



WISCONSIN NURSING HOME SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

WNHSPA Board Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026 held via Zoom video conferencing.

Board Attendance:

Tabitha Becker, President	ThedaCare Hospital	Appleton
Fawn Senn Vice President	Marshfield Medical Center	Beaver Dam
Tena Seipel, Secretary	Pierce County DHS	Ellsworth
Teresa Clement, Treasurer	Maryhill Manor	Niagara
Kayla Larson, SWY coordinator	ADRC of Iowa County	Dodgeville
Kim Wuethrich, CEU coordinator	Pleasant View	Monroe
Julie Severin	Rennes Health Center	Appleton
Matthew Passineau	Edgewater Haven	Port Edwards
Lisa Leahy	St. Croix Healthcare	New Richmond
Stephanie Gagnon	Oakridge Gardens	Menasha
Luleta Mena	Avina	Fond du Lac

Missing from the meeting is Grettchen Shimko DHS BOALTC Ombudsman, Madison

1) Call to order – at 3:06 pm.

2) Introductions— not needed.

3) Secretary's Report. The board reviewed the minutes from the board meeting held on April 16, 2026. Julie motioned to approve the minutes and Lisa seconded the motion.

4) Treasurer's Report: Teresa reviewed the treasurer report. Current balance of account is \$35,806.19. Teresa indicated that there is currently no credit card balance. Teresa indicated that there are currently 78 members of which 18 are new members. Teresa explained the breakdown for the spring conference that 70 people registered, 2 were no shows, so 68 attendees. Conference fees and raffle collected \$9683 and expenses were \$7279.19 so a profit of \$2403.82 received. Teresa stated she purchased a supply of stamps before the price went up recently. Tabitha made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Lisa seconded the motion.

5) Committee Reports:

NASW: Kim represents WNHSPA on the NASW WI board. Kim indicated that all of their meetings have been virtual. Kim stated that Marc Herstand, Executive Director of NASW, WI retired May 2026 after 33 years with NASW. Kim stated that they have not had any meetings since Marc's retirement and they are restructuring regions or states so that WI NASW will be part of a larger region and not on their own any longer. Tabitha indicated that Theda Care has

3 cases where they have initiated the new Act 115 “Next of Kin” law that they are still in the process of pursuing.

Historian: Tabitha indicated she will update the display board for the fall conference. Tabitha requested new board members send her a picture she can add to the board to update it for fall conference. Tabitha stated that there is a QR code on the board to increase our digital marketing options.

Membership/Marketing (Teresa): Teresa indicated that in 2025 we had 72 members. Current membership for 2026 is 78 at this time.

Website updates (Fawn): Fawn stated she had Steve add a link on the website where all conference materials will be placed for attendees to access.

Scholarships (Tena): We received 4 scholarship applications this year, all submitted from students from UW-Whitewater, WI. The board voted to award all four applicants a scholarship as follows: Ainsley Zavala from Necedah, WI and Bryson Clarson of Whitewater, WI both will receive the Sister Veronica Carroll Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Reagan Hammons of Whitewater, WI and Tabitha Gier of Union Grove, WI will both be awarded \$500.00 each. Lisa made a motion to award the scholarships as listed above, Teresa seconded the motion. Tena will mail out checks and award letters by the end of August. Will also invite both the Sister Veronica Carroll Memorial Scholarship recipients to the Fall 2026 conference.

CEU’s (Kim): Kim indicates she received CEU approval from NASW for the Spring 2026 conference. Kim stated she will submit the request for approval for Fall 2026 once she gets the brochure listing the conference speakers and topics.

Social worker of the year: Kayla indicated she mailed out SWY letters and is waiting for responses by the end of August. She will email the board with the applicants for voting once she has received all applications. Kayla also suggested making bright colored labels with “Attn:” on them for sending out SWY application letters to draw attention to the intended recipient(s).

6) Timeline: Reviewed the timeline.

7) Old Business: none.

8) New Business: Fall elections: Tabitha, Matt, Teresa, Kayla, Julie, and Luleta’s positions will be up for reelection this fall. Tabitha will prepare the ballots for the fall election for those running as well as Lisa’s position, which is an odd year. Those running for an office this fall, please send your bios to Tabitha for her to prepare ballots for voting this fall.

Spring 2027 conference will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Wausau on April 23, 2027. Board meeting will be on April 22, 2027 at 7pm also at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Wausau. Primary topic will be Ethics and Boundaries, presented by a professor from UW-Green Bay.

Teepa Snow has been requested to be a future presenter several times over the past few years. Fawn indicated when she called to check on pricing, Teepa charges \$30,000 per day per speaking event, unfortunately she is out of our organizations price range.

Fall 2026 conference will be at the Wilderness Resort in WI Dells, WI on October 1-2, 2026. Thursday speakers/topics will be Jesse Horn and Heather Whittaker, motivational speakers, McCarty Law—admission agreements, Rainbow Hospice--end of life, Beth Tordoff and Crystal Nobel from the Dementia Stabilization Unit, and Ethics and Boundaries presented by Jess Bowers. Friday's speakers will be from DQA. Eleven CEU's will be offered for both days unless you attend Ethics and Boundaries and then you would receive 12 CEU's for both days.

Discussion held for fees for fall 2026 conference will be as follows:

Registration Fees:

Member Conference Fee – Both Days	\$275.00
Member Conference Fee – Thursday only	\$245.00
Member Conference Fee – Friday only	\$220.00
Non-Member Conference Fee – Both days	\$350.00
Non-Member Conference Fee- Thursday only	\$275.00
Non-Member Conference Fee- Friday only	\$250.00

Julie made a motion for registration fees for the 2026 fall conference as listed above. Kim seconded this motion.

Kayla offered to make basket raffle signs for the fall conference. Tabitha stated she secured the raffle license from the state of WI to continue doing our raffle fund raisers. Tabitha asked that everyone who has a WNHSWA folding table to bring it as well as if anyone has a folding table that can be used for sponsors so that we do not get charged extra for the use of tables for sponsors and raffle prizes.

Discussed options for Fall 2027 of the Wintergreen Hotel and Conference Center in WI Dells or the Marriott Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center in Oshkosh, WI. Fawn will try to get information from each site to compare prices and dates at our next meeting.

Will have sponsors again for the fall conference as it was well received and generated funds to go towards conference expenses. Fawn stated she has 2 gold sponsors Aveanna Healthcare and Visiting Angels (\$500.00 and they speak during lunch break). 4 silver sponsors Agrace,

Molina Healthcare, Moments Hospice, and St. Croix Hospice (\$250.00). 1 bronze sponsor Rainbow Community Care (\$100.00) committed for fall conference.

9) Next Board Meeting: will be September 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Wilderness Conference Center.

10) Adjournment: at 4:06 pm. Fawn motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Lisa seconded the motion.

Minutes submitted by Tena Seipel, WNHSWA Secretary