

**Minutes of the August 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:

- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☐ John Minto- Absent
- ☒ Jim Miller
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge- Absent
- ☐ Vacant
- ☒ Pam Mueller
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap- Excused

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Julia Lyons- Virtual
Hailey Sands- Virtual
Alicia Carlson- Virtual
Julie McCallum- Virtual
Shawna White- Virtual
Season Westphal- Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Lorraine Gouge arrived at 5:06 pm

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 4, 2026

Motion to approve amended minutes made by: Mr. Van Etten

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Markgren presented a mental health funding resolution that is currently being adopted by other counties.

Resolution 2026-_____Mental Health Funding was approved for recommendation to county board on a motion

by: Mr. Miller

Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— Ms. Gouge provided updates on LCO Heath Clinic, Health Fair August 10, Recovery Services, Men's Sober Living, the emergency shelter, and shared Tribe concerns about adult long term care resources. Construction of a nursing home is being planned in the next 2 years. A Drug Trends and Human Trafficking presentation is set for August 19 at Sevenwinds Casino.

Senior Resource Center— The July SRC Board report was provided; the SRC board adopted updated Bylaws in July.

Administration—

The HHS Acronym/Terms glossary and HHS organizational chart have been included as standing agenda items.

Ms. Lyons reported that a public input hearing will be held on August 19 at 3pm for the 2027 HHS Budget.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Lyons updated the committee on staffing: Kim Hill was hired as a Dementia Care Specialist and Ashley Miller is the new ADRC Supervisor and Adult Protective Services Director. The Adult Long Term Care written report was provided; recent Chapter 55s have been transitioning into assisted living.

Behavioral Health—

A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons shared updates from a the WI Substance Use Summit she is attending. The report reflects increased collaboration between Mental Health and Youth Justice/Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services.

A Winnebago patient has been moved to Transitions, a big step toward the Strategic Plan goal of reducing costs for out-of-county placements.

Mobile Crisis- The Community Support and Mobile Crisis report was provided.

Mental Health Expense reports were provided.

Children, Youth & Family Services—Sarah Inczauskis has resigned from her position as Youth Justice, Truancy & Diversion Supervisor. Social Worker Season Westphal, who is the current CPS Supervisor, has stepped up to also supervise Youth Justice, Truancy & Diversion. Ms. Lyons and Ms. Westphal are working closely with the team to provide as smooth of a transition as possible.

Youth Justice- A written report was provided: YJ had 4 referrals in June; there are 28 active clients.

Truancy & Diversion- A report was shared showing positive outcomes from the program.

Several staff members are attending a gang conference in Chicago, covered by grant funds.

Children's Support Services- Ms. Sands provided a written report on referral and enrollment numbers and timelines for CLTS (Children's Long-Term Support): there are 61 enrolled and 2 pending enrollments and the program is at full capacity.

Economic Support—

Ms. White verbally updated the committee on the June Northern Income Maintenance Consortium data. A written report was provided for May: in May there were 1,804 FoodShare recipients, 21 Child Care families served and 1,313 BadgerCare Plus clients served. The call center answered 5,989 calls with a 95.29% answer rate.

A Child Care Data report was provided by Northwest Connection Family Resources

A Child Care Access Program impact report was provided.

A Food Shelf poster was shared with the committee.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report for July; a Sawyer Agent Program report was reviewed.

Mr. Markgren presented a public health funding resolution that is currently being adopted by other counties to request additional state funding for mandated services. Mr. Miller recommended addressing the mandates themselves instead of just asking for increased funding.

Resolution 2026-____Public Health Funding was approved for recommendation to the county board on a motion

by: Mr. Van Etten

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS fiscal reports. Sawyer HHS received additional proceeds from left over grant funds: \$115,000 for Community Support programming, \$7,500 for Prevention and \$7,500 for Treatment and Recovery services will be applied to cover expenditures in those budget areas.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings— None

Future Agenda Items— Bylaws

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 5:00pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk