



## MINUTES

**Health and Human Services Board**  
Government Center, County Board Room  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bonneprise at 10:03 a.m.  
Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
John Bonneprise	Chair	Present
Joe Demulling	Vice Chair	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Absent
Michael Larsen	Supervisor	Present
Mike Prichard	Supervisor	Present
William Alleva	Citizen	Present
Rita McKee	Citizen	Present
Sabrina Meddaugh	Citizen	Present
Dr. Arne Lagus	Citizen	Present

Also present: Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Tonya Eichel, Community Services Director; Diana Peterson, ESS Supervisor; Lisa Lavasseur, Behavioral Health Director; Chad Roberts, Chief Deputy; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Brian Kaczmariski, Public Health Director; Amy Middleton, County Board Supervisor; Doug Route, County Board Supervisor; Leigh Wahlen, Children & Family Services Director.

**Approval of Agenda-** Chair Bonneprise called for a motion to approve agenda. **Motion** (Larson/Demulling) to approve agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes-** Chair Bonneprise called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting, which were amended to include Supervisor Prichard's additions/corrections. **Motion** (Larson/ Alleva) to approve the minutes. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment-** 8 Public comments were received by the board.

**Program Overview-Great Rivers Income Maintenance** The Board received a presentation from Diana Peterson, Economic Support Supervisor, on the Program Overview for Great Rivers Income Maintenance.

**COVID-19:** The Board received an update on COVID-19 from Brian Kaczmariski. As of April 13, 2020, there were 140 Negative cases, 28 Currently being monitored, and 3 Positive cases in Polk County.

**CAFO Presentation:** The Board received a presentation from Brian Kaczmariski, Public Health and Consortium Director requested from the December 11, 2019 HHS Committee meeting.

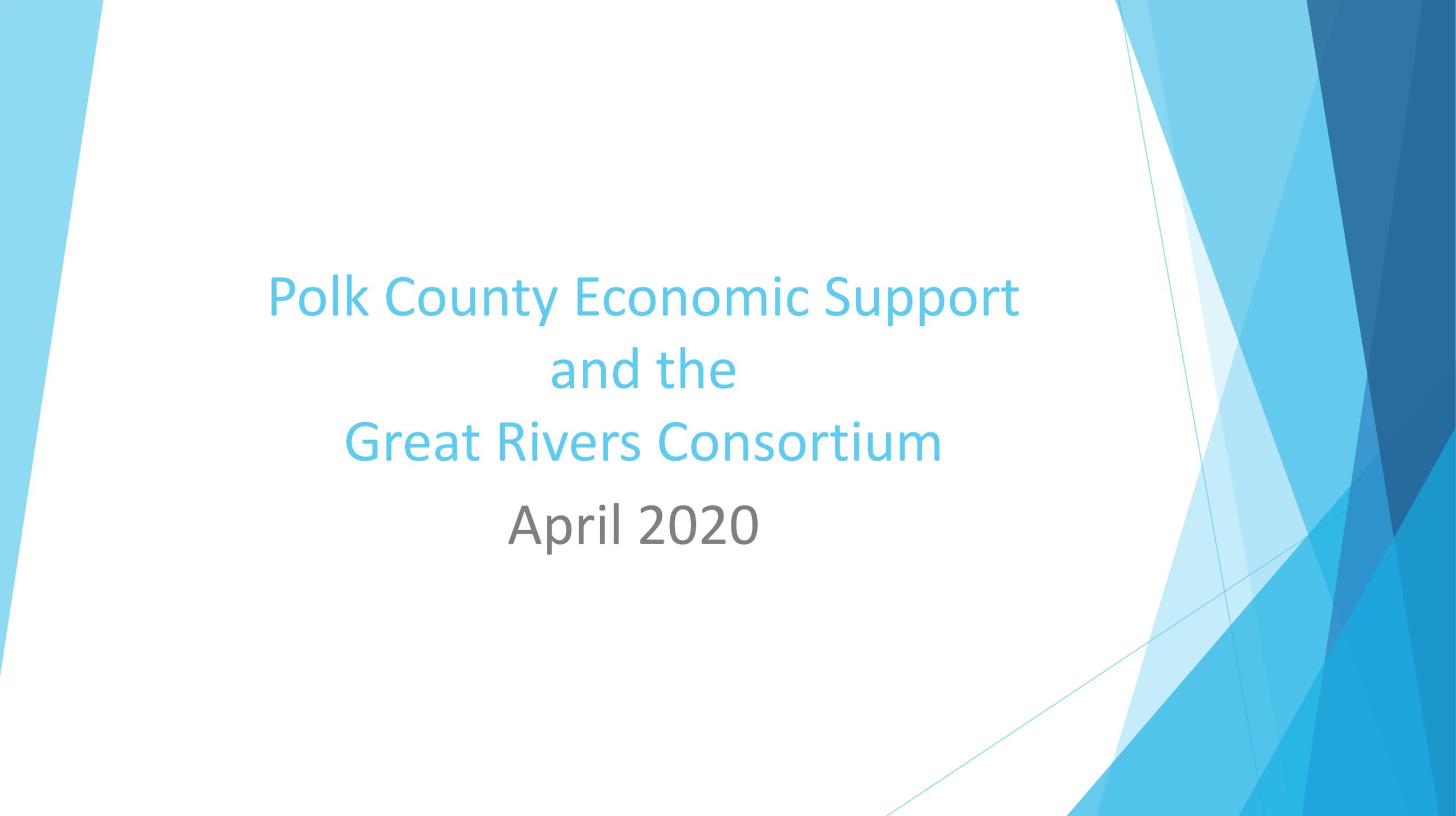
**Items for the next Agenda:** BHHS accomplishments, Division strategic plan update, Legislative event report, 2021 budget priorities discussion, preliminary end of year financial report, Child Wellness Ordinances.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 10:00 am.

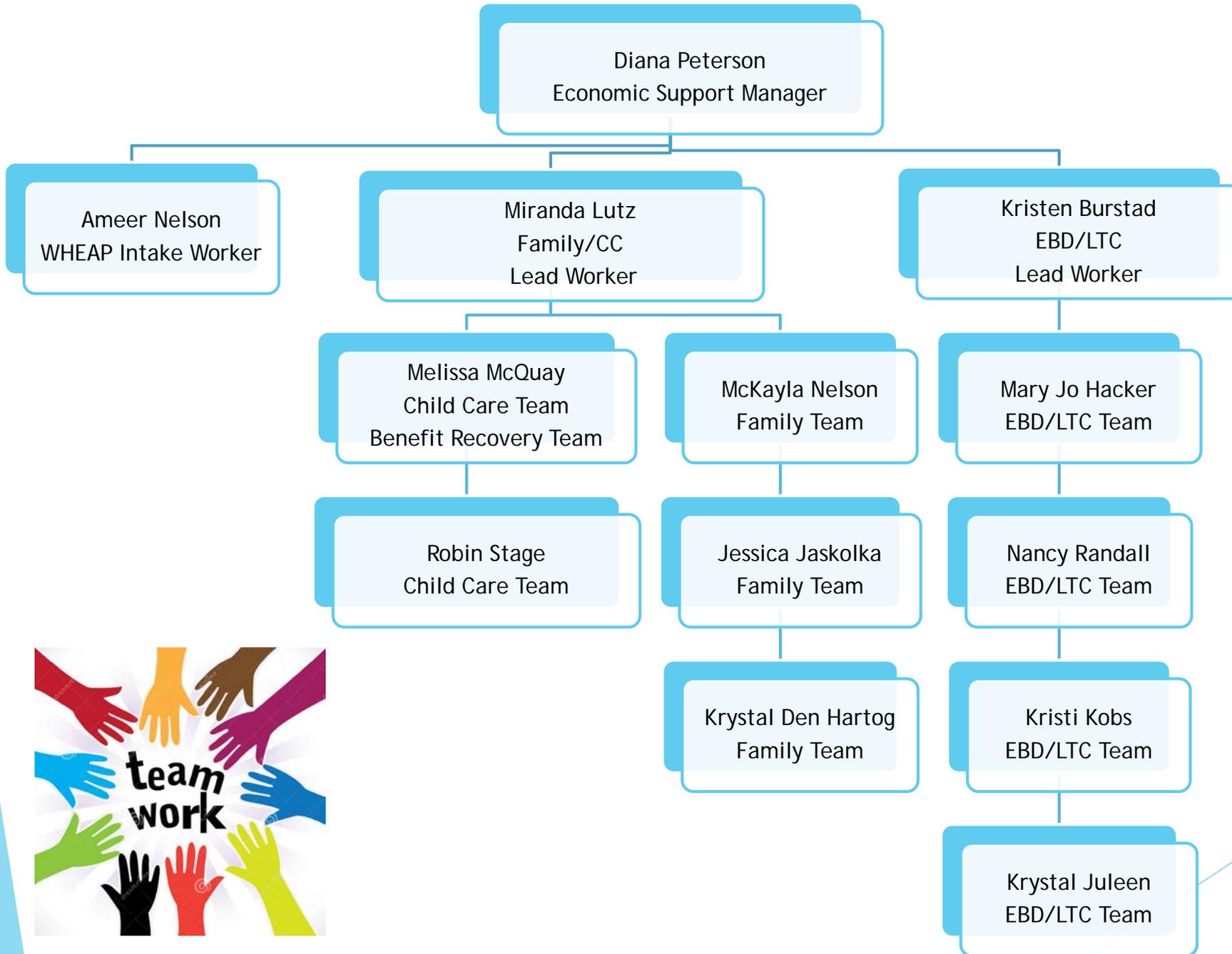
Chairman Bonneprise called for a motion to adjourn. Motion (Prichard/Larson) to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Bonneprise declared meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Haaf, Deputy County Clerk

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Polk County Economic Support  
and the  
Great Rivers Consortium  
April 2020



# Great Rivers Income Maintenance Consortium Organizational Chart

## GRC Directors

- Stacey Frolik, Barron County
- Allison Fern, Burnett County
- Tim Easker, Chippewa County
- Patricia Schanen, Douglas County
- Kristin Korpela., Dunn County
- Diane Cable, Eau Claire County
- Ron Schmidt, Pierce County
- Tonya Eichel, Polk County
- Fred Johnson, St. Croix County
- Jim LeDuc, Washburn County

**Kathy Welke  
Consortium  
Administrator**

## GRC Managers

- Bonnie Roemhild, Barron County
- Karla Brunberg, Burnett County
- Bobbie Jaeger, Chippewa County
- Cary Breitlow, Douglas County
- Christine Kistner, Dunn County
- Kathy Welke, Eau Claire County
- Jennifer Dahl, Eau Claire County
- Cindy Drury, Eau Claire County
- Jane Olson, Eau Claire County
- Christine Tuenge, Pierce County
- Diana Peterson, Polk County
- Ronda Brown, St. Croix County
- Karla Brunberg, Washburn County

## Family Lead Team

Jennifer Dahl, Facilitator  
Cindy Drury, Facilitator

- Candi Gillett, Barron County
- Elizabeth Nyhus, Chippewa County
- Lynn Levens, Douglas County
- Jessica Lindstrom, Dunn County
- Kris Hutchins, Eau Claire County
- Becky Arbs, Eau Claire County
- Rebecca Mueller, Pierce County
- Miranda Lutz, Polk County
- Raychel Raddatz, St. Croix County

## EBD/LTC Lead Team

Bonnie Roemhild, Facilitator  
Jane Olson, Facilitator

- Dayna Stellrecht, Barron County
- Tom Ostrander, Douglas County
- Sherry Berg, Dunn County
- Sheila Morden, Eau Claire County
- Kristen Burstad, Polk County
- Nicole Daul, St. Croix County

## Child Care Team

Diana Peterson, Facilitator  
Cindy Drury, Facilitator

- Kristi Gillett, Barron County
- Mee Vang, Barron County
- Tammy Haupt, Burnett County
- Vacant**, Chippewa County
- Melinda Steele, Chippewa County
- Misty Berg, Dunn County
- Danielle Snyder, Dunn County
- Colia Burton-Smith, Eau Claire County
- Gemma Rhodes, Eau Claire County
- Lucy McIlquham, Eau Claire County
- Angie Lendle, Eau Claire County
- Morgan Krei, Eau Claire County
- Jennifer Hardy, Pierce County
- Kristine Thompson, Pierce County
- Melissa McQuay, Polk County
- Robin Stage, Polk County
- Stacey Schradle, St. Croix County
- Stanza Rosas, St. Croix County
- Gwen Bartholomew, Washburn County
- Mary Everett, Washburn County

## Benefit Recovery Team

Jennifer Dahl, Facilitator

- Kim Ableidinger, Eau Claire County
- Misty Berg, Dunn County
- Megan Boiteau, Eau Claire County
- Aaron Borreson, Eau Claire County
- **Vacant**, Eau Claire County
- Gloria Frelk, Eau Claire County
- Jody King, Eau Claire County
- Laurie LaNou, Eau Claire County
- Melissa McQuay, Polk County
- Matt Pascarella, St. Croix County
- Scott Venegas, Barron County

# Great Rivers Consortium

## Fun Facts

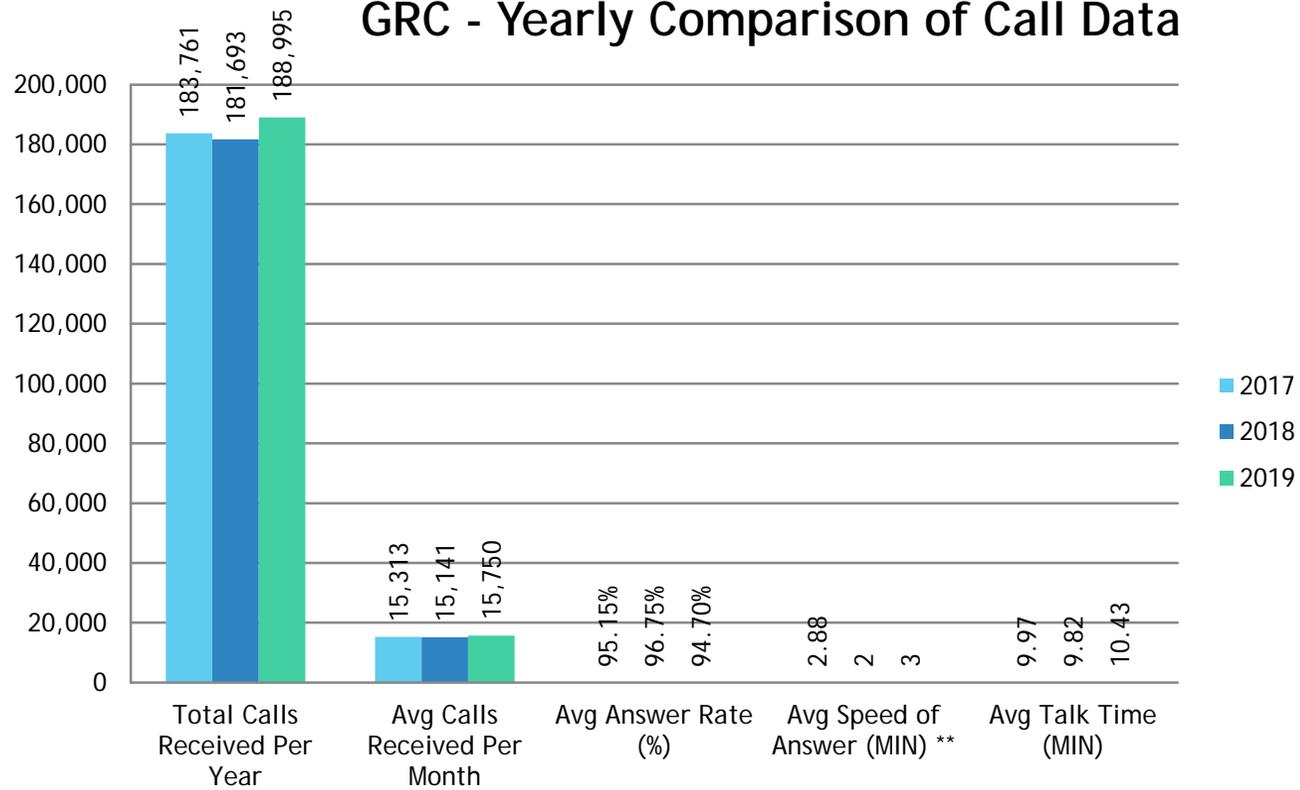
- ▶ Ten-county consortium: Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Washburn
- ▶ Eau Claire County is our consortium's fiscal agency.
- ▶ 'One Stop Shop' concept for consumers
- ▶ GRC Call Center operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday 8:00am to 11:00 am
- ▶ Each county offers a minimum of 35 hours per week lobby service per federal administrative memo.
- ▶ Each county's lobby offers a computer for access to [access.wi.gov](http://access.wi.gov) and a telephone for direct dial to the GRC Call Center and FS Quest Card line.

- ▶ **Benefit Recovery Team** - 8 specialists, 1 vacancy, and 2 fraud investigators
- ▶ **Family Team** - 38 workers, 2 staff in training, 6 vacancies, average caseload of 664 per worker.
- ▶ **EBD/LTC Team** - 28 staff, 1 in training, 1 on FMLA, 4 vacancies, average caseload of 677 per worker.
- ▶ **Child Care Team** - 19 workers, 1 vacancy, average caseload of 442 per worker.
- ▶ **Lead Team** - 9 family, 6 EBD/LTC
- ▶ Directors meet quarterly
- ▶ GRC Managers meet two times a month, i.e: one in person (Barron) and one via Webex
- ▶ GRC has received awards the past two years for application processing/timeliness and error rate.



