

**Minutes of the October 10, 2023 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: **Dale Schleeter**
- ☒ Vice Chair: Kay Wilson
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Michael Maestri - virtual
- ☒ Chris Rusk - virtual
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Patty Dujardin - virtual
Julie McCallum
Alicia Carlson - virtual
Shawna White - virtual

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 the previous meeting dated: **September 12, 2023**

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison -

Senior Resource Center -

A written report of donations to date was provided. The annual 85.21 grant resolution was presented by Mr. Albarado. A motion was made by Mr. Savitski; second by Ms. Wilson. Motion carried without negative vote.

Administration –

A written list of services is attached to the board packet. Ms. Lyons reported that there are a few positions still vacant; some staff are still transitioning into new roles. Some key priorities are CPS, mobile crisis, immediate/long-term needs and counseling contracts. Activity is ongoing with the Tourist Rooming House committee.

Adult Long-term Care -

Behavioral Health Care – A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. Lyons. A list of training resources was included. The department is actively planning an open house at the new facility.

Mental Health Cost by Client – A written report was provided. Ms. Carlson advised that they had a meeting across the state for recertification. Recently one of the contracted providers decided not to continue providing services due to the high volume of paperwork required with the position. The 6-month CST review has been completed.

Child Protective Services -

A verbal update was provided. Ms. Lyons advised that the Department of Family Services will be here October 11th for a department visit.

Youth Justice -

A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons reported that they have been trying to work through YJ cases and truancy; how that process goes through the court system. They met with Hayward and LCO school districts and Judge Isham to open this conversation to develop some kind of wrap-around services. Ms. Lyons will bring information for a full discussion on the truancy process at the November meeting.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided and reviewed; there have been 1,130 FoodShare Cases, 2,047 FoodShare recipients and \$270,941 in FoodShare benefits issued. The number of calls to the department had a big increase since the change in federal aid took place. Energy assistance applications are underway.

Public Health -

A written report was provided identifying actions taken for disease prevention and control during flu season. Ms. McCallum advised that they are in the middle of their flu clinics at this time. Sawyer County Public Health received notification from State Health Officer Pala Tran awarding our certification as a Level II Health Department, providing services required by statute and rule. Staff members received a variety of training in September. Ms. Lyons advised that we are moving forward with the WIC merger and MOU; a director for the four counties has been hired.

Fiscal -

A written budget performance report and purchased services recap report were provided. Ms. Dujardin reported that we are currently on-budget with our target for 2023. Staff have been working diligently in reducing the number of juveniles in care.

Future Agenda Items – Truancy, Fee Schedule

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, November 7th, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk