

Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 PM – Monday, April 13, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Connie Anderson, Danielle Viau, Michael Will, Tami Christian, Shawn Ross, Jay Myrechuck, Gayle Demler, Paulette Feld, Joe Gonyo (5:39pm)

Absent/Excused:

None

Staff:

Tony Beregszazi, April Mullins-Datko, Joe Lougher, CJ Bruden, Tanya Marcoe (virtual), Kelly Mauer (virtual), Dawn Paterson (virtual)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Connie Anderson. A quorum of 8/9 was present.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Paulette Feld, with a second by Tami Christian, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Review and Approval Minutes of March 19, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting:

A motion was made by Gayle Demler, with a second by Connie Anderson, to approve the meeting minutes for March 19, 2026, executive committee meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of HS Change in Scope Application: Home Based Services Request – FY 2026

Tony Beregszazi introduced the proposed Head Start Change in Scope Application regarding service delivery changes in Green Lake County. He explained that the agency has been evaluating program options due to the significant time and financial resources required to serve approximately 17 children and families at the Prairie View location. Tony noted that the proposal had previously been discussed with the Head Start Policy Council and was now being brought forward to the Executive Committee for consideration. He also stated that changes within local school districts and service options accelerated the need to review alternative models.

April Mullins-Datko presented the proposed transition from a center-based model to a home-based program option for Green Lake County. As part of the proposal, the Prairie View location would close, and recommendations regarding the sale of the property would later be brought before the Board of Directors. April explained that the change would allow the agency to redistribute staff resources and utilize remote home-based teaching services. She noted that the agency continues to operate under flat funding while costs continue to rise, with approximately

80% of Head Start funding allocated toward personnel expenses. Maintaining a fully staffed center-based location for 17 students was no longer financially sustainable, particularly given the lack of a waiting list and prior enrollment reductions necessary to maintain compliance. April stated that the home-based model would allow ADVOCAP to maintain enrollment, continue meeting federal standards and quality requirements, and provide families with greater flexibility and choice.

Tanya Marcoe added that the proposal made financial sense for Green Lake County and supported the transition. She noted that declining enrollment has resulted in Prairie View operating at nearly three times the cost of other Head Start locations.

April responded to questions from Executive Committee members regarding the operational structure of the proposed home-based model. She clarified that home-based teachers would not also serve as Family Specialists, helping preserve service quality. The program would include two home-based parent educator specialists, each serving approximately 10 families through weekly 90-minute visits. Monthly socialization activities would also be conducted for participating families and children. April stated that the same assessments currently used in center-based programming would continue to be utilized and shared that, in her previous experience, children in home-based models often performed well on assessments. She further explained that snacks would continue to be provided during home visits, while full meals would instead be provided during monthly socialization events. If approved, the transition would take effect for the 2026–2027 school year, pending approval from the Office of Head Start. April acknowledged that the decision was difficult but emphasized the importance of aligning programming with available funding while continuing to deliver high-quality services.

A motion was made by Tami Christian, with a second by Gayle Demler, to approve the HS Change in Scope Application: Home Based Services Request-FY 2026. Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Business/Announcements/Reports:

Tanya Marcoe provided updates and reminders regarding the following:

- a) Spring All-Staff Meeting – April 17, 2026, Avenue 795, Fond du Lac
- b) Committee Meetings – April 23, 2026, Neenah ADVOCAP office
- c) Annual Meeting – May 14, 2026, Prairie Theater and Event Center, Fond du Lac
Adjournment
- d) Executive and Board of Directors Meeting – May 28, 2026, JP Coughlin Center

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Paulette Feld, with a second by Michael Will, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm. Motion carried.