

**Minutes of the August 12, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☒ Julia Lyons
2. ☐ Judge Elaine Smith- Excused
3. ☒ Dave Dixon
4. ☒ Mike Markgren
5. ☐ Mike Woller- Excused (Deyo Alternate)
6. ☐ Lorraine Gouge- Absent
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Katie Belanger- Virtual
10. ☐ Judge John Yackel- Absent
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Judge Monica Isham
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent
16. ☐ Amanda Lokker- Excused

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Becky Barry
Rebecca Moser
Kristi Kare
Jess Bjork- Virtual

Call to Order—Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Table Truancy & Diversion Report to September

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 8, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Second by: Sheriff Mrotek

CJCC Executive Committee Report— No report

Jail Report-- Chief Deyo reviewed a written jail report for July with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 69 inmates incarcerated with a 67% unemployment rate at the time of booking, 2 on electronic monitoring.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry updated the committee on Justice Point. There were 101 active Pretrial clients, 10 Diversion clients, and 3 Treatment Court clients in July.

Deflection outreach continues with community donations.

National Night Out was well attended with over 200 contacts made; face painting and a coloring contest were popular activities to reach youth community members.

The RCorps Grant application is still pending; if awarded, delivery of funds may be retroactive back to the intended start date of September 1st.

The TAD Grant pre-application was submitted in June and still pending.

AllRISE Conference Recap- Five Court team members attended the conference in Nashville. Rebecca Moser reported on takeaways including the need to focus on client goals rather than sober days to keep them motivated and progressing, and the importance of meeting basic needs before a person can focus on sober goals. Food insecurity, housing and employment are common challenges seen in other areas like Community Health Improvement Plan, mental health, and Child Protective Services.

HHS—

Youth Justice—Sarah Incauskis resigned; Season Westphal is stepping in to supervise YJ and Melinda Hoyos is picking up the grant work for truancy and diversion so there will be no gap in services.

Truancy & Diversion-Report was tabled to September.

Behavioral Health- A written report was provided.

Community Support & Mobile Crisis- A written report was provided. There has been an increase in mental health crisis calls.

Public Health—A written report was provided.

Community Services Updates- Dave Dixon/Timber Bay took 9 kids to Boundary Waters. Summer venture trips include a Sea Caves kayak trip, tubing, rock climbing, and a day on Round Lake with a camp fire. Timber Bay celebrates its 1 year anniversary on September 17. Donors who would like to sponsor the Sea Caves camping and kayak trip for \$90 are needed; ten of 18 kids have been sponsored so far. Timber Bay needs 12 donors from the community to sponsor a month of expenses at \$1,500, the average cost of operating the house.

Ms. McCoy reported on summer activities for youth at the Weiss Library and an ALS Walk on August 22 at the First Lutheran Church at 9am.

Lorraine Gouge came in at 12:24pm

Ms. Gouge invited members to a Human Trafficking and Drug Event at Sevenwinds Casino on August 19 from 1-4pm.

Jess Bjork invited members to the Walk for Tomorrow Suicide Prevention events which will be held on September 18 in Hayward and September 19 in Winter; proceeds from donations and t-shirt sales benefit LCO, Winter and Hayward school mental health programs.

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – Ms. Lyons and Ms. Bjork attended the WI Substance Use Summit in Green Bay and will report out in September.

Future Agenda Items – WI Substance Use Summit report out, Truancy & Diversion report, formalize designees for the Judges

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk