

**ASHLAND COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 21, 2023**

Over the next few months, the Ashland County Health & Human Services Board will be making critical decisions about the type and amount of services that the Department will be able to provide in 2024.

A Public Hearing is scheduled to receive citizen input regarding the services provided by the Ashland County Health & Human Services Department, and to identify priority needs for 2024 program planning purposes. Those areas for which the Ashland County Health & Human Services Department has responsibility include services provided by the units of Children and Family Services, Adult Services including mental health, AODA and guardianship services, Economic Support, Child Support, Community Service Programs, and Public Health Services including Environmental Health.

Funds are utilized to provide and purchase a wide array of services for citizens of Ashland County. Because of severe budget constraints, the Ashland County Health & Human Services Board does not anticipate accepting new contracts and anticipates reducing current contracts. The need to minimize agency costs and prioritize provided services is critical. The Ashland County Health & Human Services Department encourages your participation in this planning, and welcomes ideas to economize costs and improve service.

Those who are unable to attend the Public Hearing are encouraged to write to the Ashland County Health & Human Services Department Director, Terry Barningham, 630 Sanborn Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806; or call (715) 682-7004 ext. 114. In either case, your comments will be made part of the public record.

This will be an in-person meeting in the County Board Room of the Courthouse, with a virtual option via Zoom. Log-in information is as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87872216000?pwd=Qmx5RXVrY1kzTE5lRkYwdFlhWkVtUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 7221 6000 / Passcode: 302358 / Phone: 1-312-626-6799

Public comments will be taken from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. If there is no public input during this time, the regular board agenda will proceed.