Tony Ever's offices to discuss boater safety and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention legislation. She has a meeting scheduled with Rep. Callahan.

e. Tomahawk School District: Teen Mental Health First Aide Training and Resources - Val Caylor

Caylor stated that she reached out to Tomahawk School District. She has not been able to connect with the

correct person due to staffing changes. Tabled to July meeting.

f. POA for Healthcare Medical Workers Training - Shelley Cohrs (tabled to July 2026 meeting)

Issues continue with POA for Healthcare activation due to POAs being unwilling or unable to make decisions on the patients' behalf. APS can assist when this occurs. Issue tabled to July meeting.

4. Convene into Closed Session

M/S Burkhardt/Knospe to convene into closed session. Carried on voice vote.

5. Review 2 cases

- a. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussing confidential information relating to the unexpected deaths of specific children, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(d) (considering strategy for crime detection or prevention); Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) (considering medical, social or personal histories of specific persons or preliminary consideration of the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or involved in such investigations); Wis. Stat. 48.981(7) (limiting public disclosure of child-specific information disclosed to child death review team); Wis. Stat. 146.82(2)(b) (restricting re-disclosure of medical information contained in records obtained pursuant to law); Wis. Stat. 48.78(2)(a) (restricting re-disclosure of information in records of child protective agency); and Wis. Stat. 48.396 (limiting disclosure of law enforcement records of children).**

6. Reconvene to Open Session

M/S by Rumsey/Burkhardt to reconvene into to Open Session. Carried on voice vote.

7. Any Action Taken from Closed Session - Discussion on Prevention Initiatives

Cline to provide information on death re-enactment training. She will also suggest that a training be held in Lincoln County in 2027.

8. Review of Lincoln County Death Trends – Valerie Caylor, Lincoln County Coroner

Caylor stated that there were 37 deaths in March 2026 in Lincoln County. Most residents were in hospice. There weren't as many falls in facilities as in prior months.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Next Meeting Date(s)

Next meeting: July 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Agenda items: Boater Safety and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Social Media Campaign - Kuber,
Statistical Data on Lincoln County Deaths - Caylor

11. Adjourn

Caylor adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Becky Dallman