

**Official Minutes
of the
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board**

The Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board met in regular session at the Jackson County Government West Large Conference Room, 405 4th St. Bldg 4. Jackson, MN on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The following members of the Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board were present: Jackson County Commissioners: Larry Liepold, Roger Pohlman, Don Wachal, and Kent Bargfrede, and Cottonwood County Commissioners: Larry Anderson, Donna Gravley, Tom Appel, Wayne Maras, and Kevin Stevens. Absent was Jackson County Commissioner Phil Nasby. **Quorum Established.**

Present in person for all or portions of the meeting were Chris Macek, Operations/Administrative Services Director; Natane Sadusky, Fiscal Manager; Craig Myers, Human Services Director; Michelle Ebbers, Public Health Director, Julie Van Wyhe, Associate Board Secretary, public, and staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roger Pohlman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Bargfrede second by Wachal and unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Add: ElevaCare reporting under **IX. Committee and Board Reports**

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following new staff members were introduced:

- Emma Birkeland, County Agency Social Worker

STAFF/PROGRAMMING PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Murfield, Fraud Investigator, presented an overview of the Fraud Prevention Investigation Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Resolution 26-033** Approve DVHHS Board Minutes February 12, 2026
- **Resolution 26-034** Approve February 2026 Auditor Warrants
- **Resolution 26-035** Approve American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Community Walk Agreement
- **Resolution 26-036** Approve Memorandum of Understanding – FirstLink Care and Support Program
- **Resolution 26-037** Accept SMAMHC Grant Award for Basic Living/Social Skills & Community Integration
- **Resolution 26-038** Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Agape Counseling Center
- **Resolution 26-039** Approve Closure of DVHHS Offices on Thursday, April 16, 2026 for Employee Training and Staff Meeting
- **Resolution 26-040** Approve Memorandum of Understanding with HSEM for Participation in MN Salamander Live System
- **Resolution 26-041** Accept Grant from Southwest Initiative Foundation and Odell Windom Farm Community Fund
- **Resolution 26-042** Approve MN DHS Plan Agreement – Tobacco Compliance Checks

Motion by Maras second by Anderson and unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 26-043

Motion by Liepold, second by Wachal and unanimous vote to Approve Revised Final Disposition/Funeral Payment Policy – Admin. Policy DV 5000.

Resolution 26-044

Motion by Stevens, second by Liepold and unanimous vote to Approve Request to Hire an Additional Children’s Social Worker.

Resolution 26-045

Motion by Bargfrede, second by Maras and unanimous vote to Approve Proclamation Recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

INFORMATIONAL/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Craig Myers, Human Services Director, Natane Sadusky, Fiscal Manager, Michelle Ebbers, Public Health Director and Chris Macek, Operations/Administrative Services Director provided updates.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Anderson reported on the ElevaCare meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Board Chair

Date

Attest:

Date