

Beltrami County Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm.

Present: John, Kelsey, Dan, Dylan, Myron, George, Amara, Reed Olson (guest), Robin

Reviewed Minutes from May 9, 2025.

Discussion for this meeting included the following:

Reed Olson representing the Wolf Center and Day Center in Bemidji provided a review of services to support homeless individuals in the Bemidji community.

The Wolf Center has provided shelter for single adults since 2016 and has 26 beds although at times the total number of individuals exceeds 26 by using whatever space is available. March 2025 combined 888-night stays averaging 30/night.

Two staff on becomes challenging.

Labor is #1 expense.

\$700,000-\$800,000 annual program expenses.

The Wolf Center, Peoples Church, and Day Center partner with Beltrami County Public Health for diabetic foot care as well as frost bite.

Reed looks to introduce social work, nursing and criminal justice students from BSU in to provide exposure.

The Day Center has been operational since 2022 utilizing the former Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center building. The Day Center provides support during the day for 30-70 individuals. Support services includes access to two showers, individual space utilizing the 40 offices in the building. Meals are served and secure email is available. Stehler Human Services has staff on site providing mental health services to individuals as needed.

Support staff at the Day Center often work to assess needs, identify, and arrange for support services.

Community providers who have a physical presence at the Day Center include the following:

- o Stellher Human Services
- o Community Resource Connections (CRC)
- o Anishinaabe Legal Services
- o Sanford Behavioral Health
- o BiCAP
- o Beltrami County Public Health