

LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COALITION

Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Buntrock at 10:02 am.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions. AJ and Stephanie are new to the group.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion to approve June 20, 2025 minutes by Allen, seconded by Thums. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Open Discussion of Current State/Local Legislation Influencing Nutrition/Healthy Lifestyles

WI 2025-2026 AB 48 / SB 67 Relating to: providing state aid to reimburse public and private schools that provide free meals to all pupils for the costs of those meals and making an appropriation.

5. Review Annual Survey Results

Buntrock shared key indicator data, annual coalition survey (SOAR) results and coalition outcomes from the past year. **See attachment "Healthy Lifestyles Annual Review 9.2025"**

- The group added to the annual coalition survey results.
- **Discussion on the following:** "Lincoln County will support healthy nutrition by advancing social and environmental conditions" is the current goal. The group suggested changing 'nutrition' to 'habits' to encompass more than just nutrition in the future.

6. Action Plan Dashboard and Annual Work Plan

These would be additions since last meeting (June 20, 2025):

Build and Foster Partnerships –

- *Lincoln County Health Department met the leader of the Food for Kids (MAPS School Food Backpack Program). Discussed ways we could partner in the future. Example: Provide educational materials to go out in the backpacks, help them promote their annual fundraiser.*
- *UW-Extension FoodWise partnered with Kinship on programming (more details listed below).*

Healthy Nutrition Policies, Infrastructure, and Programs –

- *No Update.*

Address Barriers to Utilizing Local Nutrition Resources

- *Buntrock at Merrill Farmers Market Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 23. Saw over 60 people.*

- Buntrock made 2 radio appearances, Facebook posts, newsletter articles on the Farmers Market Campaign.
- UW-Extension at Merrill Farmers Market for 'Meet Us at the Market' on Wednesday, July 31.
- UW-Extension helped distribute Senior Vouchers through multiple approaches.

Strengthen and Enhance Food Support Systems

- Church Mutual (Lydia) is taking over the Stockoxes Program.

Educate the Community on Healthy Nutrition

- UW-FoodWise provided healthy nutrition classes at Kinship in July and August. One time a week, for 1-2 hours. Each week between 5-18 students came. They had a healthy snack, discussed food topics and then did an active game outside. Always tried to tie to MyPlate.
- UW-FoodWise did a Food Demo at Kinship during their Parent Night on Tuesday, September 9. They got to take home either a roaster, electric skillet or tupperware.
- Parent Night Kinship 9/9; 7 parents attended, got to take home a roaster or electric skillet and tupperware; food demo.
- LCHD was at Tomahawk National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5; saw around 60 people.
- UW-FoodWise & Healthfirst were at LCHD sponsored PRSYL Head Start Health Fair on Tuesday, August 12.
- LCHD & UW-Extension was at Merrill Community Night Out on Tuesday, August 19; saw around 170 people/families.
- Upcoming Event: Lincoln County Community Baby Shower on Tuesday, October 7. Healthfirst and LCHD will be in attendance promoting healthy nutrition.

7. Budget

Buntrock will be submitting a request for 2026 funds by the end of this calendar year. Buntrock will communicate with AJ prior to submitting.

8. Agency Round Robin

No additional comments.

9. Set Future Meeting(s)

Stephanie and AJ agreed that Friday mornings typically work for them if they know ahead of time. Buntrock will set dates and send out invites. Will change dates depending on calendars and if we get additional partners.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am. Buntrock adjourned the meeting.