

Isanti County Public Health Commission

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026/4:30-6:00 pm.

Make-up Meeting for December 2025

Isanti County Health and Human Services

Conference Room A

Agenda and Notes

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – 4:38 pm.

- II. **Introductions and Committee Member** - Members in attendance: Melinda LaQuier-Nordby, Dana Moore, Dr. Carolyn Kampa, Joan Schleicher, Mo Spike, Commissioner Alan Duff, Gwen O’Brien (virtual)

- III. **Approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2025 Meeting** – Motion: Dr. Carolyn Kampa, 2nd: Dana Moore

- IV. **Identify a Chair and Vice Chair for the PH Commission Team** – Chair: Melinda LaQuier-Nordby, Vice Chair: Dana Moore

- V. **Representative from District 1 and District 5** – Discussed need to identify a representative for both District 1 and District 5. Commissioner Alan Duff requested ideas from the commission on individuals who may be interested. Mo shared Debbie Solomon may be interested in District 5, Commissioner Duff planned to text with Commissioner LaRowe to get her okay. If you have ideas on representatives, please let Commissioner Duff, Commissioner LaRowe and Mo know.

- VI. **Public Health Commission Bylaws – discussion/approval** – Motion: Gwen O’Brien, 2nd: Dr. Carolyn Kampa (Bylaws shared).

- VII. **Community Resource Pantry** – Mo shared a PowerPoint of the Community Resource Pantry. The Community Resource Pantry was an innovative idea that our new Health

Educator, Madison Wiss, brought fruition. There was a lot of excitement from the commission. Commissioner Duff shared what he has experienced through his employment and was curious about sustainment and future potential of “fresh” foods. Commissioner Duff shared Cambridge Community College has a “Fresh foods” resource for students and staff. Gwen O’Brien confirmed this. Cambridge Community College has a cooler locker they are able to keep the “fresh foods” in.

VIII. Public Health Staffing Updates – Health Educator Madison Wiss, PHN Melanie Winger –

Madison Wiss began her 1.0FTE position as a health educator in August 2025, after completing her 10-month AmeriCorps worker program with ICPH. Melanie Winger has given her resignation and will be completing her employment at ICHHS on February 3rd, 2026. We wish Melanie luck; we will miss her.

IX. Family Home Visiting – Status Update with Joan Schleicher, PHN Lead –

Joan provided a thorough, comprehensive report. Commissioner Duff requested copies of this report, sharing the data would be great to share with other Commissioners. Joan will compile this information and send it to commission members. Mo will keep a copy with these meeting notes.

X. Opioid Advisory Council Update –

Current Opioid Funds: \$995,489.45. 3 projects are being financially supported by the Opioid Settlement Funds: 1. Lighthouse – Now named Fernbrook, 2. CMJTS – successfully trained 19 peer recovery specialists in November 2025, 3. Isanti County Probation. The next Opioid Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9th, 2026 3:00-4:30 pm. Discussed potential of the Substance Use and Recovery Coalition and the Opioid Advisory Council into one substance focused group for Isanti County. Mo and Jodi are discussing potential with County attorney’s Jeff Edblad and Tim Nelson. More to come.

XI. Cannabis Funding –

Mini Youth Scholarship Grants are available to school age children to pay for activities. The goal is to support kids with activities and hope to decrease the risk of substance use. There was a lot of support for this initiative. Request from Commissioner Duff: In the future have story sharing on successes and potentially have a kiddo share with

the board of commissioners with media highlight. Mo will discuss with Health Educators. Currently there have been 10 requests for funds.

- XII. **Public Health Awards** – Public Health week April 6th-12th, 2026 – Goal: have nomination QR code go live on Monday, February 2nd-March 2nd, 2026. At the March 10th commission meeting the commission team will make award decisions. Public Health award eligibility is 3 categories: 1. County Employee, 2. Community Partner/Stakeholder, 3. Community Resident. The areas of focus include 1. Decreased substance use and abuse to protect the youth of Isanti County, 2. Promote and Enhance meaningful social connectedness across all ages and stages of life. 3. Enhance mental health and well-being by decreasing barriers to mental health services and increase resiliency. The three areas are the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) areas that remain active throughout 2026. The Community Health Assessment (CHA) will go live on Monday, February 2nd with 4000 random surveys being sent out to the Isanti County residents. In 2027, the priorities could change following the results of the CHA/CHIP. Melinda has offered to support this work by developing some objectives for choosing recipients of the awards. Mo will send Melinda the past guidelines used.
- XIII. **General Questions and Idea Sharing to support the Health of Isanti County** – None shared. Please reach out to Mo if you ever have ideas for topics, questions, concerns, etc.
- XIV. **2026 Public Health Commission Meeting Schedule: March 10th, June 9th, September 8th, December 8th – do these dates work for our Commission Team?** Dates approved. Note: Commissioner Duff is unavailable on March 10th, 2026 – he will be on vacation.
- XV. **Next meeting – Tentative: Tuesday, March 10th 4:30-6:00 pm. Date approved!**
- XVI. **Adjourn:** Mo missed the time and who motioned and 2nd.