



LIVE WELL LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
607 N. Sales Street, Merrill WI 54452
Friday, May 2 at 9:00 – 11:00am
Via Teleconference and In-Person Attendance

AGENDA

Members Present

Lincoln County Health Department: Shelley Cohrs, Kristin Bath, Lexi Buntrock; **Lincoln County Social Services:** Jessi Rumsey;

Adult and Disability Resource Center: Erin Wells; **Aspirus Health:** Jane Bentz; **Healthfirst:** Morgan Thums

Guest: Christine Vorpapel

Item	Notes
1.Call to Order and Introductions	Cohrs called the meeting to order at 9:02 p.m.
2. Approve last meeting minutes. (12/2024)	Motion to approve 12/28/2025 meeting minutes by Rumsey. Seconded by Wells All ayes. Motion Carried.
3. County Health Rankings	Bath reviewed the County Health Rankings. This is set to be the last County Health Rankings due to funding cuts. See Handout. Press release will be shared by LCHD. Areas of concern are as followed - Life Expectancy - Premature Death - Ratio of Mental Health Providers - Unhealthy mental health days Bentz did share Aspirus Community Health Assessment is due next Spring. We will get an update at our next meeting. Age friendly will be considered during this process.
4.Transportation Next Steps a. Find Help March 14th b. Meeting June 10th	Discussion on Find Help meeting in May. Encourage in person versus virtual participation. Cohrs will collect questions from those attending ahead of time and send to Aspirus. One question to ask is how we can print off a resource list to share with others from Find Help. Cohrs reviewed a draft Action Plan as the result of our April 2nd meeting discussion. Items added to the action plan include the following. Cohrs will send out a draft to leadership team for review. - Can Find Help provide a comfortable way for the public to navigate resources? - Can we advance Find Help Google Search? - Additional access should be focused on medical appointments Morgan did share that Health First utilizes MTM for reproductive health transportation

5. Community Engagement Training UW Extension	22 Individuals are registered for this session.
6.Social Connectedness Community Meeting – Next Steps	Members discussed how to approach boosting the promotion of community events. Members agreed goals would be as follows 1. Process for partners to collaborate in promoting events 2. Easy access for community members to find out about upcoming community events Members agreed assessment would be first step in the process. Who currently promotes community events? Connect with those that advertise community events to see if they can continue to support. Maybe have these discussions through face to face meetings. Inform agencies on how they can promote events. Lincoln County employees would be one place to promote our events, as well as Aspirus Internet.
7.Data Update a. Opioid Task Force Assessment b. Aspirus Outcome Reporting c. Other	a. Opioid Substance Use assessment is in final draft. Cohrs skimmed draft assessment with members. Goal is to prioritize funding allocations and apply for additional grants. Rumsey shared will we be prioritizing recommendations and determine funding allocations at next Opioid Task Force Meeting. b. Aspirus Outcomes. Bentz shared recovery coaches have trained all ED Dept and Nurses in Merrill. Bentz received 2024 Farmers' Market report and will share. Bentz is working with Raise your Voice. They have expanded from 18 groups to 34. Cohrs mentioned that we are not informed about the Merrill Raise Your Voice Walk. Bentz will connect with the facilitator of the group. Bentz has supported Merrill Elementary Hydro phonic Garden; cooking demos at Merrill High School; Tomahawk Kinship efforts; and cooking demo at PRSYL. Bentz will be funding QPR train the trainer. c. Other ADRC – Wells shared meals and wheels funding cuts are now implemented. There is a risk assessment used to determine qualifications. Farmers Market vouchers will continue June 1st - \$25 voucher. Wells did met with Lt Governor. May is Aging Advocacy Day. There will be additional federal cuts, but most of WI ADRC's are funded by State revenue sources. Social Services – Rumsey shared child welfare referrals up, increase in sexual abuse. Rumsey shared promotional materials for Family Strengthening Month. Thank you to Aspirus for funding. 1250 resources will be distributed LCHD. Buntrock – Provided education and food samples at Children's Fest. Will be working with Farmer's Market. Bath – Working on social connectedness campaign, completed QPR training – 36 attended. Program at Kingship by Ashley Miller had been completed – healthy boundaries, build resiliency and mange emotions. Calming strips

	have all be distributed in the month of May to schools. Discussion occurred on having stakeholders including elected officials understand the work that is being done through coalitions and the funding sources. There is some confusion on who is facilitating efforts and how the dollars are being allocated. Companion document would be a suggestion. This will be reviewed at our next meeting.
8.Upcoming Community Events	Raise Your Voice Walk May 10th in Merrill Social Connectedness Campaign – May and June
9.2025 Meeting Dates	Fridays, Aug 1, Nov 7
10.Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Next meeting agenda items. • Aspirus CHA • Explaining Funding and Leadership around CHA and CHIP to Partners/Elected Officials
Action Items:	- Cohrs will update the Transportation Action Plan and Send to Partners - Cohrs will get Bentz who signed up for Find Help Training, any questions participants have and if they are attending virtually or in person. - Cohrs will share Opioid Assessment Final Report - Bentz will share outcome results report from last year on objectives. - Bentz would like summary reports on projects/photos for her to post and share through Aspirus - Bath will work on promoting community events assessment - Cohrs will send out LWL Leadership Meeting dates for 2026.

Minutes Prepared By: Cohrs, 5/2/2025