# Great Rivers Call Center 2017-2019

GRC - Yearly Comparison of Call Data

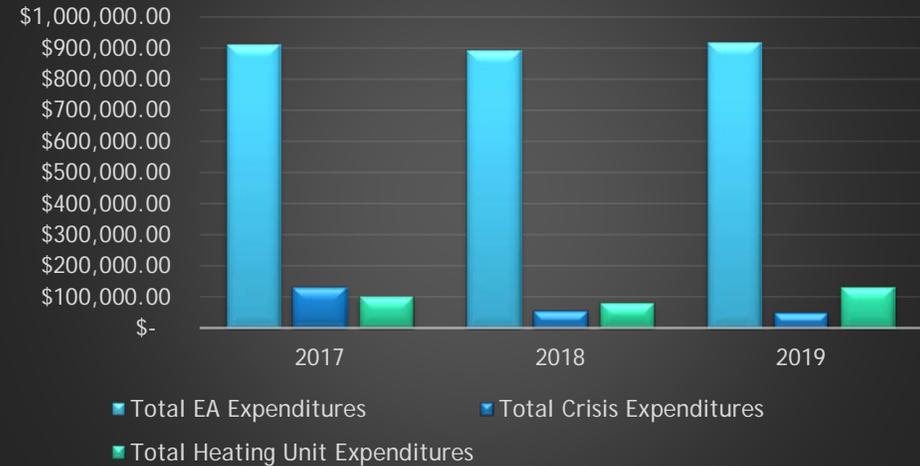


# WHEAP - Energy Assistance Statistics

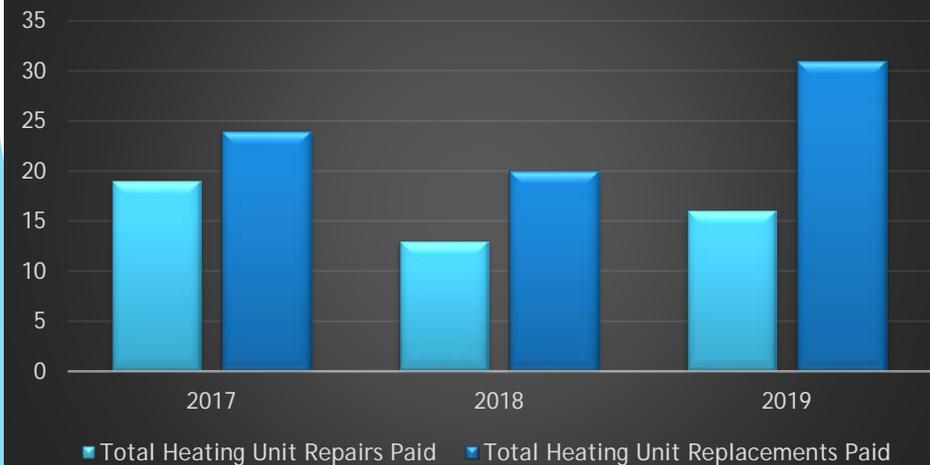
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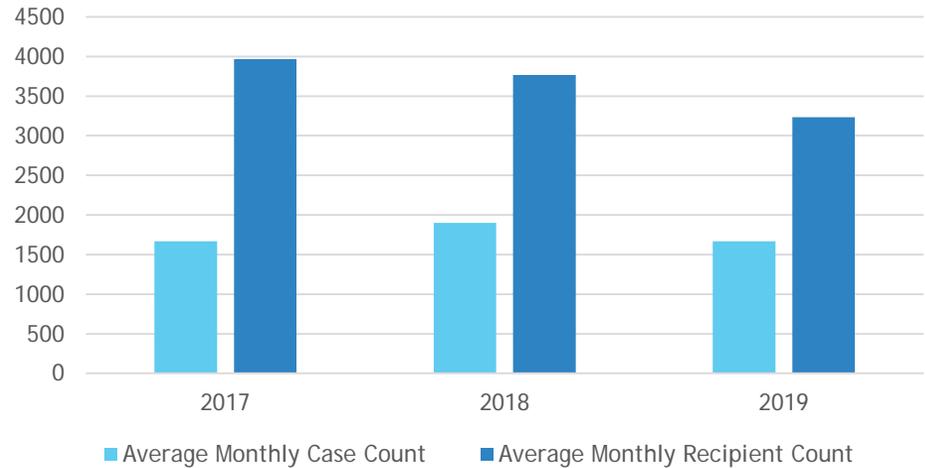
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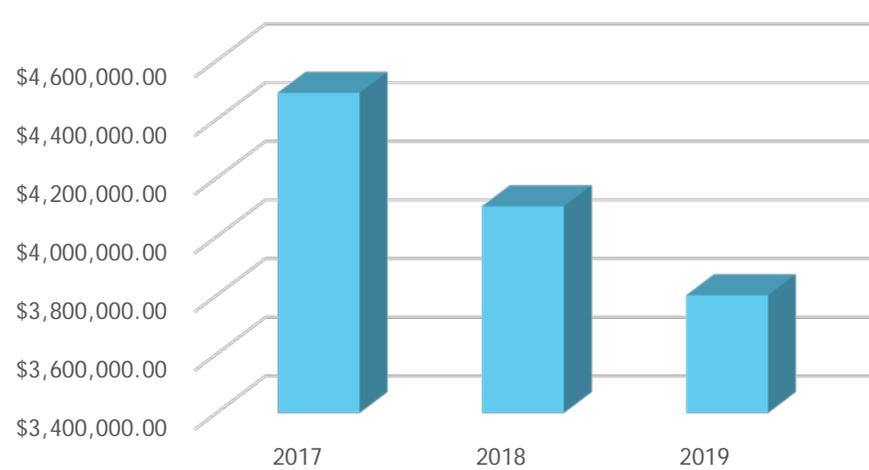
	2017	2018	2019
Total Households Paid Energy Assistance	1631	1497	1409
Total Households Paid Crisis Assistance	321	196	178
Total Heating Unit Repairs Paid	19	13	16
Total Heating Unit Replacements Paid	24	20	31
Total EA Expenditures	\$ 913,566.00	\$ 893,514.00	\$ 919,474.00
Total Crisis Expenditures	\$ 130,251.00	\$ 53,383.00	\$ 47,533.00
Total Heating Unit Expenditures	\$ 103,012.00	\$ 81,362.00	\$ 132,143.00

# FoodShare Statistics

Polk County Case & Recipient Count



Polk County Benefit Issuance Amount



	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Average Monthly Case Count	1944	1901	1669
Average Monthly Recipient Count	3966	3768	3236
Benefit Issuance Amount	\$ 4,490,240.00	\$ 4,103,381.00	\$ 3,800,077.00

April 2010 Census = 44,202  
 Percent of population served:  
 2019 - 7.3%  
 2018 - 8.5%  
 2017 - 9.0%

# Medicaid

## Other Medicaid Programs

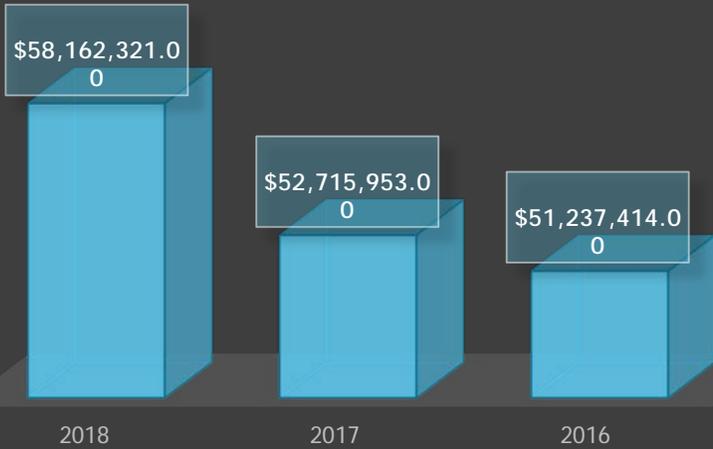
- Badger Care Plus - Childless Adults
- Badger Care Plus - Adults/Children
- Family Planning Only Services
- Well Woman
- Foster Care
- Subsidized Adoption

## Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Programs

- SSI
- SSI-Related Deductibles
- Institutionalized
- Waiver (Family Care)
- MAPP
- Katie Beckett
- QMB/SLMB/QDWI
- Children's Long Term Care

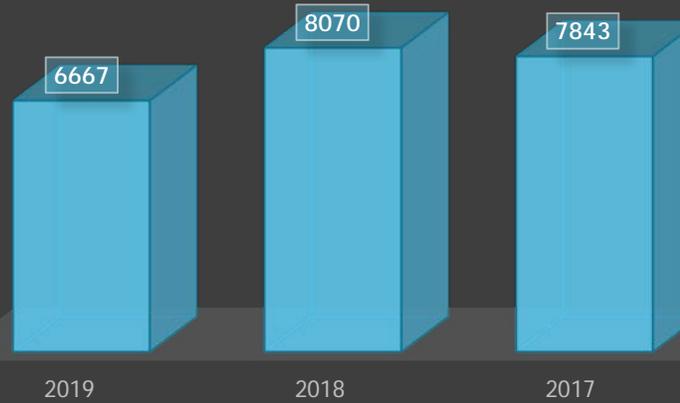
# Medicaid Expenditures & Recipient Count Polk County

## MEDICAID EXPENDITURES



2019 Expenditures not yet available

## TOTAL RECIPIENTS COVERED



April 2010 Census = 44,202  
Percent of population served:  
2019 - 15.08%  
2018 - 18.26%  
2017 - 17.74%

