

**Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Health and Human Services Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room, Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Kay Wilson
- ☒ Vice Chair: Tweed Shuman
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge- Excused
- ☐ Dawn Petit- Absent
- ☐ Vacant
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap- Absent

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Sarah Inczauskis
Caitlyn Myren
Cole Myren
Joe Bodo
Pam Mueller

Alicia Carlson- Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was confirmed. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Motion to move item 14c to 14b by: Mr. Shuman Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 6, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Hoehne Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointment of new HHS Board member- Pam Mueller introduced herself to the committee and shared her background in HHS, and current roles on the Sawyer County Housing Authority, Food Shelf and Ventures.

Motion to appoint Pam Mueller to the vacant position on the HHS Board for confirmation by the County Board
by: Ms. Wilson Second by: Mr. Shuman
Motion carried without negative vote.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— No report

Senior Resource Center— A written report was provided by Joey Johnson.

Administration—

The HHS Acronym/Terms glossary and HHS organizational chart have been included as standing agenda items.
Ms. Lyons updated the committee on the Strategic Plan. There are several openings in HHS due to retirements. Joe Bodo has come back to HHS to provide CCS AODA services in addition to his work as a consultant.
Ms. Lyons discussed collaboration with mobile crisis and other program staff to handle difficult client placements.
Ms. Lyons expressed concerns about the Sawyer County Record publishing court records containing sensitive information about minors.
Ms. Lyons discussed concerns about the use of AI and keeping protected health information private; the department is looking for a secure AI platform.
Ms. Lyons reviewed the HHS Strategic Plan and updated the committee on efforts to meet plan goals.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Lyons reported that ADRC has been very busy in recent months and protective placements of individuals are an ongoing concern.

Behavioral Health—

A written report was provided. Ms. Carlson discussed integrating licenses and possible ways to combine substance abuse and mental health treatments.

The 2025 Mobile Crisis review was presented by Ms. Myren. There were 209 assessments in 2025. The report showed a variety of data points and it was noted that the number of elderly needing assessments is growing.

Mental Health Expense reports were provided.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons reported that CPS received 263 reports in 2025, of which 96 were screened in; 85% within 24 hours. The overall number of out-of-home care placements has decreased since 2020.

Youth Justice- YJ had 3 referrals in December; there are 39 active clients. Ms. Inczauskis presented a 2022-2024 data analysis, showing that Sawyer County has a higher number of juvenile delinquency (violent and criminal offenses) than most other counties in Wisconsin, placing 5th highest in 2022- 2023 and 7th highest in 2024. Sawyer also has higher risk clients than other Wisconsin counties, based on the YASI assessment tool.

Youth Diversion and Truancy- Ms. Inczauskis presented the truancy report, showing a high success rate since it was initiated. There were 37 referrals in 2025; 82% were Native American children.

Economic Support—

The Northern Income Maintenance Consortium written report was provided. Ms. Lyons commented that Wisconsin had an issue with child care fraud in the past and had instituted policies to correct abuses; a more detailed look into child care will be on the March agenda.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report; respiratory illnesses have decreased since January; there are two cases of measles reported in Wisconsin. The Chequamegon Environmental Health Consortium has placed Sawyer on Conditional Agent status due to deficiencies in 2025; the department is working through a corrective action plan.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS fiscal reports.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings-- None****Future Agenda Items— None**

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk