

LINCOLN COUNTY LIVE WELL LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Friday, May 1, 2026 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Present:

Lincoln County Health Department: Shelley Cohrs, Kristin Bath, Lexi Buntrock

Lincoln County Department of Social Services: Jessi Rumsey

TB Scott Library: Laurie Ollhoff

Tomahawk Library: Heidi O'Hare

Healthfirst: Stephanie Peterson

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin: Erin Wells

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Cohrs.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

a. Minutes Feb 6 2026

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes by Rumsey with one correction: Item number #3. Add the word "One" to the last sentence — One next step. Seconded by Wells. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Old Business

a. Aspirus Community Health Assessment and Plan

Beversdorf gave a report of the Community Health Needs Assessment looking for approval by various committees/boards by June 30, 2026. The Community Health Improvement Plan is to be approved by fall. Current recommendations are to continue with the current priorities.

b. Update on Work Groups (211, Transportation, Volunteers, Poverty Stimulation)

- Buntrock gave an update on 211 hosted by the health department. An orientation of 211 was provided to partners on 4/27. There were around 15–20 that participated in the call. A post survey has been distributed to those who participated. Next step: sharing results with partners. Members brought up the flyer that promoted 211, 911, and 988. The flyer was emailed to the leadership group. O'Hare suggested a larger laminated version would be good to have.
- Transportation cards and posters have been distributed by the health department. Partners will meet to discuss next steps.
- Volunteer Assessment surveys have gone out to organizations, businesses and individuals. Partners in this project are Merrill Area United Way, LCHD, and Aware and Active Citizen Group. Paid Facebook ads by United Way promoting the individual survey went out. Feedback will help determine the needs of the county. Wells shared with regional agencies, [VolunteerWisconsin.org](https://www.volunteerwisconsin.org) was time-intensive to enter volunteer opportunities because you had to add your volunteer requests to each county separately. Greenheck in Marathon County has started their volunteer recruitment efforts.
- Poverty Simulation is scheduled for June 2nd from 1-4 p.m. There are 4 spots left. It is unknown if MAPS is doing a poverty simulation. Tomahawk School District is scheduled for August 25th. Members suggested media presence for this event would be a good idea. Also, sharing information with the County Board.

4. New Business

a. Rural Transformation Grant

Rural Transformation Grant - Meeting took place on Community Health Workers on April 30th. We will follow-up with partners once the RFP comes out.

b. Community Hubs

Cohrs shared that identifying community hubs in our Community Health improvement Plan. The libraries have been identified as key partners in this area. Both libraries will work on how this can be more intentionally placed in the library. Items would be resource guides, directories, 211, etc. Other partners mentioned are — Kinship, Churches, Menard Center, Senior Centers, and Tomahawk Interfaith. Members expressed, "We need to meet people where they are at."

5. Partner Update

- The ADRC - Fall prevention program on May 19th at the Merrill Enrichment Center from 930–noon. The event follows the Stepping On Program. Senior Farmers Market vouchers kick off June 1st.
- Health Department — Received ARPA funds to do nutrition education programming. Funding needs to be spent by September 30th. Target low income. LCHD will be hosting a passport lifestyle event in fall. The social connection campaign has started. Please help spread the word.
- Social Services — Continue to work with our Youth Justice Grant. Caseworkers are seeing an influx in cases. Promotion events occurred for Child Abuse and Prevention Month in April. Partnership with ADRC with multi-generational connections is important.
- Health First — WIC numbers are low in Lincoln County. Missed appointments are increasing. Working on the Roll-Out of healthier WIC nutrition options. Participants like the changes. Looking at expanding programming.
- Tomahawk Library — We can host WIC at the library if there is an interest. Hiring a part-time position to help with programming. Excited about Mental Health Month — kits, journaling, . We had 150 individuals at a bingo event.
- Aspirus — no additional updates
- TB Scott Library — Food pantry is still up. Also, we can help support WIC. The Library is creating raised beds as part of an Eagle project and will connect to programming. Ollhoff will touch base with Buntrock on these efforts.

6. Upcoming Community Events

No additional discussion

7. Next Meeting Date(s)

Next meeting is August 7 at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn

Adjournment at 10:15 a.m. Notetaker S. Cohrs.