

Human Services Board Agenda - Jefferson County
Jefferson County Workforce Development Center 874 Collins Rd, Room 103
Jefferson, WI 53549

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026, **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Topic: Human Services Board Meeting

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Committee Members:

Lund, Kirk (Chair)

Callan, Joan (Vice Chair)

Wineke, Michael

Racanelli, Gino

Ganser, Steve

Abrahamsen, Pam

Braugher, James

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review April 14, 2026, Agenda
5. Public Comment (*Members of the public who wish to address the Board on specific agenda items must register their request at this time.*)
6. Approval of March 10, 2026, Board Minutes
7. Communications
8. Review of the February 2026 Financial Statement
9. Discuss and Approve March 2026 Vouchers
10. Presentation on Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Awareness Activities
11. Discussion and Possible Action on New 2026 Professional Service Contracts (*CCS Regional Service Array, Inpatient Services and Adult Alt Care*)
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Kindness and Caring Action Award
13. Director's Report
14. Adjourn

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday June 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

A quorum of the Human Resources Committee is expected to be present at this meeting due to overlapping committee memberships. The Human Resources Committee will not take any official action at this meeting. However, committee members may listen to discussion, gather information, and participate in discussion regarding Human Services Board agenda items that may relate to their responsibilities on the Human Resources Committee

Special Needs Request - Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
Board Minutes
March 10, 2026

Board Members Present in Person: Joan Callan, Gino Racanelli, and Pamela Abrahamsen

Present by Zoom: Kirk Lund, James Braughler, Corporation Counsel, Danielle Thompson, Assistant Corporation Counsel Yelena Zarwell and Watertown Daily Times Reporter James Kuckkan

Others Present: Director Brent Ruehlow, Administrative Services Division Manager Brian Bellford, County Administrator Michael Luckey, MH/AODA Manager Anna Falci, Re-Entry Coordinator Ashley Torres, and Office Manager Kelly Witucki

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mr. Lund called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Wineke and Ganser/Quorum was established.
3. **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**
Mr. Ruehlow certified that we are in compliance.
4. **REVIEW OF MARCH 10, 2026, AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
No Comments
6. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026, BOARD MINUTES**
Ms. Callan made a motion to approve February 10, 2026, board minutes.
Mr. Racanelli seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
No Communications
8. **REVIEW OF THE FINAL 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
Mr. Bellford reviewed the December financial statement (attached) and reported that we are ending the year with a positive year-end fund balance of \$772,197, once prepaid expenses are excluded. All of this balance was carried forward into 2026, as shown on the carryover report and presented as last month's meeting. This includes the full \$650,000 reserve. We did need a transfer of \$116, 370 from the Finance Department to make this balance. Without it, we would have made a budget adjustment to use the reserve and adjust our carryover.
9. **DISCUSS AND APPROVE FEBRUARY 2026 VOUCHERS**
Mr. Bellford reviewed the summary sheet of vouchers totaling \$1,578,634.58 (attached).
Mr. Racanelli made a motion to approve the February 2026 vouchers totaling \$1,578,634.58.
Ms. Abrahamsen seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW 2026 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (CCS REGIONAL SERVICE ARRAY)**
Mr. Ruehlow reported that we have a new service provider. (attached)
Mr. Lund made the motion to approve the professional service contract listed.
Ms. Callan seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

11. PRESENTATION ON THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

MH/AODA Manager Anna Falci introduced our Re-Entry Coordinator Ashley Torres and provided an overview of the Re-Entry Program. Ms. Falci discussed Ashley’s role in connecting individuals with MH/AODA services, including those transitioning from incarceration to treatment and the community resources they can help provide them with.

12. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Ruehlow reported on the following items:

- Mr. Ruehlow shared that tonight it will be on the County Board agenda to hire a full-time Medical Director for Human Services.
- Mr. Ruehlow shared that JCHS received a letter from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Administrator John Elliot, recognizing the agency as a top performer for completing and documenting caseworker contacts for children placed in out-of-home care, achieving 99.46% for FFY 2025.
- Last week we had our CCS Chapter 36 license review. Surveyors reviewed files and found no deficiencies and did not issue any citations.
- Mr. Ruehlow expressed that SB1072 would limit counties from pursuing child support for children in placement. Child support referrals would be allowed for only cases where the family income exceeds 400% of poverty. Mr. Ruehlow has issued a whitepaper on this topic as chair of the Child and Family P.A.C. in opposition for a variety of reasons. WCHSA also opposes this movement. In addition, SB 990 would prevent counties from using Social Security Survivor and SSI benefits to offset placement costs (room and board). The Department is not supportive of this bill either.
- In October, states with an error rate above 6% in the Economic Support area for FoodShare applications will face penalties. Mr. Ruehlow noted that the current Southern Consortium error rate is 0%, which helps reduce the overall state error rate.

13. ADJOURN

Ms. Callan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Racanelli seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Kelly Witucki
Office Manager
Human Services

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Jefferson County Workforce Development Center
874 Collins Road, Room 103

Financial Statement Summary

February, 2026

We are projecting a positive year-end fund balance of \$60,504. This balance includes our carryover from 2025, including \$650,000 from our reserve carryover. We are, at this point, \$589,496 unfavorable to the budget when the reserve is excluded.

Summary of Variances:

- **Hospitalizations are projected to be over budget (unfavorable) by \$494,948 (Net basis).**

	Budget	Actual	Projection
Revenue	\$315,000	\$70,537	\$423,225
Expenditures	\$991,111	\$279,314	\$1,594,284
Net	\$(676,111)	\$(208,777)	\$(1,171,059)

The January 2026 State Institute bill was \$112,875. The February 2026 State Institute bill was \$82,301. We do have additional hospitalizations because of the lack of detox providers. The August, September, and November bills all exceeded \$165,000, which were the highest monthly amount since 2020.

A comparison of actual results for the past few years is below.

Account	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
State Revenue	318,370	306,270	551,193	277,216	280,165
State Inpatient	942,688	996,829	1,117,510	710,220	1,326,029
Private Inpatient	271,068	188,231	250,997	231,568	101,488
	(895,386)	(878,791)	(817,314)	(664,573)	(1,147,352)

- **Children Alternate Care expenses are projected to be over budget by \$348,766.** This projection includes Shelter and Detention costs and excludes kinship care. Kinship is included in the alternate care summary (attached), and it will be fully funded by DCF. The last few years of alternate care budgets are shown below.

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2,074,575	1,827,923	1,532,875	1,048,075	940,720	891,715

The projected costs are \$1,240,481 for 2026. We do have a few high-cost placements currently. One Group Home placement did move to a Level 5 foster home, which is high-cost, but also funded, in part, by CLTS. We also have a group home and RCC. We do expect another Level 5 foster home shortly.

- CCS continues to be understaffed compared to the budget, so staff costs are underbudget and contractor costs are overbudget. We have also done very little billing in 2026, so all of the projections are weighted toward 2025 results. **We are projecting \$6,958,482 in total CCS expenses, compared to projected revenue \$7,575,604.** This is a net balance of \$617,122, compared to budgeted net balance of \$641,675.
- CLTS is another program where the projections are weighted heavily toward 2025 actual results. **Revenue is projected to be under budget by \$820,307. CLTS expenses are projected to be under budget by \$856,024.**
- **The Nutrition Programs are projected to have a combined \$29,739 favorable balance.** This is the result of meal and route consolidation, along with increased budgeted costs. We did also receive an additional award from GWAAR to help expand some routes.
- **Outpatient Clinic Revenue (insurance, Medicare, and MA) is projected to be \$271,834 underbudget.** Clinic revenue has been increasing approximately 15-20% each year for the past several years. However, it stagnated in 2025. Our 2026 projections is, right now, in line with 2025 numbers; however, our budget assumed growth.

Description	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total	837,754	965,588	760,866	607,279	508,451	466,153

- **Operating Reserve:** We are projecting a year-end balance of \$650,000 in the operating reserve this year. It is looking very likely that we will have to make a budget amendment for 2026 to use some or most of this reserve.

BEHAVIOR HEALTH DIVISION: Projected unfavorable balance of \$481,710 because of increasing hospitalization costs and decreasing Clinic revenue.

CHILDREN & FAMILY DIVISION: Projected unfavorable balance of \$204,723, because of the alternate care costs.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION: Projected favorable balance of \$29,371. These programs are right in-line with the budget currently.

AGING & ADRC DIVISION: Projected unfavorable balance of \$90,052, because of rising transportation costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION: Projected favorable balance of \$157,625, because of increased budgeted overhead costs that we haven't seen yet.

OPERATING RESERVE: Projected favorable balance of \$650,000.
Statements are unaudited.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Projection Based on FEBRUARY 2026 Revenue & Expenditures Financial Statement

Summary Sheet

() Unfavorable

	Program	Annual Projection			Budget			Variance
		Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	
Behavior Health								
65000	BASIC ALLOCATION	4,858,950	5,975,781	1,116,831	4,831,984	6,002,788	1,170,805	53,974
65003	LUEDER HAUS	205,900	742,060	536,160	206,000	737,699	531,699	(4,462)
65004	UWW QTT	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
65007	EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH	104,009	1,604,636	1,500,627	155,000	1,511,501	1,356,501	(144,127)
63008	YCSF - MATZ	2,910,272	2,910,272	(0)	2,515,415	2,515,415	0	0
65011	MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK	26,128	13,456	(12,672)	26,128	26,128	0	12,672
65025	COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM	668,523	2,411,109	1,742,586	953,300	2,435,155	1,481,854	(260,732)
65027	COMP COMM SERVICE	7,575,604	6,958,482	(617,122)	8,692,732	8,051,058	(641,675)	(24,553)
63027	FAMILY CENTERED THERAPY	0	4,013	4,013	0	91,062	91,062	87,049
65030	ROOM AND BOARD FOR OUD	26,013	71,012	44,999	0	0	0	(44,999)
65031	AODA BLOCK GRANT	109,299	109,299	0	109,299	109,299	0	(0)
65032	OPIOID GRANT	106,622	132,091	25,469	182,376	164,282	(18,094)	(43,562)
65037	TAD GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65038	OPIOID SETTLEMENT	203,973	194,230	(9,743)	436,640	400,453	(36,187)	(26,445)
65043	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	97,609	0	(97,609)	(97,609)
65044	CCISY CRISIS GRANT	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
65063	1915i PROGRAM (CRS)	262,932	279,468	16,536	265,000	247,097	(17,903)	(34,439)
65158	ELDER ABUSE	23,818	218,212	194,394	23,748	228,528	204,780	10,386
65077	ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	68,801	58,886	(9,915)	68,373	82,109	13,736	23,651
65162	APS SUPPLEMENT COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65034	WATERTOWN FOUNDATION TIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66000	DONATIONS	-	742	742	0	12,227	12,227	11,485
Total	Behavioral Health	17,150,843	21,683,749	4,532,906	18,569,605	22,620,802	4,051,197	(481,710)

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Summary Sheet

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Program	Annual Projection			Budget			
	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Variance
Children & Families							
65001 CHILDREN'S BASIC ALLOCATION	1,583,800	3,236,791	1,652,991	1,591,347	2,995,946	1,404,599	(248,392)
65002 KINSHIP CARE	157,567	157,567	0	180,000	180,000	0	0
65005 YOUTH AIDS	704,569	986,596	282,027	688,351	829,103	140,752	(141,275)
65006 YOUTH AIDS - STATE CHARGES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63105 DOJ: DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMMING	27,367	31,293	3,926	21,361	21,361	0	(3,926)
63109 YOUTH JUSTICE INNOVATION	9,300	9,300	0	15,000	15,000	0	0
60683 CITIZEN'S REVIEW PANEL	3,770	3,770	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
63612 IN HOME SAFETY SERVICES	85,177	304,714	219,537	86,858	110,333	23,475	(196,063)
63112 PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS	63,628	319,353	255,725	68,136	320,355	252,219	(3,506)
63113 RELATIVE CAREGIVER SUPPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63114 FAMILY FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65009 YA EARLY & INTENSIVE INT	60,792	214,891	154,099	52,446	249,141	196,695	42,597
65121 CHILDREN'S COP	198,551	198,071	(480)	218,118	218,118	0	480
65020 DOMESTIC ABUSE	0	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	0
65021 SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES	68,703	209,804	141,100	73,586	185,977	112,391	(28,710)
65036 WISACWIS - IT	10	39	28	2,643	16,284	13,641	13,613
65041 WISACWIS - CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65040 CHILDRENS LTS WAIV-DD	3,015,919	2,773,014	(242,906)	3,836,226	3,629,037	(207,189)	35,717
65067 COMMUNITY RESPONSE GRANT	0	194,568	194,568	0	199,366	199,366	4,799
63111 FOSTER PARENT RETENTION	277	277	0	15,250	15,250	0	0
65068 FOSTER PARENT TRAINING	3,429	9,269	5,839	3,229	8,279	5,050	(789)
65060 IV-E CHIPS LEGAL	32,170	145,930	113,760	31,195	119,982	88,786	(24,973)
65070 IV-E TPR	43,016	107,539	64,523	42,477	106,192	63,715	(808)
65080 YOUTH DELINQUENCY INTAKE	0	954,391	954,391	0	1,049,400	1,049,400	95,010
63301 WiLEARN	0	5,261	5,261	0	0	0	(5,261)
65175 EARLY INTERVENTION (BIRTH TO 3)	245,067	849,728	604,661	245,986	1,055,712	809,726	205,065
65105 KINSHIP ASSESSMENTS	4,335	4,335	0	3,830	3,830	0	0
65120 COORDINATED SERVICE TEAM	60,000	133,835	73,835	60,000	131,235	71,235	(2,599)
63120 CST SUPPLEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65189 INCREDIBLE YEARS	0	54,320	54,320	1,200	65,845	64,645	10,326
66000 DONATIONS	3,000	2,981	(19)	0	43,955	43,955	43,974
Total	6,370,450	10,937,636	4,567,186	7,247,239	11,609,702	4,362,463	(204,723)

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Projection Based on FEBRUARY 2026 Revenue & Expenditures Financial Statement

Summary Sheet

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	Program	Annual Projection			Budget			Variance
		Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	
Economic Support Division								
	65051 INCOME MAINTENANCE	1,724,073	2,412,653	688,580	1,725,515	2,483,620	758,105	69,524
	65052 FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER	0	78,175	78,175	55,428	95,872	40,444	(37,731)
	65053 CHILD DAY CARE ADMIN	150,697	4,800	(145,897)	138,275	5,047	(133,228)	12,668
	65050 HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT	12,097	15,488	3,391	96,074	96,074	0	(3,391)
	65073 FSET	4,925	0	(4,925)	6,625	0	(6,625)	(1,700)
	65100 CLIENT ASSISTANCE	0	0	0	10,000	0	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total	Economic Support Division	1,891,792	2,511,116	619,324	2,031,918	2,680,613	648,695	29,371
Aging Division & ADRC								
	65012 ALZHEIMERS FAM SUPP	33,525	33,525	0	32,955	32,955	(0)	(0)
	65046 ADRC - DBS	0	250,748	250,748	0	249,138	249,138	(1,610)
	65048 AGING/DISABIL RESOURCE	1,290,465	968,295	(322,170)	1,379,711	1,049,166	(330,545)	(8,376)
	65075 GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM	0	29,142	29,142	0	21,650	21,650	(7,492)
	65076 STATE BENEFIT SERVICES	43,975	122,481	78,506	43,975	118,479	74,504	(4,002)
	65078 NSIP	13,688	0	(13,688)	13,688	13,688	0	13,688
	65151 TRANSPORTATION	271,857	509,584	237,728	298,713	438,941	140,228	(97,500)
	65152 IN-HOME SERVICE III-D	5,603	5,402	(201)	4,000	4,444	444	645
	65154 SITE MEALS	124,589	130,502	5,913	132,607	160,612	28,006	22,093
	65155 DELIVERED MEALS	214,307	484,740	270,433	268,627	546,706	278,079	7,646
	65157 SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES	7,986	7,986	0	7,986	7,986	0	0
	65159 III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICE	68,131	82,858	14,727	74,416	82,072	7,656	(7,070)
	65163 TITLE III-E (FAMLY CAREGIVER SUPPORT)	31,367	30,895	(472)	37,816	53,520	15,704	16,176
	65195 VEHICLE ESCROW ACCOUNT	0	20,351	20,351	0	0	0	(20,351)
	63010 MOBILITY MANAGER	93,051	156,341	63,290	90,203	147,419	57,216	(6,074)
	66000 DONATIONS	-	358	358	0	2,527	2,527	2,169
Total	Aging & ADRC Center	2,198,544	2,833,209	634,665	2,384,697	2,929,302	544,605	(90,059)

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Projection Based on FEBRUARY 2026 Revenue & Expenditures Financial Statement

Summary Sheet

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Program	Annual Projection			Budget			
	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Revenue	Expenditure	Tax Levy	Variance
Administrative Services Division							
65187 UNFUNDED SERVICES	0	44,769	44,769	0	50,634	50,634	5,865
63101 COUNTY OWNED HOUSING	13,650	16,230	2,580	13,000	13,000	0	(2,580)
65190 MANAGEMENT	0	0	0	0	(0)	(0)	(0)
65200 OVERHEAD AND TAX LEVY	9,696,811	(47,926)	(9,744,737)	9,788,561	198,164	(9,590,397)	154,340
65210 CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	55,000	55,000	0	55,000	55,000	0
Balance Sheet Non Lapsing Funds	772,197	0	(772,197)	772,197	0	(772,197)	0
Total	10,482,658	68,073	(10,414,585)	10,573,758	316,797	(10,256,960)	157,625
Human Services Reserve Fund							
63001 Operating Reserve	0	0	0	0	650,000	650,000	650,000
Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0	650,000	650,000	650,000
GRAND Total	38,094,287	38,033,783	(60,504)	40,807,216	40,807,216	0	60,504

Note: Variance includes Non-Lapsing from Balance Sheet

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
 Projections Based on February 2026 - Financial Statements

