

# INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, August 20, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1616714667>

## Minutes

Invitees (X=Attended)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/>            | Ashley Schabel – DHS BEOT             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Paul Michael - DHS                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jody Noble – DHS BEOT                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Autumn Arnold – DHS BEEP           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Pungnou Her – DHS BEOT                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Brookelynn Slamka – DHS BEEP       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Valerie Hayes -DHS BEOT               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Valeri Kazakhetsyan – DHS BEEP     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Angela Stanford – DHS BEOT            | <input 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 type="checkbox"/>            | Capital – Shawn Tessmann              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Northern – Steve Budnik            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Capital – Adam Chorlton               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Northern – Jeanine Spuhler         |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/>            | Great Rivers – Kathy Welke (co-chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | WKRP – Kimm Peters                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Great Rivers – Ronda Brown            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kevin Wetherbee                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Stephanie Krueger – DHS BEEP          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tami Berg - OIG                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | WKRP – Katie Kasprzak                 | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Gage Winkelmann – DCF                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Nicole Koch - OIG                  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Barbara Honsa - DCF                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Lauren Heitman – DHS Area Admin      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kent Ellis - DCF                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Aftin Locks – DHS BEOT               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Annie Griggs – DCF                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Suzanne Cone – DHS BSM               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jessica Lange – Jefferson County             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Darin Petesch – DHS BSM              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Darsell Johns – Ozaukee                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Christina Tuenge -Great Rivers       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michael Poma - MilES                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Shauna Grossman - DHS                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tim McGuire - MilES                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Shelli Essmann DHS Area Admin        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jennifer Searfoss - WHCSA Executive Director | <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"/>            | Melissa Benner – DHS BEEP            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Renee Lyman – Dodge County                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Carol Sjoblom – Columbia County              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Maria Delagado – Southern            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amy Bell Ferries – Area Admin                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Roxann Binkowski – Waushara County   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heidrun Kovach – Dane County                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | April Ferstl – DCF                   |
| <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>            | Krystal Ellis -WKRP                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dylana Kaquatosh –Menominee          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Taryn Williams – Lac du Flambeau             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jessica VandeKamp – Oneida           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Shannon Drake-Buhr-DHS BEEP                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Kristin Latus – WKRP                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jolyne Wallace – OIG                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jenny Hoffman (co-Chair)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dustin Feeney -WKRP                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heather Ondik – Bay Lake             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Deba Hagamon – Lac du Flambeau               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Kristine Bovee – DHS BEOT            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mary Augustine – DHS BEEP                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Megan Boiteau - DHS BEOT             |

## AGENDA

### Welcome (Katie Sepnieski & Lorie Graff)

- Report attendance by replying to the email from [DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

### Approval of June 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

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

### Policy Updates (Department of Health Services)

#### *Health Care Coverage for Non-Citizens*

- An operations memo announcing health care eligibility changes for non-citizens, as required by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, or H.R.1., is published on August 14, 2026.
- These federal changes limit adult eligibility for health care to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, lawful permanent residents, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens effective October 1, 2026.
- A CARES Coordinator Notice (CCN) sent July 24, 2026, included instructions for reverifying the immigration status for some health care members.
- The Department will send a one-time letter on August 22, 2026, titled *Health Care Coverage is Ending for Someone in Your Household*, to notify impacted members that coverage may end September 30, 2026. A copy of this letter is attached to July 24, 2026, CCN.

#### *Federal Medicaid Work Requirement Outreach Letters*

- The Department will send a one-time outreach letter to BadgerCare Plus Childless Adults providing notification of the federal Medicaid work requirement beginning in 2027. The letters are available for members to view in ACCESS.
- Letters are being mailed now and throughout the remainder of August 2026.
- Letters were generated for 179,731 members. There was a total of 184,451 letters, with approximately 111,000 paper letters and 73,000 paperless.
- A copy of the letter and talking points is attached to the August 3, 2026, CCN.

#### *Supplements due to change in the FoodShare Standard Utility Amount effective date*

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved the update to the FoodShare Standard Utility Amounts (SUA) with an effective date of July 2026.
- USDA recently updated the effective date of the new SUA amounts to May 1, 2026.
- Households that would have received a higher FoodShare benefit for May or June 2026 if the updated SUA had been used will receive a supplement benefit for one or both months.
- The supplement amount will be determined by recalculating the household's benefit using the updated SUA amounts.
  - If the recalculated benefit is more than the benefit originally issued, the household will receive a supplement benefit equal to the difference.

- A supplement benefit will not be issued if the recalculated amount is lower or equal to the benefit originally issued or if the household did not receive FoodShare benefits in May or June 2026.
- Qualifying households will receive supplement benefits August 23, 2026.
- A notice will be sent to households including the amount of any issued supplement benefits for each month.

#### **CARES4Kids Update**

- Isabelle Leventhal presented information on CARES4Kids. See attachment for additional details.

#### **Refugee Services**

- Rebekah Davis presented information on Refugee Services. See attachment for additional details.

#### **Subcommittee Updates (Income Maintenance Agency Subcommittee Co-Chairs)**

- Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee met on July 10 and August 7, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is September 11, 2026.
- Call Center Technical subcommittee met on July 13 and August 10, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is September 14, 2026.
- Performance Monitoring subcommittee met on July 15, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is September 16, 2026.
- Elderly, Blind, Disabled/Long Term Care subcommittee met on July 21, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is September 15, 2026.
- Training subcommittee met on July 27, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is October 26, 2026.
- Fraud and Program Integrity met on August 11, 2026. See key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is November 10, 2026.

#### **Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Alicia Grulke & Lorie Graff)**

- 2027 IM Contract negotiations are continuing over the next few months.

#### **Consortia Feedback (Lorie Graff)**

- None

#### **Administrative Memos (Alicia Grulke & Lorie Graff)**

- Administrator's Memo 26-03, *Income Maintenance Estate Recovery Incentive Funds* is published August 17, 2026.

#### **Regional Enrollment Network (Lorie Graff)**

##### *July 2026*

- Outreach continues with individuals that navigators assisted in the previous open enrollment to follow up on whether the premium was paid and to answer additional questions regarding Marketplace Healthcare coverage.
- 2026 Fall Enrollment Conference planning started. The main conference is being held September 16 -18, 2026 from 8:30am-12:00pm.
- The *Immigrant Eligibility* webinar occurred on June 30, 2026, focusing on Medical Assistance and Marketplace Healthcare coverage eligibility topics.

- The final rule for Benefit and Payment Parameter is issued. This outlines various changes to Marketplace rules for upcoming open enrollments.
- The Department provided updates on the following topics:
  - Medicaid Work Requirement Webinar occurred on June 18, 2026. This webinar series focused on an overview of the requirements, the implementation timeline, and planned communication to Medicaid members
  - [ForwardHealth Policy Update Call Series | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) provides information on the One Big Beautiful Bill Webinar series. Register for the new [listserv](#) to receive updates.
  - The Department will share available Federal updates on the [Medicaid and FoodShare Partner Resources: Federal Changes | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

#### *August 2026*

- Registration is open for the Fall Enrollment conference. Additional information, including the conference agenda and a link to register for the conference, can be found at <https://coveringwi.org/conference26> or on the Covering Wisconsin website. Registration closes August 28, 2026.
- Covering Wisconsin completed the follow-up calls to individuals assisted during the last Open Enrollment. 10% of the individuals reached had not paid the premium. Reasons included cost, failure to make payments, or uncertainty of how to make payments. 85% that paid the premium indicated that insurance coverage or medical or pharmacy benefits have been used.
- Based on the action of the court, the upcoming open enrollment period is confirmed for November 1, 2026, through January 15, 2027.
- The Public Charge final rule is published. It rescinds the Biden administration changes, reverting to the changes the Trump administration implemented during its first term. The changes do not impact every individual applying for a green card, so it is important to refer individuals with questions and concerns to an immigration attorney.
- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) shared a press release on August 5, 2026, titled, *Be Aware of Alternative Health Insurance Plans.* The release warns people to use caution when considering the purchase of alternatives to comprehensive health insurance plans. While comprehensive health insurance plans will typically have a defined network, some alternative health plans are marketed as “letting you see any provider” but the coverage is limited to a set amount paid to the individual after they receive and pay the provider for care up front. Refer to the full press release for additional information: <https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/PressReleases/20260805HealthCoverageAlternatives.aspx>.
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026.

#### **Public Comment**

- Jennifer Searfoss, Executive Director of Wisconsin County Human Services Association on behalf of the 72 County Human Services Directors, appreciates the opportunity to have IM staff participate in the review process for the CARES Security Manual. The completion of the CARES Security Manual will ensure agencies can consistently and efficiently gain access to CARES timely.

#### **Announcements**

- For upcoming meetings in 2026, send agenda items to the WHCSA Tri Chairs or Bureau of Eligibility Operations and Training operations associate at [DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov).