

**Minutes of the December 7th meeting of the Sawyer County
Health and Human Services Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Dale Schleeter**
- ☒ Tweed Shuman
- ☐ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Dale Olson - Virtual
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge
- ☐ Jennifer Vobornik
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Paul Grahovac
Patty Dujardin - Virtual
Julia Lyons
Joe Bodo

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

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

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021, meeting; second by Ms. Pearson. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports

Administration -- Mr. Hoff presented the Opioid Settlement Proposal with the lawsuit having been filed in 2017; 68 of the 72 counties joined in the lawsuit. Two counties did their own litigation. Wisconsin passed Act 57 which allowed for 70% of the allotment in the settlement to go directly to the counties. Mr. Shuman motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sawyer County to Enter the Opioid Settlement and forward it to the County Board; second by Ms. Petit. Motion carried without negative vote.

Adult Long-Term Care – A written report is provided. Mr. Grahovac acknowledged Carol Martin in creating a spreadsheet that the state will use and Hank Narus who was recognized for his record-keeping and responsiveness in the Disability Rights Wisconsin program.

Behavioral Health – Written reports are provided. Mr. Grahovac advised that we have received a two-year recertification in our CCS State program. The county is continuing to have a number of people requiring out-of-county placements; the Sheriff's Department has contracted with an organization called Talon to use for mental health transport services. Numerous families are seeking help with mental illness in the household.

Child Protective Services – Written reports are provided.

Youth Justice -- A written report was provided. It was noted that our processing rates in the department in the upper 90's.

Public Health – A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons reported that we have a newly remodeled WIC room and our water testing program is going well. In the Covid update she advised that we remain in the red risk level, though there

is still an overall downward trend; community transmission is still high. Various charts were reviewed. The Delta variant remains the most prominent variant in our county. To date 55.1% of Sawyer County residents have had at least one dose of vaccine.

Fiscal -- Written reports were provided.

Future Agenda Items

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be Tuesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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