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## **Polk County Board of Commissioners Appoint Youth Advisory Board Members**

Polk County Public Health is welcoming new youth leadership following action by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on December 2, 2025. Director Sarah Reese presented a list of recommended students to serve a two-year term on the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Commissioners approved all recommended students:

- Julia Aker – East Grand Forks
- Skylar Benson – Fertile-Beltrami
- Emily Reitmeier – Fisher
- Kinley Korynta – Fisher
- Makenzie Quirk – Fisher
- Clara Kolden – Win-E-Mac
- Abigail Seed – Fosston
- Lauren Erickson – Sacred Heart
- Leah Johanneck – Crookston

The YAB, established in 2018, provides a vehicle for youth people in Polk County to become involved in governmental public health services, merging civic engagement and leadership development for high school students. By engaging youth in our agencies policies, practices, and procedures, we bring new energy, information, and knowledge into our mission-based work.

“Our Youth Advisory Board is a fantastic partnership between students and our public health department. They help guide our work by sharing what’s happening in their schools and communities, while also learning more about what public health is and does. Many students even discover a passion for public health as a potential career path. It’s exciting to have representation from Polk County schools and to see these young leaders take initiative, sharing their knowledge and experiences to make our programs stronger. Hearing from youth is essential to engaging the community and doing our work effectively.” – Taylor Lang, Wellness Coordinator, Polk County Public Health.

For more information about the PCPH YAB contact Taylor Lang, Polk County Public Health Wellness Coordinator at 218-521-7781 or [taylor.lang@polkcountymn.gov](mailto:taylor.lang@polkcountymn.gov)



Pictured: PCPH Director Sarah Reese, Clara Kolden (WEM), Commissioner Gary Willhite, Leah Johanneck (Crookston), Makenzie Quirk (Fisher), Emily Reitmeier (Fisher), Kinley Korynta (Fisher), Commissioner Joan Lee, Julia Aker (EGF), Commissioner Warren Strandell, Abigail Seed (Fosston), Commissioner Paul Reese, Skylar Benson (Fertile-Beltrami), and PCPH Wellness Coordinator Taylor Lang.

Not Pictured: Lauren Erickson (Sacred Heart).

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