



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for January 8, 2026
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of December 11, 2025 Minutes
4. Approval of January 8, 2026 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. Presque Isle Coalition
8. Agency Updates:
 - a.) Demetrius Starling departure
 - b.) New CPS Worker
 - c.) FAP Pre-Certification Case Reads
 - d.) Family Resources
9. Correspondence:
10. Roundtable
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for February 19, 2026
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00am**

1. Call to Order
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5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Up to the Minute-February
8. Legislative Conference Registration packet
9. Presque Isle Coalition
10. Agency Updates:
 - a.) Teaming Model
 - b.) Strategies to improve FAP Accuracy
 - c.) Family Resources
11. Correspondence:
12. Roundtable
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for March 19, 2026
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 9:00am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of February 19, 2026 Minutes
4. Approval of March 19, 2026 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. Board Member updates
7. MCSSA District II Meeting
8. Presque Isle Coalition
9. Agency Updates:
 - a.) Teaming Model launch
 - b.) Strategies to improve FAP Accuracy
 - c.) New CPS Worker
 - d.) Family Resources
10. Correspondence:
11. Roundtable
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for April 9, 2026
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of March 19, 2026 Minutes
4. Approval of April 9, 2026 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. Board Member updates
7. MCSSA District II Meeting
8. Presque Isle Coalition
9. Agency Updates:
 - a.) Teaming Model launched
 - b.) FTS and FRS positions for Teaming
 - c.) Strategies to improve FAP Accuracy-media releases
 - d.) Adult Protective Services Annual Report 2025
 - e.) Family Resources
10. Correspondence:
11. Roundtable
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 11:00 am

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PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2026

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Emily Gajewski, Julie Waldron

Robin Hughes, County Commissioner-absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of December 11, 2025 Minutes:

A motion to approve the December 11, 2025 Minutes was made by Emily seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions January 8, 2026:

A motion to approve the January 8, 2026 agenda was made by Cynthia seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting:

The next MCSSA District II Meeting will be held Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 1:00pm in Gaylord.

Presque Isle Coalition:

Although no official date has been set, the Coalition discussed the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for Thunder Bay School Based Clinic in Rogers City Elementary School.

In November, the youth coalition submitted a Strive 4 A Safer Drive Campaign for both Rogers City High School and Posen High School with both being accepted. This campaign is a teen driving initiative aimed at reducing serious traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities among inexperienced drivers. It is a joint effort between Ford Philanthropy and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The program encourages high schools to create student led traffic safety awareness campaigns with funding available to selected schools to promote safe driving practices.

In November, students organized a Christmas Parade float in both Rogers City and Posen. In December, they developed a Mental Health Awareness Tree.

January is Stalking Awareness Month and February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

There were no Handle with Care referrals in the month of December.

Agency Update:

Julie shared the news of CSA Senior Deputy Director, Demetrius Starling’s, departure from MDHHS effective 1/16/26 and that current In-Home Director, Tim Click, will be filling in behind him until the change in administration in a year.

A new addition to our CPS team is David Plamodon. He started with us on 1/5/26.

In an effort to further improve SNAP Payment Error Reduction rates, the Department has moved to FAP Pre-Certification Case Reads. Rather than randomly selecting cases to read for case accuracy post certification, the selected cases will now be read pre-certification to increase our accuracy rate.

Family Resource handouts were provided and board members were encouraged to share widely throughout their networks. These resources provide free, on-line parenting support education through MSU. In addition Hope Recovery is offering free, on-line classes for adults having experienced domestic violence with minor children in their care.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

N/A

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner’s Room.

Cynthia Szymanski

Emily Gajewski

Christine Johnson

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES February 19, 2026

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Emily Gajewski, Julie Waldron

Robin Hughes, County Commissioner-absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of January 8, 2026 Minutes:

A motion to approve the January 8, 2026 Minutes was made by Chris seconded by Emily. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions February 19, 2026:

A motion to approve the February 19, 2026 agenda was made by Cynthia seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports. However, the data on the cases report did not appear to be accurate.

MCSSA District II Meeting:

Board members were unable to attend the January 22, 2026 meeting due to poor weather conditions restricting travel.

MCSSA Up to the Minute-February: High level overview of the newsletter

Legislative Conference Registration packet:

Packet discussed, however, no board member plans to attend due to travel concerns in March. Previous board member, Allan Bruder, had gotten the state level MCSSA to agree to moving the Legislative Conference to April to support board members traveling quite a distance from the north. Now that Allan has retired from our local board and his state level MCSSA positions, they have reverted to holding the Legislative Conferences in March.

Presque Isle Coalition:

There were 6 Handle with Care referrals made by the Rogers City Police and Presque Isle Sheriff's Department in the month of January.

The Thunder Bay School Based Clinic will have their Ribbon Cutting/Open House on February 23, 2026 from 3:30-4:30pm.

A Substance-Vaping Free Skating Event was held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm

Rogers City Elementary K-5th and St. John's 4th-8th continues to provide Botvin and Too Good For Drugs programming to over 200 students.

Hope Shores is doing a movie screening of Twilight at the Rogers City Theatre on February 21st from 2:00-5:00pm followed by a discussion panel to talk about unhealthy dating habits displayed in Twilight. This is to bring about awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Discussion has begun with the Alpena Prosecutor's Office for the Start by Believing Campaign.

There is no longer space at MyMichigan for SAFE exams to be completed and alternative locations are being looked into.

Discussion taking place regarding the ongoing support barriers for survivors working with SANE system partners and how to improve the local systems response.

Agency Update:

Julie provided an update regarding the MiSEP Federal Court oversight as she listened into the hearing held early February. In short, the State of Michigan did not get from underneath court oversight due to safety concerns relating to:

1. Case weight compliance
2. Maltreatment in Care
3. CCI (Residential Care) Maltreatment in Care
4. Contract oversight compliance
5. Psychotropic Medication documentation, medicals, and dentals.

The Department will begin statewide launching of the Child Welfare Teaming Model following earlier piloting for cohorts 1 and 2. Cheboygan-Presque Isle will have 2 pods each consisting of 1 supervisor, 2 CPS investigators, 2 case managers, 1 Family Resource Specialist (FRS) and 1 Family Team Specialist to share between the 2 pods. A family will remain working with the assigned workers and supervisor for the life of their case. This approach helps support the family as it provides continuity of staff involvement, accountability for decision-making, and support for workers.

Statewide strategies to improve FAP Accuracy have been expanded from pre-certification case reads, additional trainings, performance management dashboards, geo group corrective action plans, specialist development plans, secondary case reviews, to initiating the Employee Resource Hub. This hub houses all policy, job aides, interim business processes in one location to assist in getting the correct answers efficiently and completely in one location.

The proposed MDHHS Budget and Health Care Budget were discussed at a high level overview.

MSU Family Resources and on-line trainings were provided with board members encouraged to share throughout their networks.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Emily shared there was a very successful Teen Night shared with law enforcement and youth grades 6-10 at the High School. The students had a great time and look forward to future events.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is re-scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 1:30pm in the County Commissioner's Room.

Cynthia Szymanski

Emily Gajewski

Christine Johnson

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 19, 2026

Member Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Emily Gajewski, Christine Johnson, Megan Good for Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of February 19, 2026 Minutes:

A motion to approve the February 19, 2026 Minutes was made by Cynthia and seconded by Chris. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions March 19, 2026:

A motion to approve the March 19, 2026 agenda was made by Emily and seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports. The data for the cases report again did not look to be accurate for the month of February.

MCSSA District II Meeting:

Board members were informed the next MCSSA meeting is to be held on April 23, 2026 at 1:00pm in Gaylord.

Handle with Care

There were 0 Handle with Care Referrals made by the Rogers City Police and 8 referrals made by the PI County Sheriff's Department in February.

PI Coalition

TBCHS SCHOOL BASED CLINIC, Community Advisory Council Meeting to be held at 5:15pm on March 18th at the RC Elementary School. GOLF FUNDRAISER SLS - MAY 17TH WHITE PINE NATIONAL GOLF COURSE – TEAMS AND SPONSORS NEEDED

Northeast SART

Exciting news to share about the Start by Believing Campaign for April 2026. We have received verbal confirmation from several community partners who are willing to take the Start by Believing Pledge alongside Hope Shores Alliance this year. These partners include: Iosco County

911 Dispatch, Northern Michigan Children’s Assessment Center, Iosco County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

Agency Updates:

In lieu of Julie, Megan provided updates regarding the launch of the Child Welfare Teaming Model. On March 10, 2026 a tabletop simulation was completed by supervisors and workers. The first Pod will “go live” effective March 30, 2026.

The Family Resource Specialist (FRS) position has been posted. The Family Team Support positions currently has interviews underway.

Statewide strategies to improve FAP Accuracy continue. This includes pre-certification case reads, secondary case reviews. Overtime for ESA workers has been approved and is being utilized.

Cheboygan County MDHHS welcomes new/returning CPS worker Katelyn Engler effective March 16, 2026.

MSU Family Resources and on-line trainings were provided and board member encouraged to share throughout their networks.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2026 at 11:00am in the County Commissioner’s Room.

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