



The Oversight Commission of Unified Community Services met on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI 53813 in Room 266, Second Floor.

Members present: Robert Keeney, Gary Ranum, Nate Dreckman, John Meyers and Clint Langreck.

Others present: Angie Gerndt, Sue Freeman, Amber Northouse, Jamie Lenz-Stoney, Tonya White and Jamie Gould.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Keeney. County Clerk Tonya White verified the meeting was held in compliance with the open meeting law, having been posted in the Administration Building, Courthouse and on the Iowa and Grant County websites.

Approval of Agenda: Nate Dreckman, seconded by Clint Langreck, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Ranum, seconded by Clint Langreck made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2026 minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget request for the remainder of 2026: Amber Northouse reviewed the out of budget request. Funds received from WIMCR are anticipated to be less than budgeted amount. UCS anticipates ending 2026 with a budget deficit of approximately \$1,083,000.

Credentialing and reimbursement revenue have lagged behind projections, addressing both issues are a high priority. UCS will begin review of contracted services and its staffing structure. At this time, UCS is unable to pay invoices because of the budget deficit.

The 2025 audit reported the UCS fund balance at \$1,346,232. Robert Keeney, seconded by Clint Langreck, made a motion to allocate \$783,000 from the Unified Community Services fund balance to address the budget gap as presented less the amount to replenish the fund balance. Motion carried without negative note.

2027 Budget: The Commission reviewed the proposed 2027 budget. The amount of fund balance used was reduced, along with projected contractual services. With a fully staffed Finance Department, staff are developing internal checks and balances, identifying ways to trim the budget and slowing down spending. Staff are also seeking eligible reimbursements and completing the documentation required to support reimbursement requests.

The challenge with the 2027 budget is there may not be any funds left in the UCS fund balance. Iowa County will carry over into the 2027 budget, \$85,000 giving the total ask \$312,030.

Staff Recruitment Update: The Mobile Crisis position is still on hold and the CSS position will not be filled. The current advertised positions are AODA Counselor, Compliance Manager and CLTS Birth to 3.

Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it relates to the Interim Agency Director for Unified Community Services: Gary Ranum, seconded by Clint Langreck, made a motion to move into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with five (5) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Return to Open Session: John Meyers, seconded by Clint Langreck, made a motion to return to open session at 12:54 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Action on closed session items, if needed: No action was taken.

Adjournment: John Meyers, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.