SUMMARY

	Y-T-D @ Ledgers	Adjust -ments	Y-T-D Projection	Prior Y-T-D Projection	Prorated Budget	Year End Projection	2024 Budget	Year End Variance
Federal/State Operating Revenues	(741,622)	2,971,145	2,229,523	27,536,623	5,060,324	27,723,205	30,361,947	(2,638,742)
County Funding for Operations (tax levy & transfer in)	1,599,814	0	1,599,814	9,593,510	1,614,679	9,598,885	9,688,073	(89,188)
Total Resources Available	858,192	2,971,145	3,829,337	37,130,133	6,675,003	37,322,090	40,050,019	(2,727,930)
Total Adjusted Expenditures	6,635,029	(513,943)	6,121,085	37,665,543	6,725,402	38,033,783	40,822,216	2,788,433
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(5,776,837)	3,485,089	(2,291,748)	(535,410)	(50,399)	(711,693)	(772,197)	60,504
Balance Forward from 2024-Balance Sheet Operating Reserve	772,197		772,197	1,166,829		772,197	772,197	0
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(5,004,640)	3,485,089	(1,519,551)	631,419	(50,399)	60,504	(0)	60,504

REVENUES

STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING

MH & AODA Basic County Allocation	0	326,927	326,927	1,961,559	325,669	1,961,559	1,954,014	7,545
Children's Basic County Allocation	0	230,373	230,373	1,382,238	230,373	1,382,238	1,382,238	0
Children's L/T Support Waivers	0	26,004	26,004	864,982	175,361	792,180	1,052,169	(259,989)
Behavioral Health Programs	10,893	48,680	59,573	1,872,030	201,785	1,345,508	1,210,712	134,796
Community Options Program	0	33,092	33,092	202,776	36,353	198,551	218,118	(19,567)
Aging & Disability Res Center	0	215,077	215,077	1,278,651	229,952	1,290,465	1,379,711	(89,246)
Aging/Transportation Programs	0	147,954	147,954	973,509	148,881	864,811	893,285	(28,474)
Youth Aids	0	115,574	115,574	786,049	118,693	720,810	712,158	8,652
IV-E Legal and Legal Rep	0	12,531	12,531	80,563	12,279	75,186	73,672	1,514
Children & Families	0	36,790	36,790	568,746	51,550	316,672	309,302	7,370
I.M. & W-2 Programs	149,077	25,839	174,916	1,824,061	312,374	1,884,031	1,874,246	9,785
Client Assistance Payments	0	36,261	36,261	220,344	40,000	217,567	240,000	(22,433)
Early Intervention	0	32,845	32,845	189,284	31,547	197,069	189,284	7,785
Total State & Federal Funding	159,970	1,287,946	1,447,916	12,204,793	1,914,818	11,246,646	11,488,908	(250,047)

COLLECTIONS & OTHER REVENUE

Provided Services	(1,030,138)	1,685,961	655,823	12,285,846	2,494,472	13,163,675	14,966,829	(1,803,154)
Child Alternate Care	9,653	0	9,653	131,452	19,873	115,832	119,237	(3,405)
Adult Alternate Care	6,145	0	6,145	57,115	18,856	36,873	113,135	(76,262)
Children's L/T Support	2,436	(2,436)	0	2,024,226	464,010	2,223,739	2,784,058	(560,318)
1915i Program	0	0	0	260,193	44,167	262,932	265,000	(2,068)
Donations	15,911	0	15,911	143,790	25,599	113,335	153,595	(40,260)
Cost Reimbursements	21,475	(325)	21,150	129,515	22,197	123,184	133,185	(10,000)
Other Revenues	72,926	0	72,926	299,693	56,333	436,988	338,000	98,988
Total Collections & Other	(901,592)	1,683,199	781,607	15,331,830	3,145,506	16,476,559	18,873,038	(2,396,479)

TOTAL REVENUES

(741,622)	2,971,145	2,229,523	27,536,623	5,060,324	27,723,205	30,361,947	(2,646,527)
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EXPENDITURES

	Y-T-D @ Ledgers	Adjust -ments	Y-T-D Projection	Prior Y-T-D Projection	Prorated Budget	Year End Projection	2024 Budget	Year End Variance
<u>WAGES</u>								
Behavioral Health	571,673	0	571,673	3,291,287	584,532	3,347,633	3,602,439	(254,806)
Children's & Families	394,031	0	394,031	2,310,972	402,410	2,364,184	2,627,137	(262,954)
Community Support	223,511	0	223,511	1,300,158	246,199	1,341,065	1,477,197	(136,132)
Comp Comm Services	437,120	0	437,120	2,675,996	633,219	2,622,721	3,871,849	(1,249,128)
Economic Support	249,560	0	249,560	1,505,241	273,892	1,497,357	1,643,350	(145,992)
Aging & Disability Res Center	110,963	0	110,963	729,201	125,403	665,778	752,420	(86,642)
Aging/Transportation Programs	118,872	0	118,872	745,432	113,263	713,230	679,577	33,653
Childrens L/T Support	250,584	0	250,584	1,538,379	337,457	1,503,388	2,024,741	(521,352)
Early Intervention	61,442	0	61,442	403,671	71,388	368,651	428,330	(59,679)
Management/Overhead	256,755	0	256,755	1,661,648	276,083	1,540,531	1,656,500	(115,970)
Lueder Haus	63,884	0	63,884	373,554	67,494	383,304	404,962	(21,658)
Safe & Stable Families	19,576	0	19,576	113,118	18,103	117,456	108,617	8,839
Total Wages	2,757,969	0	2,757,969	16,648,658	3,149,442	16,465,297	19,277,119	(2,811,822)
<u>FRINGE BENEFITS</u>								
Social Security	200,949	0	200,949	1,207,031	227,545	1,205,692	1,365,268	(159,576)
Retirement	190,485	0	190,485	1,114,099	224,005	1,142,910	1,344,028	(201,118)
Health Insurance	550,920	0	550,920	2,773,468	643,469	3,305,521	3,860,816	(555,295)
Other Fringe Benefits	9,850	0	9,850	91,116	34,898	50,542	279,802	(229,260)
Total Fringe Benefits	952,204	0	952,204	5,185,715	1,129,917	5,704,664	6,849,914	(1,145,249)
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u>								
Staff Training	20,874	(98)	20,775	87,691	12,722	94,100	81,880	12,220
Space Costs	83,741	0	83,741	480,545	74,991	482,059	449,948	32,110
Supplies & Services	581,329	7,069	588,398	2,353,474	409,484	2,700,581	2,460,205	240,377
Program Expenses	129,560	0	129,560	2,797,238	320,529	2,752,212	1,923,175	829,037
Employee Travel	16,475	0	16,475	110,981	38,780	98,849	236,679	(137,829)
Staff Psychiatrists & Nurse	73,866	0	73,866	644,029	99,333	443,198	596,000	(152,803)
Birth to 3 Program Costs	42,637	0	42,637	295,098	57,998	255,822	347,989	(92,168)
Busy Bees Preschool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operating Costs	4,483	0	4,483	15,933	947	26,901	5,680	21,221
Year End Allocations	(48,137)	0	(48,137)	(290,591)	(26,260)	(363,330)	(153,484)	(209,846)
Capital Outlay	20,351	0	20,351	153,015	9,167	75,351	55,000	20,351
Total Operating Costs	925,180	6,971	932,150	6,647,412	997,691	6,565,741	6,003,071	562,670
<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>								
Per Diems	910	0	910	4,615	748	5,460	4,485	975
Travel	0	0	0	821	125	0	750	(750)
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Board Members	910	0	910	5,436	873	5,460	5,235	225

	Y-T-D @ Ledgers	Adjust -ments	Y-T-D Projection	Prior Y-T-D Projection	Prorated Budget	Year End Projection	2024 Budget	Year End Variance
<u>CLIENT ASSISTANCE</u>								
Donation Expenses	680	0	680	10,508	9,785	4,081	58,709	(54,628)
Kinship & Other Client Assistance	29,527	0	29,527	178,281	32,583	177,164	195,500	(18,336)
Total Client Assistance	30,207	0	30,207	188,790	42,368	181,245	254,209	(72,965)
<u>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAIVERS</u>								
Childrens LTS	25,762	0	25,762	161,688	42,395	154,574	254,370	(99,796)
Total Medical Assistance Waivers	25,762	0	25,762	161,688	42,395	154,574	254,370	(99,796)
<u>COMMUNITY CARE</u>								
Supportive Home Care	8,120	0	8,120	62,984	8,326	48,723	51,959	(3,236)
Guardianship Services	5,999	0	5,999	38,455	8,092	35,994	48,549	(12,555)
People Ag. Domestic Abuse	0	0	0	30,000	5,000	30,000	30,000	0
Transportation Services	20,458	0	20,458	71,341	23,333	122,748	140,000	(17,252)
Other Community Care	103,623	0	103,623	1,016,423	100,370	832,957	602,219	230,738
Elderly Nutrition - Congregate	5,687	0	5,687	51,664	10,473	34,119	62,835	(28,716)
Elderly Nutrition - Home Delivered	36,019	0	36,019	296,933	57,824	224,102	346,946	(122,843)
Elderly Nutrition - Other Costs	151	0	151	3,578	700	904	4,200	(3,296)
Total Community Care	180,057	0	180,057	1,571,378	214,118	1,329,547	1,286,708	42,839
<u>CHILD ALTERNATE CARE</u>								
Foster Care & Treatment Foster	106,986	0	106,986	454,495	50,000	641,916	300,000	341,916
Group Home & Placing Agency	44,125	0	44,125	277,262	50,833	264,751	305,000	(40,249)
Child Caring Institutions	36,837	0	36,837	201,225	33,519	221,020	201,115	19,905
Detention Centers	0	0	0	4,500	1,667	0	10,000	(10,000)
Correctional Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelter & Other Care	18,799	0	18,799	119,759	12,600	112,793	75,600	37,193
Total Child Alternate Care	206,747	0	206,747	1,057,239	148,619	1,240,481	891,715	348,766
<u>HOSPITALS</u>								
Detoxification Services	0	0	0	11,594	2,500	0	15,000	(15,000)
Mental Health Institutes	279,314	0	279,314	1,427,517	162,685	1,621,484	976,111	645,373
Other Inpatient Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Hospitals	279,314	0	279,314	1,439,111	165,185	1,621,484	991,111	630,373
<u>HS RESERVE FUND</u>								
Operating Reserve	0	0	0	0	108,333	0	650,000	(650,000)

Children - Alternate Care Costs

Type of Placement	# of Children	# of Days	Cost	Cost per Day	Cost Per Child
January-26					
Foster Care	35	1,018	\$ 40,091	\$ 39	\$ 1,145
Foster Care - Level 5	1	31	\$ 15,236	\$ 491	\$ 15,236
Group Home	1	31	\$ 23,217	\$ 749	\$ 23,217
Kinship Care	34	1,079	\$ 13,359	\$ 12	\$ 393
Subsidized Guardianship	12	372	\$ 9,099	\$ 24	\$ 758
Supervised Independ Living	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Detention	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shelter Care	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RCC's	1	31	\$ 19,355	\$ 624	\$ 19,355
RCC's - Out of State	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total January 2026	84	2,562	\$ 120,356	\$ 47	\$ 1,433
		2026 YTD Avg. per Month	\$120,356		
		2025 YTD Avg. per Month (thru January 2025)	\$89,806		
February-26					
Foster Care	34	907	\$ 40,038	\$ 44	\$ 1,178
Foster Care - Level 5	1	28	\$ 14,798	\$ 528	\$ 14,798
Group Home	1	28	\$ 20,908	\$ 747	\$ 20,908
Kinship Care	36	999	\$ 13,701	\$ 14	\$ 381
Subsidized Guardianship	13	367	\$ 9,700	\$ 26	\$ 746
Supervised Independ Living	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Detention	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shelter Care	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RCC's	1	28	\$ 17,482	\$ 624	\$ 17,482
RCC's - Out of State	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total February 2026	86	2,357	\$ 116,626	\$ 49	\$ 1,356
		2026 YTD Avg. per Month	\$118,491		
		2025 YTD Avg. per Month (thru February 2025)	\$93,463		
		Projected 2026 Cost	\$1,421,893		
		2026 Budget	\$1,149,715		

**Detox/AODA CBRF
Jefferson County - HSD**

Detox Facility	Clients *	Comments	Billed YTD **	Days **
Arbor House	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Blandine House	1	February 2026	\$3,540	59
Catholic Charities	1	February 2026	\$1,722	14
Core Treatment Services	2	February 2026	\$1,945	29
Dane County Care Center	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Denoon	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Exodus House	2	February 2026	\$4,753	97
Friends of Women	4	February 2026	\$5,660	77
Life Worth Living	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Lutheran Social Services	1	February 2026	\$1,416	24
Mahala's Hope	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Mooring House	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Nova House	2	February 2026	\$678	13
Oxford House	0	February 2026	\$0	0
Pathways	1	February 2026	\$1,755	13
Tellurian Community	0	February 2026	\$0	0
WisHope	0	February 2026	\$0	0
All - February 2026	14	2026 total through February	\$21,469	326
All - February 2025	12	2025 total through February	\$12,003	165

* Count is based on Unduplicated Clients.

** Count is based on bills paid to-date with a service date in Comments column.

Costs by Month

Month	Detox	AODA
January	\$0	\$10,679
February	\$0	\$10,790
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Object	Project	Account	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
455300	65000	Mendota/Winnebago Revenue	(356,518.34)	(387,931.92)	(318,370.13)	(306,270.05)	(551,193.21)	(277,215.85)	(280,165.41)
554504	65000	State Inpatient	906,285.00	696,473.65	942,687.86	996,829.33	1,117,510.45	710,220.33	1,326,028.74
554503	65000	Private Inpatient	332,269.31	231,328.53	271,068.07	188,231.35	250,997.19	231,568.19	101,488.27
			882,035.97	539,870.26	895,385.80	878,790.63	817,314.43	664,572.67	1,147,351.60
		Monthly average	73,503	44,989	74,615	73,233	68,110	55,381	95,613
		People with stays over 30 + days	7	3	6	6	4	3	9
		Avg of those stays	69.4	51.3	48.3	54.3	91.3	53.3	50.5
		WMHI/MMHI rate*							
							one person had a stay of 207 days		
							also reason for large revenue collection		
		2026 Data Comparison							
		January State (net)	112,875						
		February State (net)	82,301						
		Private	13,601						
			208,777						
		Monthly avg	104,389						

Child Alt Care numbers

			Currency	*	*	*	*			
			Fund	250	250	250	250			
Company	Business Unit	Object Account	Name	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals (6 months)	2025 Actuals (12 months projected)	2026 Proposed Budget	2023-2025 Average
00250	65001	552203	Foster Care - CPS	269,488	243,055	275,000	135,063	270,126	240,000	260,890
00250	65001	552212	Supportive Home Care - CPS	-	1,122	5,000	-	-	-	374
00250	65001	552213	Subsidized Guardianship - CPS	76,470	113,320	90,720	56,279	112,558	75,600	100,783
00250	65001	552204	Group Home - CPS	9,743	32,904	-	150,008	300,016	250,000	114,221
00250	65001	552504	Child Care Inst - CPS	-	126,079	125,000	99,785	199,570	201,115	108,550
00250	65001	553999	Room & Board Payments	95,020	84,959	80,000	31,402	62,804	60,000	80,928
00250	65005	552203	Foster Care - Youth Justice	5,742	-	15,000	-	-	-	1,914
00250	65005	552204	Group Home - Youth Justice	49,658	155,258	125,000	-	-	55,000	68,305
00250	65005	552205	Shelter Care - Youth Justice	84,575	46,360	-	-	-	-	43,645
00250	65005	552306	Juvenile Detention	24,250	2,925	25,000	225	450	10,000	9,208
00250	65005	552504	Child Care Inst - Youth Justice	175,685	-	200,000	-	-	-	58,562
				790,631	805,982	940,720	472,762	945,524	891,715	847,379
			Monthly average (excludes kinship)	65,886	67,165		78,794		74,310	
						2025 YTD total	1,057,239			
						2025 avg/mo	88,103			
						2026 avg	104,962			

DHS Mental Health Institutes Rate History

Rate Schedule for Mental Health Institutes

October 4, 2025-September 30, 2026

PER DAY INPATIENT RATE	MENDOTA	WINNEBAGO
Adult Psychiatric Services	\$1,756	\$1,756
Geropsychiatric	\$1,717	NA
Child and Adolescent	NA	\$1,795
Forensic (all security levels)	\$1,756	\$1,756
Emergency Detention Add-On	\$410	\$410
First three days of service (plus intervening weekends and legal holidays)		
Nontypical Services Add-On	\$410	\$410

Rate Schedule for Mental Health Institutes

October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

PER DAY INPATIENT RATE	MENDOTA	WINNEBAGO
Adult Psychiatric Services	\$1,596	\$1,596
Geropsychiatric	\$1,561	NA
Child and Adolescent	NA	\$1,632
Forensic (all security levels)	\$1,596	\$1,596
Emergency Detention Add-On	\$373	\$373
First three days of service (plus intervening weekends and legal holidays)		
Nontypical Services Add-On	\$373	\$373

Rate Schedule for Mental Health Institutes

October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

PER DAY INPATIENT RATE	MENDOTA	WINNEBAGO
Adult Psychiatric Services	\$1,451	\$1,451
Geropsychiatric	\$1,419	NA
Child and Adolescent	NA	\$1,484
Forensic (all security levels)	\$1,451	\$1,451
Emergency Detention Add-On	\$339	\$339
First three days of service (plus intervening weekends and legal holidays)		
Nontypical Services Add-On	\$339	\$339

**Rate Schedule for Mental Health Institutes
October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023**

PER DAY INPATIENT RATE	MENDOTA	WINNEBAGO
Adult Psychiatric Services	\$1,319	\$1,319
Geropsychiatric	\$1,290	NA
Child and Adolescent	NA	\$1,349
Forensic (all security levels)	\$1,319	\$1,319
Emergency Detention Add-On	\$308	\$308
First three days of service (plus intervening weekends and legal holidays)		
Nontypical Services Add-On	\$308	\$308



JOIN US FOR CPS, Clinics and Coffee



Jefferson County Child Protective Services (CPS) invites you to join us for a conversation regarding children in foster care and their access to medical care.

Help us work together to navigate the paperwork and consent factors that can impact a child's timely access to care.

WHO: Medical office staff/providers

WHERE: Jefferson County Human Services

1541 Annex Road, Jefferson, WI

Health Department Entrance (Lower level)

or Online via Teams (link provided upon RSVP)

WHEN: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 9a-11a

RSVP by Friday, April 17, 2026 to Maggie Messler,
maggiem@jeffersoncountywi.gov or 920-674-8157



April is Child Abuse
Prevention Month





Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2026



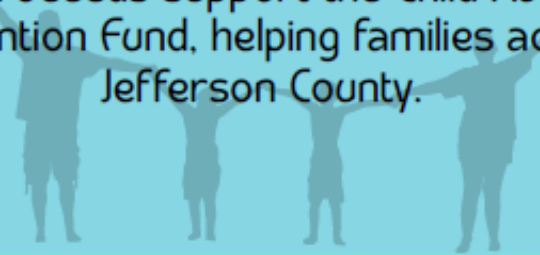
CAPS Month Merchandise Available



<https://jefferson-county-caps.checkoutstores.com/campaigns/jefferson-county-caps>

Check out these events happening throughout April!

All proceeds support the Child Abuse Prevention Fund, helping families across Jefferson County.



Sami Jo's Pizza will be available on a first come, first serve basis on Tuesdays in April at Human Services outside the CPS Ongoing Region.
\$4/slice

Human Services Snack Cart

Visit the snack cart outside of the CHIPS region for a variety of snacks, baked goods and beverages
Monday-Friday
April 6, 2026 - April 30, 2026
Cash and Paypal options available.



Join us **Wednesday, JUNE 10,**
6 pm, at Stable Rock Winery in Jefferson to play Bingo and raise funds for CAPS.
Reserve your spot in advance by calling 920-541-3459!



Adopt A Pinwheel Garden
For a minimum \$15 cash donation, purchase a yard sign and pinwheels for your own display.
Contact Maggie at 920-674-8157 or maggiem@jeffersoncountywi.gov to get yours today!
While supplies last!



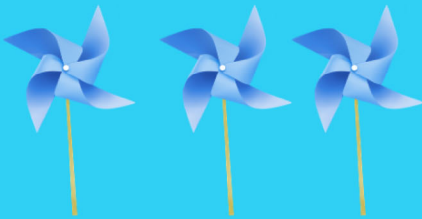
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April is right around the corner, are you ready?
Order now to show your support for
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meeting the families where they are at and validating their situation. This modeling was instrumental in me learning how to be a good Support and Service Coordinator.

Alysha's dedication, kindness, and commitment to supporting others make her truly deserving of this recognition.

REFERENCES, I.E. NOMINATION SUPPORTER We ask that you provide at least one reference to support the story you told above. That is someone else with knowledge or information about the impactful thing that the nominee did to inspire this nomination. There's space to provide additional references if you wish.

#1 (required)

Name* Terri Lannan

Email* tlannan@jeffersoncountywi.gov Phone* 920-728-9004

KINDNESS AND CARING IN ACTION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

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If you need more space, please feel free to attach a separate piece of paper.

ABOUT YOU (THE NOMINATOR)

Name* Anna Falci Date* 3/18/26

Email* annaf@jeffersoncountywi.gov Phone* _____

ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING (THE NOMINEE)

Name* Ashley Torres

Email* ashleyt@jeffersoncountywi.gov Phone* _____

The ideal nomination tells a story, i.e., a specific problem or event and how the nominee transformed the situation). We are not looking for information about how amazing the nominee is as a human (they are!). The goal is to inspire others and to recognize the person's individual story.

How did the Nominee improve the situation or address the need? We are especially interested in hearing about ways that the Nominee is finding a kind, caring, or compassionate response to a problem, when it may have been easier to give up.

What was the outcome of the Nominee's work? How does this situation look now? Is this work ongoing? Has the Nominee's work inspired more change in this area?

In 2025 Human Services was able to hire a new position focusing on coordinating care and treatment for individuals prior to release from jail. The Reentry Coordinator was a new role that works with individuals prior to release from custody to support with admission to a higher level of care (such as residential AODA) or the outpatient clinic where they can start or continue receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Ashley began meeting with an individual at Jefferson County Jail prior to release and learned that he needed rental assistance to avoid an eviction. Ashley supported with obtaining ROIs for his landlord, community resources and his family so that she could support with submitting applications for rental assistance. Ashley met with this individual regularly while in custody to complete rental assistance applications as well as employment applications.

Upon release from jail, Ashley met with individual and took him to meet with Probation & Parole, Treatment Court, and outpatient therapist. In addition, Ashley transported him to St. Vincent in Watertown to submit rental assistance application. Upon arriving, they learned that he needed identification and copy of his lease. Ashley supported with going to Jefferson County Courthouse to obtain identification as well as contacting his landlord to obtain a copy of his lease.

Ashley maintained ongoing contact with this client and provided him with services that included:

- Support with obtaining food from the food pantry.
- Transportation to and from appointments related required by probation.
- Submission of employment applications.
- Transportation to employment interviews.
- Support with contacting his bank to learn how to start a payment plan to obtain his vehicle that was repossessed.
- Submission of rental assistance applications to CAC and Salvation Army.

If not for Ashley's ongoing support, prior to release from custody and after this individual might have had a very different outcome and lost his housing.

While Ashley continues to have regular check-ins with this individual, things are very different for him 😊 He is employed full time, caught up with rent, has enough funds to meet his basic needs, is in good standing with probation and treatment court and has **maintained his sobriety!**

This is just one example of how Ashley's support and kindness has made such a difference. Her ability to connect with offer immediate support is reflected in the ongoing positive rapport she has with those she works with. Ashley has continued to inspire others to look closer at the systems that we have in place for those being released from custody and ask ourselves how we can do better.

This is just one example of Ashley's kindness and caring there are *many* others (including her willingness to transport clients upon release from jail (which oftentimes occurs very early in the morning) directly to Human Services to meet with a prescriber to start or continue medication assisted treatment and avoid a return to use/risk of overdose.

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#1 (required)

Name* Holly Pagel

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ABOUT YOU (THE NOMINATOR)

Name* Anna Falci Date* 3/18/26

Email* annaf@jeffersoncountywi.gov Phone* _____

ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING (THE NOMINEE)

Name* Jennifer Wendt

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Jennifer has been working with an individual currently in Jefferson County Treatment Court. While participating in Treatment Court individuals have to meet certain requirements like appearing for court, drug screenings, etc or they are at risk of being terminated from Treatment Court and sentenced to jail/prison.

This individual had a serious return to use and was at risk of being terminated from Treatment Court. After failing to appear at Treatment Court a Probation Hold was issued. Jennifer worked with this individuals family and support system to continually check in with this individual and encourage him to present to Jefferson County Jail so that he would not be terminated from Treatment Court and could admit to residential services following his return to use.

This individual has significant anxiety and struggled with returning to jail. On a Friday afternoon when Jennifer was off she received a call that this individual was back home. Jennifer went to this individuals house and was able to talk with him about his anxiety. Jennifer followed this individual to Jefferson County Jail and supported him during the booking process as well as placed daily check in calls to the individual during the weekend. On Monday Jennifer worked with Probation & Parole, Jefferson County Jail,

Treatment Court and a residential provider to get this individual released from custody directly into residential AODA services.

This individual successfully completed their residential AODA program and is back in the community maintaining their sobriety. If not for Jennifer's kindness and willingness to sacrifice her own personal time this individual might have had a very different outcome. Instead, he is maintaining his sobriety and in good standing with Probation & Parole and Treatment Court.

Jennifer's action in this situation continues to showcase her strong advocacy and desire to help individuals in their recovery.

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KINDNESS AND CARING IN ACTION AWARD

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ABOUT YOU (THE NOMINATOR)

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ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING (THE NOMINEE)

Name* Lori Brummond

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Lori has worked for JCHSD for several years diligently in various programs to find housing for many families. One specific situation that comes to mind is a family that has had multiple barriers including financial, legal and mental health symptoms. In addition to this going on, this family was facing eviction. Lori was able to break down each barriers and assisted this family with securing housing in their community in Jefferson County. As you can imagine, this process was not an easy process and tackle each barrier and break them down to individual tasks and assist the family with other barriers not initially identified.

Another example is a family that had been homeless for 8 years in Jefferson County, yes 8 years. Lori was able to meet with them regularly and in just 6 months Lori was able to help her secure and maintain housing right here in our community.

I could go on and on about different situations, but I will spare you the details for another time. The kindness, caring, compassion, addressing families and individuals with dignity and respect regardless of their situation and past. These cases are extremely difficult in these times when housing is not available and the units that are available are well over what these families can afford nor maintain.

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ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING (THE NOMINEE)

Name* Elizabeth Shrophshire _____ (AKA...Liz)

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Liz and I have been working together in CRP for over a year now and within that year Liz has amazed me with how much of a family advocate. She radiates understanding, caring, kindness, and dedication to her consumers. I have many stories I could tell to outline her caring and kindness but for time's sake I will tell one.

Liz has been working with a Spanish speaking woman who came to the county hopeless. So hopeless that she did not want to live anymore. This woman's world was falling apart and her relationship with her children was tarnished. Liz stepped up and provided more than parent coaching for this woman. She became this woman's safety plan. I heard her on the phone talking to this client to get her in a better place and wrote a safety plan. She worked with EMH staff to ensure her safety. Liz followed up with this woman many times to ensure safety but also because she cared. Liz additionally helped her get connected with mental health resources. Liz continued to reach out to her after these resources were given. And I'm personally glad she did because she found out that the mental health therapist was not a good fit for her. So, Liz continued to help her get the mental health she needed. She listened; she cared and got results. Liz also helped with parenting classes (i.e....IY and Connect). Liz is a facilitator with IY and got this woman to attend to help restore her children's relationship. This woman learned many

valuable skills in IY and then referred her to Connect parenting group to further her parenting skills with her older children.

Liz has always been conscious of diversity and inclusion. She been this consumer's English voice when Spanish was not understood and/or not heard. With Liz's kindness and understanding, this client has gotten connected to resources while supporting her in CRP. Currently, Liz continues to work with this client, but she is doing much better. Her mental health is stable and her relationship with her children has vastly improved. This client told me that Liz has been the most important support she has had. This client also reported that the supports Liz got her connected to also helped with her relationship with her 2 older children. The one that didn't talk to her anymore, now talks to her. And the other, who had lost all respect for her and did not listen to her, is now building a relationship. This client reported needing help and got it due to Liz.

I think this story is a perfect glimpse of who Liz is as a person. She is more than kind and caring! I believe she deserves this award for all her hard work and advocacy. She is a great example of what JCHSD staff should be.

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March 17, 2026

Andrea Szwec
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Dear Andrea:

It is my great honor to congratulate you on being nominated and selected to receive a **2026 Secretary's Putting Families First Award!** You were chosen because of your exceptional and transformational efforts to support Wisconsin's children, families and communities in thriving. Your work has been instrumental in transitioning the child welfare system to become more family-focused, collaborative and in-home.

As the secretary of the Department of Children and Families, I am honored to invite you and your guests to the 2026 Secretary's Putting Families First Awards ceremony and luncheon on **Monday, April 27 at noon**. The ceremony will be held in the Alumni Lounge of the Pyle Center in downtown Madison. The address is 702 Langdon St., Madison, WI. The Alumni Lounge is located on the first floor.

There is intermittent road construction in the area, so we recommend extra travel time if able! Several paid lots are available within a two-block radius. The City of Madison's State Street Campus Garage can be accessed at 400 N. Frances St. You can view real-time availability and rates at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parking/garages-lots/state-street-campus-garage>. Limited parking is available at UW Wisconsin-Madison's Helen C. White, Grainger, Fluno, and Lot 46. You can view real-time availability, rates, and directions at <https://transportation.wisc.edu/parking-lots/lot-occupancy-count/>.

I hope you will be able to attend the awards ceremony and celebrate this incredible achievement. **Please confirm your attendance by end of day Monday, April 6, 2026**, through our online RSVP form at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/form/dcf-award-ceremony-rsvp>. If you are bringing more than five guests, please email FamilyFirst@wisconsin.gov for assistance.

Congratulations on being a recipient of this award and thank you for your outstanding dedication to Wisconsin's children and families. I look forward to seeing you on April 27!

Sincerely,

Jeff Pertl
Secretary