

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, September 9, 2024  
Ives Grove Office Complex - Auditorium  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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