

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD
April 15, 2025**

The Beltrami County Community Health Board met in regular session on April 15, 2025, at the County Board Room, County Administration Building, Bemidji, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig Gaasvig, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Board Members John Carlson, Joe Gould, Tim Sumner, and Scott Winger were present.

GENERAL COMMENTS - BOARD CHAIR

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approved Agenda and Amendments

A motion to approve the agenda with no amendments was made by Board Member Carlson, seconded by Board Member Winger, and unanimously carried.

Approved Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Carlson, and seconded by Board Member Sumner, to approve the January 21, 2025, Community Health Board Minutes. Unanimously carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Programs & Services

Grants distributed by the Community Health Board (CHB) support the programs and services provided to Beltrami County residents. The CHB and Public Health team has strengthened existing community partnerships, where gaps have been identified, and strategic goals considered to enhance our programs, services, and partnerships.

Health & Human Services Social Worker, Kami Kelm discussed her new roll with the Public Health Division and the collaborative work being done with the Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC). Most recent work included events for Tiny Tots program and Week of the Young Child initiative.

Family Health Tech, Alex Munson, discussed the One Community One Vegetable community program; one of many community events and opportunities the Family Health Program is involved in.

Community Health Services Administrator, Amy Bowles, also touched on several other program and service partnership, including:

- Mobil Services (dental, diaper, milk, shoes)
- NW Juvenile Center and Evergreen House
- Stellher
- MN Dept of Health Infrastructure Grant with North County CHB
- Cannabis Grant, BASC creation of Youth Advisory Committee
- MN Dept of Health Infrastructure grant (new) to build a partnership with local tribal nations

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP)

The Community Health Assessment Work Group has identified the top 10 health needs in our community and is using the data to compose the CHA. The CHA work group has also identified the top four areas the community identified as areas of improvement.

Ms. Bowles reviewed the Draft Needs Assessment with the board for any feedback or changes. The consensus of the Board was to rely on the Committee Appointment, Joe Gould, to work on the board behalf during the edits and revisions phase. The completed and recommended 2025 Needs Assessment will be presented to the Beltrami County Board at a future work session. Requested CHB members to submit any suggested edits by May 1, 2025.

Board Member Comments and Agenda Additions

None.


Next regular meeting of the County Board will be July 15, 2025, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The Community Health Board meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Motion by Board Member Carlson and seconded by Board Member Winger. Unanimously carried.



Craig Gaasvig, Chair

 5/1/2025

Amy Bowles, Community Health System Administrator