

**Minutes of the April 6, 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- Absent
- ☒ Lorraine Gouge
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Pam Mueller
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Joe Bodo- Virtual
Carol Martin
Rebecca Erickson
Shawna White- Virtual
Caitlan Myren- 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 – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **March 10, 2026**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski

Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— Ms. Gouge reported that LCO is hiring a medical doctor for the clinic, and the drug xylazine has been reported as a growing problem at Lac du Flambeau. Dr. Dunlap stated that xylazine is found mixed into street drugs like fentanyl and is very dangerous because it is not counteracted by Narcan. Ms. Lyons stated that use of the drug is associated with wounds.

Senior Resource Center— No report

Administration—

The HHS Acronym/Terms glossary and HHS organizational chart have been included as standing agenda items. Ms. Lyons reviewed the Org chart and discussed several staff changes due to retirements and resignations, including the retirement of ADRC/APS Supervisor Carol Martin. Joe Bodo has started doing OWI assessments as our previous assessor has taken another role in the agency.

Ms. Lyons reviewed the HHS Strategic Plan and updated the committee on training, reducing mental health out of home costs by moving a client, increasing efficiency by using the electronic health record system and increasing revenue via having staff certified in CCS.

Motion to approve closure of HHS for a staff training day on May 13, 2026 by: Mr. Savitski

Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Martin reported that ADRC has six staff members but some may be retiring in the coming months. She provided a handout on ADRCs of the north that shows Sawyer County intake numbers are rising while surrounding counties appear to be trending lower. Ms. Erickson, Adult Protective Services Lead, reviewed a report of APS services from 2025. In addition, she noted that guardianships are going up in 2026 compared to 2025.

Behavioral Health—

A written report was provided.

Mobile Crisis-Ms. Myren stated that the March report was standard.

Mental Health Expense reports were provided.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Child Protective Services- No updates

Youth Justice- YJ had 1 referral in February; there are 36 active clients. Diversion took clients on a grant funded field trip to Minnesota with the School Resource Officer.

Children's Support Services-Hailey Sands is the new Children's Support Services Supervisor. She will be supervising CLTS and Birth to Three.

Economic Support—

Ms. White updated the committee on the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium written report data. Allison Larson will be leaving to take a job closer to home. In March there were 1,787 FoodShare recipients, 19 Child Care families and 1,334 BadgerCare Plus clients served. The call center answered 6,722 calls with a 97.27% answer rate.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report and shared that April is National Public Health Month.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS fiscal reports and reviewed new revenue data. The county will receive the annual Reproductive Health Funding that was in question due to budget cuts.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings—HHS employees will be attending a number of trainings coming up in April and May.

Future Agenda Items— Consider a different time and day for HHS meetings when new committee is seated after the election

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk