

Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Time	Topic	Presenter
9–9:20 a.m.	Welcome Council Attendance Council Member Announcements CLTS Council: Members Wisconsin Department of Health Services Approval Of Minutes Motion to pass minutes required from November 5, 2025 Link: November 5, 2025, Council for Children with Long-Term Support Needs minutes	Wendy Heyn (CLTS Council Chair) Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children’s Service (BCS)
9:20–9:30 a.m.	Public Comment Period: Public comments may be presented at this time; three minutes maximum per presenter/organization. <i>Note:</i> If there are not 15 minutes of public comments, we will conduct other business from the agenda during this time.	Public Comment
9:30–10 a.m.	Waiver Renewal Council Input Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS Status)	Wendy Heyn, CLTS Council Chair David Sorenson, Section Manager, BCS Zach Bauer, Program & Policy Analyst
10–10:15 a.m.	Medicaid Budget and CLTS Program	Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children’s Services
10:15–10:30 a.m.	Wisconsin Wayfinder	Melissa Skenandore, DHS Public Health
10:30–11 a.m.	CLTS Program Data 2025 Summary Enrollment and Disenrollment 2025 Appeals Data	Kaycee Kienast, Section Manager Bureau of Children’s Services

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11–11:15 a.m.	BCS Word of the Year and Key Initiatives Briefing 2026 Word of the Year is Inclusion	Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children’s Services
11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	2026- 2027 Council Planning Discussion Priorities and Focus Access, Choice, Coordination, Quality and Financing	Wendy Heyn, CLTS Council Chair
12–12:45 p.m. Lunch		
12:45–1:15 p.m.	Council member sharing and discussion Focused Topic Area	Council Members
1:15–2 p.m.	Project Updates Deciding Together Service Alignment Timely Enrollment New Project Briefing CLTS Provider Handbook Children’s Community Options Program (CCOP) Plans Revitalization	Tara Sommersberger, Human Services Program Coordinator, Sr. (BCS) Rachel Lettner, Human Services Program Coordinator, Sr. (BCS) Andrea Warman, Program & Policy Analyst (BCS) Tip Pom, Section Manager (BCS) and Chris Bonds, CLTS Program Provider Relations Specialist (BCS) Taylor Johnson, Human Services Program Coordinator, Sr. (BCS)
2–2:30 p.m.	Cross Program/Enrollment Discussion Co-enrollment in multiple programs opportunities and experiences CLTS and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) CLTS and CCOP	Council Discussion & Christina Courtney, Brown County
2:30–2:45	General Medicaid Updates ForwardHealth Updates Medicaid Benefits & Medicaid Clinical Policy Updates	Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children’s Services
2:30–3 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Action Items (Next Meeting) Future 2026 Meeting Dates May 6, 2026 (on-site in Madison) August 5, 2026 November 4, 2026	Wendy Heyn, CLTS Council Chair Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children’s Services

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