# MyWICChildCare Child Care Subsidy Program

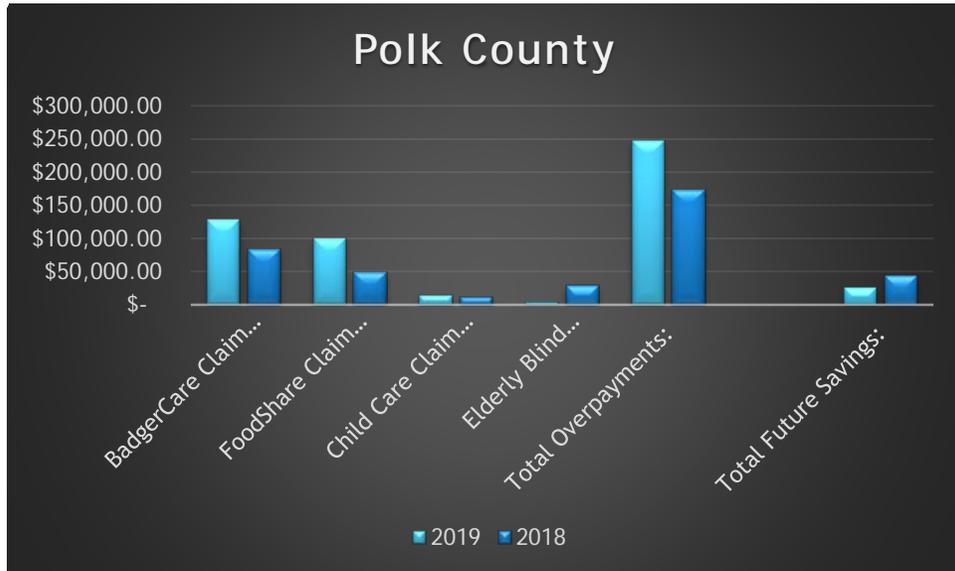
## Polk County - 2019



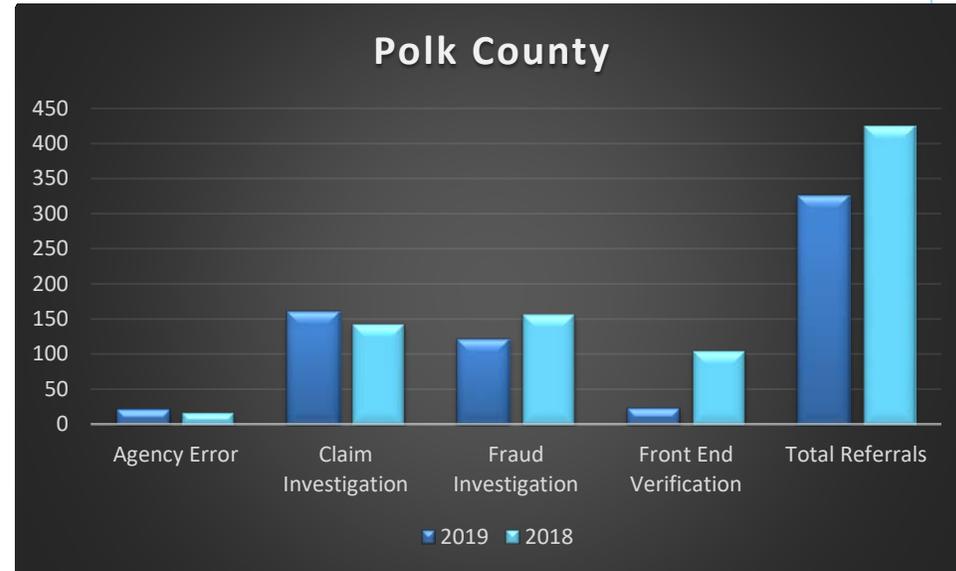
## Child Care Expenditures - Polk



# Benefit Recovery - Polk County

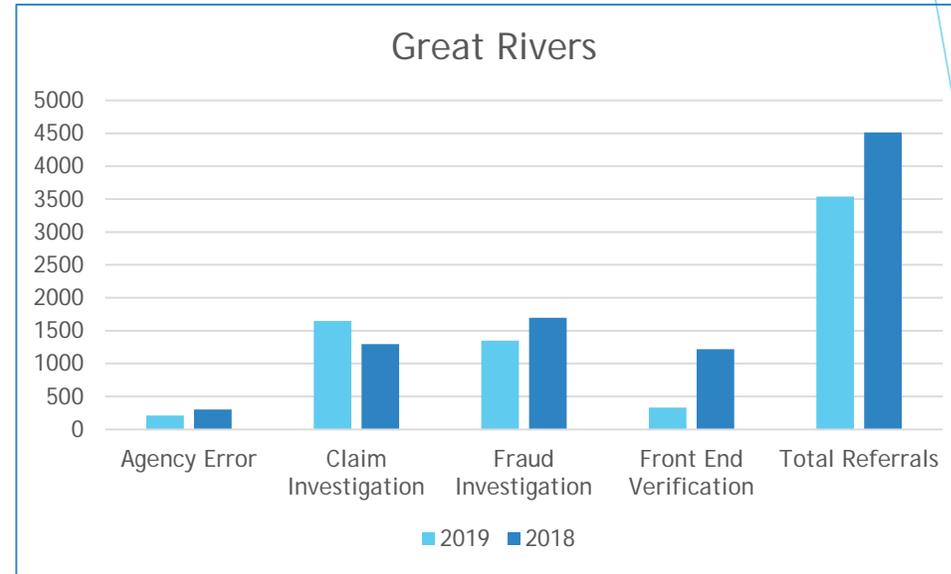
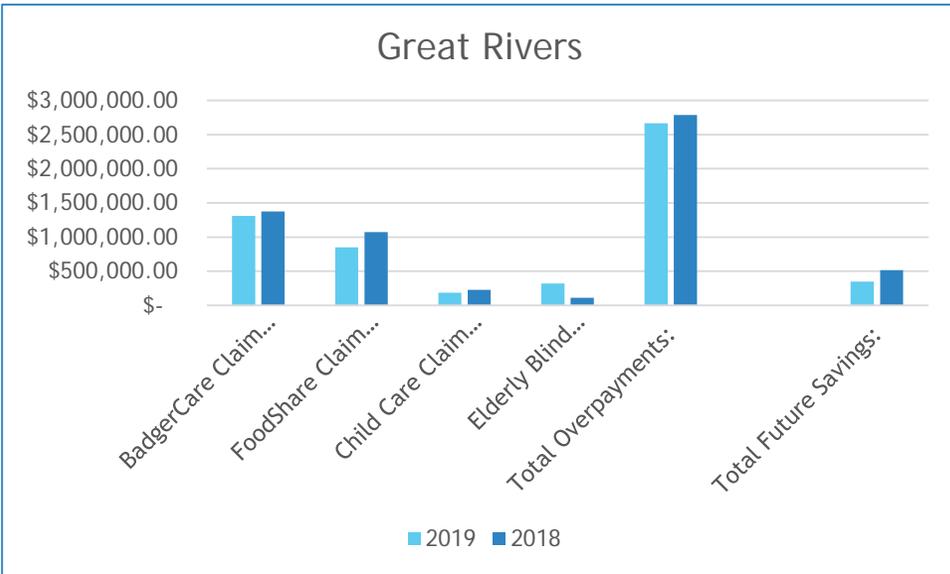


All Overpayments (FEV/Fraud/Claim/Agency Error)	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
BadgerCare Claim Amount	\$ 128,875.07	\$ 84,977.60
FoodShare Claim Amount	\$ 101,474.02	\$ 49,677.73
Child Care Claim Amount	\$ 14,130.51	\$ 11,248.99
Elderly Blind Disabled Medicaid Claim Amount	\$ 3,588.21	\$ 28,637.23
Total Overpayments:	\$ 248,067.81	\$ 174,541.55
Total Future Savings:	\$ 25,945.84	\$ 44,223.01



	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Agency Error	21	18
Claim Investigation	161	144
Fraud Investigation	122	158
Front End Verification	23	106
Total Referrals	327	426

# Benefit Recovery - Great Rivers Consortium



All Overpayments (FEV/Fraud/Claim/Agency Error)	2019	2018
BadgerCare Claim Amount	\$ 1,310,946.23	\$1,374,011.83
FoodShare Claim Amount	\$ 849,600.32	\$1,072,772.35
Child Care Claim Amount	\$ 188,112.18	\$229,315.84
Elderly Blind Disabled Medicaid Claim Amount	\$ 319,397.10	\$110,186.40
Total Overpayments:	\$ 2,668,055.83	\$2,786,286.42
Total Future Savings:	\$ 349,353.00	\$ 517,187.78

	2019	2018
Agency Error	212	303
Claim Investigation	1647	1294
Fraud Investigation	1349	1698
Front End Verification	333	1221
Total Referrals	3541	4516

# Temporary Policy Changes Due to COVID-19

## FoodShare

- ▶ No applicant or member will be sanctioned for failing to comply with the work requirements.
- ▶ Renewals for March, April, May 2020 have been given a one-time three month extension.
- ▶ All FS cases with a March Six Month Report Form due have been given a one-time three month extension.
- ▶ All FS cases with an April SMRF will not receive a SMRF.
- ▶ Drug testing for drug felons is temporarily suspended.
- ▶ FS ABAWDs do not need to meet the standard work requirements.
- ▶ Issue emergency replacement QUEST cards upon member request.
- ▶ Emergency supplemental FoodShare benefits for March and April - maximum FS allotments for HH size.
- ▶ FS interviews for applications and renewals are waived through May 31.
- ▶ Agencies can use the best available information as reported by the member for many verifications.

## Health Care

- ▶ The Families First Coronavirus Response Act directs state agencies to maintain Health Care coverage for individuals from the beginning of the public health emergency through the end of the month the emergency ends.
- ▶ Work requirements for MAPP program are waived.
- ▶ All health care cases with renewal dates due in March, April, or May have been given a one-time three month extension.
- ▶ Premium requirements for MAPP and BC+ children have been suspended until further notice.

# Temporary Policy Changes Due to COVID-19

## Child Care

- ▶ Paying child care to both open and temporarily closed providers simultaneously.
- ▶ Renewals for April, May and June have been extended three months.
- ▶ Extended authorizations to 6/30/20 for those parent(s) not working and to 8/31/20 for those parents working.
- ▶ <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/> - DCF has updated their website and created a database for essential workers (health care) to find daycare in their area. Being assisted by Child Care Resource & Referral (Western Dairyland for this area).
- ▶ Multiple Executive Orders by Governor Evers specific to child care providers.

## WHEAP-Energy Assistance

- ▶ One-month income eligibility instead of three-month income eligibility.
- ▶ Outreach post cards being mailed to inform potential customers of the new one-month income test. Postcards being sent to households that haven't applied in 2019 or 2020, households that were denied for being over income in 2019 and/or 202 and have yet to reapply, and households that were denied for "The application date has exceeded 31 days" in 2019 and/or 2020 and have yet to complete an application in 2020.
- ▶ Postcards will be mailed to 'Current Resident' to the HE+ application address.
- ▶ Public Service Commission has extended moratorium for Class A utilities to disconnect beyond April 15, 2020.



# COVID-19 Update

Monday, April 13th

## Polk County Numbers

Negative - 140

Currently Being Monitored - 28

Positive - 3

The Polk County Health Department is continuing to monitor this outbreak. We are working with local, state, and federal partners to respond quickly and effectively when a patient tests positive for COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has been confirmed to have Coronavirus.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services updates WI COVID-19 numbers daily after 2:00pm, at the following site: [dhs.wisconsin.gov](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov)



# Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's)

Brian Kaczmariski – Director/Health Officer



# Why the concern about Hogs?

- The pig: a model for human infectious diseases
  - ‘Domestic pigs (*Sus scrofa domesticus*) are closely related to humans in terms of anatomy, genetics and physiology, and represent an excellent animal model to study various microbial infectious diseases.’
  - Virus (disease) can ‘jump’ from hogs to humans because of similar genetic make-up (H5N1 – Swine Flu)



# What is a CAFO?

- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) are *agricultural meat, dairy, or egg* facilities where animals are kept and raised in *confined situations*. *Feed is brought to the animals* rather than the animals grazing or otherwise seeking feed in pastures, fields, or on rangelands.
- CAFOs concentrate animals, feed, waste (manure and urine), and production operations on a small area of land. In 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) reported that CAFOs make up approximately 15 percent of total animal feeding operations in the United States

– Wisconsin DHS -

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/environmental/cafo.htm>



# Possible Impacts

- changes in air quality;
- increased odor and noise complaints;
- changes in land use;
- groundwater and surface water quality changes;
- damage to local roads from increased heavy truck traffic; and
- impacts on quantity and quality of nearby drinking water wells



# Airborne

- *ammonia, hydrogen sulfide*, carbon dioxide, malodorous vapors, and particles contaminated with a wide range of microorganisms.
- Research over the last decades has shown that microbial exposures, especially *endotoxin* exposure, are related to deleterious respiratory health effects, of which cross-shift lung function decline and accelerated decline over time are the most pronounced effects
  - [Environ Health Perspect.](#) 2007 Feb;115(2):298-302. Epub 2006 Nov 14. (Nat'l Institute of Health)



# Recent Research

- 2018 North Carolina Study:
  - **Life expectancy** in southeastern North Carolina communities located in an area with multiple concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) after adjusting for socioeconomic factors **remains low**
  - Study Conclusion: **North Carolina communities located near hog CAFOs had higher all-cause and infant mortality, mortality due to anemia, kidney disease, tuberculosis, septicemia, and higher hospital admissions/ED visits of LBW infants**
  - N C Med J. 2018 Sep-Oct;79(5):278-288. doi: 10.18043/ncm.79.5.278



# More Research...

- About **one-third** of the antibiotics used in the United States each year is routinely added to animal feed to increase growth (Mellon et al. 2001). This practice is promoting **increased antibiotic resistance** among the microbial populations present and, potentially, increased resistance of naturally occurring pathogens in surface waters that receive a portion of the wastes.
  - **Note: No longer legal under Veterinarian Feed Directive (2017)**
- ...generally accepted livestock waste management practices **do not adequately or effectively protect water resources from contamination with excessive nutrients, microbial pathogens, and pharmaceuticals present in the waste.**
- Environ Health Perspect. 2007 Feb; 115(2): 308–312. Published online 2006 Nov 14. doi: 10.1289/ehp.8839



# Duke University, 2017

- Geographical Comparison of people in close proximity to CAFO's vs. Control Group:
  - Statistically Significant (Odds Ratio of 1 or Above and 95% level of Significance):
    - Causal links to increased rates of Anemia, Low Birth Weight, and Asthma
    - Higher rates of Maternal Mortality
  - 2017 Environmental Health Scholars Fall Forum



# Wisconsin Public Radio, November 22, 2019 (APHA)

- National Group Questions CAFOs' Impact On Public Health As More Wisconsin Counties Halt Expansion
- American Public Health Association Supports Moratorium On Large Livestock Farms, Further Study Of Impact To Environment, Human Health

“A growing body of evidence shows how CAFOs are directly associated with occupational and community health risks, as well as the social and economic decline of rural communities.”



# Health Impact Assessments

- Completed in the following counties:
  - Rock
  - Green
  - Pepin
  - Kewaunee
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1817701/>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/environmental/cafo.htm>
- [https://water.usgs.gov/owq/AFO/proceedings/afo/OFR/OFR\\_00-204.pdf](https://water.usgs.gov/owq/AFO/proceedings/afo/OFR/OFR_00-204.pdf)
- <https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/18-06-Concentrated-Animal-Feeding-Operations.pdf>
- [https://midwestadvocates.org/assets/resources/MEA\\_CAFO\\_Toolkit.pdf](https://midwestadvocates.org/assets/resources/MEA_CAFO_Toolkit.pdf)



# Pepin County Moratorium, 2018

Refer to Pages 28-32

NACCHO Position Statement (2018);

<https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/18-06-Concentrated-Animal-Feeding-Operations.pdf>



# Kewaunee County Recommendations (2018)

1. Further evaluation and review of existing enforcement processes. Specific considerations include changes to action taken at CAFOs for second offenses and changes to actions taken by Kewaunee County for noncompliance with county regulated programs. (DNR, County, EPA)
2. Develop guidance that defines and explains “substantial compliance” requirements for CAFO permit reissuance. Could include inspection checklist updates, staff training, template reporting resources, and clearer permit conditions. (DNR, EPA)
3. Resources/Technology for agricultural compliance staff use and efficiency (internal/non-public) – database of information electronically accessible for multiple compliance agencies. (EPA, DNR, County)
4. Staffing - Add compliance staff position(s) (DNR Agricultural Runoff/Nonpoint Specialists) to conduct improved compliance oversight of existing regulations regarding agriculture in sensitive areas. Fill vacancies in a timely manner. (DNR) In the text of this recommendation, the workgroup recommended joint-agency training be provided to DNR inspectors by EPA, DNR, NRCS, DATCP and Kewaunee County.



# Public Health Recommendations for Mitigating

- Surveillance programs: Programs should be instituted to assess private well water quality in high-risk areas. Biomonitoring programs should be designed and implemented to assess actual dose from environmental exposures. (*Air monitoring too!*)
- Wastewater and drinking water treatment: Processes for water treatment must be monitored to ensure adequate removal or inactivation of emerging contaminants.
- Pollution prevention: Best management practices should be implemented to prevent or minimize release of contaminants into the environment.
- Education: Educational materials should be continued to be developed and distributed to agricultural producers.



The End



Polk County Board of Health and Human Services  
2020 Workplan –04/03/2020

Date	Scheduled Agenda Items	Program Review and Upcoming Issues
January	No meeting	
February	No meeting	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAM and VSO Updates</li> <li>• BHHS Satisfaction Survey</li> <li>• Truancy education/Child Wellness Ordinance</li> <li>• Public Nuisance Ordinance</li> </ul>	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Strategic Plan Update</li> <li>• COVID-19 update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Review-Great Rivers Income Maintenance</li> <li>• CAFO presentation</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report</li> <li>• 2021 Budget Priorities Discussion</li> <li>• BHHS accomplishments</li> <li>• Preliminary End of Year Financial Report</li> <li>• Child Wellness ordinances</li> </ul>	Housing study results? Public transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uber</li> <li>• Van Service</li> <li>• Options for non-disabled/elderly, full cost and discounted</li> <li>• Transportation study</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department Annual Reports</li> <li>• Medical Examiner Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member Orientation *8:30 start</li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VSO and GAM mid-year reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Updates (State/Local)</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and recommendations on fee schedule and leases</li> <li>• Community Health Improvement Plan Update</li> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing for 2021 Budget *9:30 start</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Budget Review</li> <li>• Legislative event</li> <li>• Strategic Plan update-Don Wortham</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Review-tbd</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Budget Amendments</li> <li>• Division Update</li> </ul>	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Event Report if applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold meeting at GAM?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GAM Update</li><li>• Veteran's Update</li></ul>	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division Update</li><li>• 2021 Workplan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>