

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, May 15, 2025

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1601074465>

Minutes

Invitees

Attendees (X = Attended)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Sepnieski – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tarah Richardson – DHS BEOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alicia Grulke – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LaTanya Taylor – DHS BEOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Schabel – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Michael - DHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jody Noble – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Autumn Arnold – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pungnou Her – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brookelynn Slamka – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valerie Hayes -DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Valeri Kazakhetsyan – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Stanford – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Teubert – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexia Hamilton – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Huffman – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nick Kwaw – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	True Lor – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linsey Donaldson – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Hanson – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria Conley – DHS BEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca David – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Chelsey Groessl	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Mia Anderson-Inman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Becky Hetfield-Salentine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Heather Merten
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Shawn Tessmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Steve Budnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Adam Chorlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Jeanine Spuhler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Nicole Rolain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Kate Chambers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Amanda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Laci Bainbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Ann Kriegel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Western – Lorie Graff (co-chair)
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Annett Mooney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western – Tricia Wavra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Kathy Welke (co-chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Kimm Peters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Ronda Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wetherbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Krieger – DHS BEEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tami Berg - OIG
<input type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Katie Kasprzak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Ewing – DHS BEOT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thor Neng - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crystal L. Malone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Kawlewski – Portage County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traci Cahill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gage Winkelmann – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Koch - OIG

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Honsa - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Heitman – DHS Area Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kent Ellis - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shine Baby– DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annie Griggs – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Cone – DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Schultze – Jefferson County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darin Petesch – DHS BSM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darsell Johns – Ozaukee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Tuenge -Great Rivers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Poma - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shauna Grossman - DHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim McGuire - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelli Essmann DHS Area Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mac Strawder - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Waulet – Door County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Belanger-Red Cliff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Taylor – Adams County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Corbine - Bad River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Weden – Marathon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renee Lyman – Dodge County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Sjoblom – Columbia County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria Delagado – Southern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Luebke – Area Admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxann Binkowski – Waushara County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidrun Kovach – Dane County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	April Ferstl – DCF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Birkey – Calumet County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Bohlman – Fond du Lac County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kesha Cole – Ozaukee County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Beranek – Dodge County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michele Chiuchiolo – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Todd – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Williquette – Manitowoc County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Klingforth – Moraine Lakes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Redell – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cortney Hebel – Dane County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kara Ponti – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charlie Morgan – WI Legislature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Gokey – Lac Courte Oreilles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nasbah Hill – Oneida
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Sallerud – Forest County Potawatomi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Shawano – Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Calhoun – Forest County Potawatomi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley McGeshick – Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Corbine – Bad River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jaime Jameson –Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloria Cobb – Lac du Flambeau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tina Weiterman –Stockbridge Munsee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dylana Kinewayg –Menominee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Taryn Williams – Lac du Flambeau	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica VandeKamp – Oneida
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Drake-Buhr-DHS BEEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristin Latus – WKRP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jolyne Wallace – OIG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenny Hoffman (co-Chair)

AGENDA

Welcome (Katie Sepnieski & Jenny Hoffman)

- Report attendance by replying to the email from DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Approval of April 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

- Motions made to approve the minutes by Ann Kriegel and Adam Chorlton, then approved by consensus.

Policy Updates (Department of Health Services)

- The Department is closely monitoring new federal guidance as it is received. Budget negotiations and proposed legislation at the federal and state level is also being monitored.
- There are not any changes to programs or policies at this time, but any changes will be shared if received.

FoodShare

- The Department has a phase of policy updates related to the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023, as the final rule was published.
- FRA required that State agencies implement certain provisions before the final rule:
 - Gradual upper age limit for the age-related Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) exemption; and
 - Three new exemptions for individuals who are homeless, a veteran, or former foster youth.
- The final rule updated the definitions of the three new exemptions and made changes to screening and verification of exemptions.
- The Department is implementing the FRA final rule in two phases. The first phase of changes will begin on July 1, 2025. No system changes will be completed until the second phase, which is planned for the February 2026 CARES release.
- Expanded definitions of the three new exemptions will be effective July 1, 2025:
 - The definition of homeless is expanded to include those who will imminently lose their nighttime residence.
 - The definition of a veteran is expanded to include an individual who served as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Scientific Services Administration, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, regardless of the conditions of their discharge or release.
 - The definition of former foster youth is clarified to specify that people who remain in extended foster care or those who leave extended foster care before the maximum age are still eligible for the exemption.
- The first phase will include policy requirements that will strengthen current practices.
 - If an individual reports a new exemption during the certification period, the Income Maintenance (IM) agency must act on the change as soon as possible.
 - If the IM agency determines an individual's exemption is questionable, the IM agency must first attempt to verify the exemption using information available to the IM agency, such as information from other programs through data sharing, before requiring individuals provide evidence or other sources of verification.
- The second phase will include system changes. As part of this release, system changes will be implemented to support the Phase 1 policy changes. For example, any necessary updates to interview question prompts and automated notices to capture the modified exemption criteria.

- A new FRA policy will be implemented as part of Phase 2. This new policy provides that people who lose an exemption during the certification period cannot be subject to countable months until are screened for all exemptions.
- More information will be shared regarding the second phase in advance of the February 2026 CARES release.

ABAWDs Regaining Eligibility

- At the April 2025 IMAC meeting, the Department shared the plan to send a one-time letter to individuals that used the third countable month in March and lost eligibility March 31, 2025. The purpose of this letter was to provide reminders on how to regain eligibility by either meeting the work requirement or an exemption.
- There was an increase in ABAWD applications in January 2025, presumably due to the three-year clock reset, and as a result, a similar number of individuals lost eligibility due to the time limit in both March and April. The Department decided to send an additional letter the week of May 5, 2025, to individuals that used their third countable month in April.
- At present, the department is anticipating sending letters to individuals that accrued the third countable month on a permanent, rolling basis.

Healthcare

- Nicole Huffman reviewed the Medicaid Purchase Plan Update (MAPP) presentation. See attachment for additional details.

Subcommittee Updates (Income Maintenance Agency Subcommittee Co-Chairs)

- Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee met May 9, 2025. Jenny Hoffman shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is June 6, 2025.
- Call Center Technical subcommittee met on April 14 and April 28. Cindy Drury shared key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting was held on May 12, 2025.
- The Training subcommittee met on April 28, 2025. Jesse Wolf/Shelby Jenson shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is July 28, 2025.
- The Elderly Blind Disabled/Long Term Care Subcommittee met on April 15, 2025. Kara Ponti/Ron Redell shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is July 15, 2025.

Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Alicia Grulke & Jenny Hoffman)

- None

Consortia Feedback (Jenny Hoffman)

- None

Administrative Memos (Alicia Grulke & Jenny Hoffman)

- None

Regional Enrollment Network (Lorie Graff)

- Reminder that the September 8 through 10, 2025 is the Fall Enrollment Conference.

Public Comment

- None

Announcements

- For upcoming meetings in 2025, send agenda items to the WHCSA Tri Chairs or Bureau of Eligibility Operations and Training operations associate at DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.