

LINCOLN COUNTY LIVE WELL LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Friday, August 7, 2026 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Present:

Lincoln County Health Department: Shelley Cohrs, and Kristin Bath

Tomahawk Library: Heidi O'Hare

Healthfirst: Stephanie Peterson

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin: Erin Wells

Excused:

Lincoln County Department of Social Services: Jessi Rumsey

TB Scott Library: Laurie Ollhoff

Meeting was called to order by Cohrs at 9:03 am

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

a. Live Well Leadership Team Minutes 5/1/2026

Motion to approve minutes by O'Hare, seconded by Wells. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Discussion on Strategies

The team reviewed strategies that were set at the time the CHIP was approved in 2023. Suggestion is to adjust strategies so they align with current work, as well as having meetings with key stakeholders to document any major accomplishments towards strategies. Implementation of strategies with partnerships would pivot to workgroup collaborations.

Discussion on specific strategies included:

- Change language focusing on partnership building vs coalition participation
- Partnership interest assessment on forming a food insecurity network.
- Request Policy Updates: Ask the Healthfirst CEO to provide periodic policy updates for sharing with partners. These updates should be included in the existing monthly newsletter to keep the community informed.
- Recommendation to have annual meetings with legislators might be something we can work on as a team. The Library hosts legislative days annually
- Submit a report or bulleted list of advocacy efforts and resources related to the aging program. This information will support the team in documenting progress.
- Connect Library Initiatives: Follow up with Heidi regarding the 4 M initiative and potential integration with library activities. Explore logistics for connecting age-friendly programs with public library resources.

4. CHP Annual Review

We will review CHIP strategies at November meeting for 2027. Information will be sent to the team in advance

5. Recent or Upcoming Happenings

LCHD

- Making progress with an online volunteer directory for Lincoln County. Transportation meetings are now annually, Rural transformation grant applications have been submitted for community health workers. Merrill Paramedic program and Hola applying. Aspirus applying for a Care Coordination grant.
- Poverty Stimulation went very well. There is momentum for this event to continue with leadership from the Homeless Task Force. The final report was shared.
- Social Connectedness 173 participants, 50% families, 100% stated helped improve mental health by participating
- Suicide prevention campaign in September - billboard, gunlocks, Facebook. Class on Calm Conversations at LC Sports Club led by Aspirus.

ADRC

- Fall prevention event in May, 60+ participants

- Balance Program with Bone and Joint
- Gather at table — attendance capped
- Look at getting more attendance for caregiving programs — Powerful Tools

Aspirus

- Current CHA — working on strategies
- Suicide prevention programming
- Focus on Age Friendly Initiative - 4Ms assessment for patients (mobile, what matters, medicine and mental)

Tomahawk Library

- Phone Party — 174 people
- Summer Activity Packet received very well
- Working on the Community Hub section of the library
- Suicide prevention programming
- Many other programs shared

HealthFirst

- WIC numbers still low for Lincoln County — attending community events to get numbers up
- Referrals are also down

6. Partner Updates

See above agenda item- Recent or Upcoming Happenings

7. Next Meeting Date(s)

November 16th at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Minutes taken by S Cohrs, 8/7/2026