



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning

Chairperson: Supervisor Shawn Rolland

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Caroline Gómez-Tom

Supervisor Deanna Alexander

Supervisor Felesia A. Martin

Supervisor Kathleen Vincent

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

3:00 PM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 3:02 p.m.

Present 4 - Gomez-Tom, Martin, Vincent and Rolland

Excused 1 - Alexander

Supervisors Shawn Rolland, Deanna Alexander, and Kathleen Vincent appeared virtually for today's meeting.

Supervisor Deanna Alexander was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually later in the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS) /
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) - 1**

- 1 [26-328](#) An action report providing and update on the status of the McGovern Senior Center and requesting \$100,000 from Org. Unit 194-1945 -Appropriate for Contingencies fund planning, design, and cost estimating expenses by the Department of Administrative Services Facilities Management Division as they work with the Department of Health and Human Services for a long-term senior center solution on the Northwest Side of Milwaukee **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-328 REPORT](#)
 [26-328 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-328 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-328 REMEDIAL ACTION TIMELINE](#)
 [26-328 MOISTURE INVESTIGATION](#)
 [26-328 POWERPOINT \(11/11/25 COMMUNITY PRESENTATION\)](#)
 [26-328 POWERPOINT \(received 02/26/26\)](#)
 [26-328 INFORMATION SESSIONS FLYER \(03/05/26\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, DAS
Emily Kenney, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Transformation, Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. Hertzberg provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "26-328 INFORMATION SESSIONS FLYER (03/05/26)."

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report:

Eugene Guzkowski, Chairperson, Senior Center Committee, and
Commissioner, Commission on Aging (COA)
Virginia Small
Dain Maddox
Elizabeth BJ Ermenc (virtually)
Denise Callaway, Chairperson, Advisory Council, and Commissioner, COA

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**DAS / DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE /
DHHS - 1**

- 2 [26-325](#) Informational Report on ongoing lease discussions with Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin for Wil-O-Way Grant and Underwood Facilities **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [26-325 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

Jacqueline Formanek, Director, Disability Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE - 1

- 3 [26-291](#) A resolution/ordinance amending Chapter 108 - Achieving Racial Equity and Health of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to include disability equity in Milwaukee County's strategic priority, mission, vision, and values (**03/05/26 Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson**)

Sponsors: Vincent

Attachments: [26-291 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE](#)
 [26-291 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Nyen, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this

Resolution/Ordinance:

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson, Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CPD)

Josh Haupt, Commissioner, CPD

Elizabeth BJ Ermenc (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Vincent that this Resolution/Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. No vote was taken due to a subsequent motion, which took precedence.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Resolution/Ordinance be **LAI D O V E R T O T H E C A L L O F T H E C H A I R P E R S O N**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gomez-Tom, Alexander, Martin, Vincent and Rolland

DHHS - 5

- 4 [26-305](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to execute a catering price agreement with An Ox Café as part of the Senior Dining Dine-Out program **(Referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-305 REPORT](#)
 [26-305 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-305 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Daniel "Dan" Idzikowski, Director, Aging Services, Department of Health and Human Services

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Items 5 and 6 were considered together.

- 5 [26-310](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute retroactive purchase of service contracts with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS), Fathers Making Progress (FMP), and UniteWI as FORGE Fatherhood grant partners **(Referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-310 REPORT](#)
 [26-310 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-310 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Sandra Stevens, Director of Programs and Supportive Services, Child Support Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (virtually)
Clare O'Brien, Director of Policy and Budget, DHHS

Items 5 and 6 were considered together.

The Action Reports associated with Items 5 and 6 were referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 6 [26-311](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute retroactive professional service agreements with Sojourner Family Peace Center and AMTC & Associates as FORGE Fatherhood grant partners **(Referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-311 REPORT](#)
 [26-311 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-311 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Sandra Stevens, Director of Programs and Supportive Services, Child Support Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (virtually)
Clare O'Brien, Director of Policy and Budget, DHHS

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- 7 [26-312](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2026 purchase of service contract with Racine County **(Referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-312 REPORT](#)
 [26-312 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-312 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kelly Pethke, Administrator, Children, Youth, and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 8 [26-313](#) Report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational update on the 2026 State/County contract spending controls **(Considered by the Committees on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance)** **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [26-313 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Clare O'Brien, Director of Policy and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 9 [26-55](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 26-55 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 9.

There were no eComments submitted for the March 5, 2026, meeting.

The March 5, 2026, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 3:02 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.

Adjourned,

Kelsey A. Nyen
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning will be determined after the Monday, April 20, 2026, Organizational Meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., for the May meeting cycle.