

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**  
1000 Pavilions Circle, Traverse City, MI 49684

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2025  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Mary Marois, Carol Crawford, Karen Griggs  
Darcey Gratton, Levi Petrone

Board  
Staff

**ABSENT:** TJ Andrews

Commission

**GUESTS:** None

The special board meeting of the Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board was called to order at 10:00 am by Board Chair Mary Marois in the Board room at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Roll Call - Marois - yes, Crawford – yes, Griggs– yes

**First Public Comment** - None

**Board Deliberation – Regarding the CEO Position** – The Board engaged in a deliberation regarding the CEO position and the outcome of initial negotiations. After thorough discussion, the Board determined to pursue a different direction.

**Motion** was made by Crawford to rescind the offer previously extended to James Arp and instead extend the offer for the CEO position to Darrell Lavender. The motion further authorized Mary Marois to collaborate with Levi Petrone, Human Resources Director, to negotiate the terms of a contract with Mr. Lavender. The final agreement will be presented to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Griggs and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am

Signatures:

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Mary Marois – Chair  
Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board

Date: June 26, 2025      Approved  
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Corrected and Approved