

**Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Kathy McCoy
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge
- ☐ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Grant Gerber
- ☒ Andy Albarado
- ☒ Mike Woller
- ☐ Tweed Shuman
- ☒ Doug Mrotek
- ☐ Bruce Poquette
- ☒ Katie Belanger
- ☐ Stephanie Thomas-Schmidt
- ☒ John Yackel @ 12:08 pm; Monica Isham @ 12:27 pm
- ☒ Elaine Smith – Vice Chair
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Julia Lyons

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Joyce Knowlton
Mike Thompson

Call to Order – Chair Kathy McCoy called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments --

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: September 13, 2023

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

Jail Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Woller. The average daily population YTD is 72.32, 5 inmates are working Huber hours and the unemployment rate is 67%. The Huber program is starting to move forward with five workers being employed. A report for trending statistics was requested and will be provided in the future.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

A written report was provided; an updated list of statistics as of today was provided by Ms. Barry. There are no individuals on the wait list and 3 diversion cases considered failed in 2023. Thirteen individuals are on the waitlist.

2024 Budget – The TAD pre-application of \$300,000 has been submitted with the application being due November 16th. A Law Enforcement Deflection grant will be applied for, as well. A cooperative training session is being planned with Sawyer County LEO and several other entities, including LCO. They have met with the House of Hope to secure individuals to qualify as certified recovery support specialists.

Health & Human Services Report -

Ms. Lyons provided an update on department progress in the Youth Justice division. They are meeting with the schools on truancy plans. Ms. Knowlton provided an update of the fentanyl programs underway. Community

awareness presentations are still ongoing. They have completed developing the online training program and individuals are now completing it. She is creating a survey for jail inmates to get background of how they are impacted by drug use.

Community Services Updates -

LCO Shelter Representative – No Update

House of Hope Update – Mr. Thompson provided a verbal update. The homelessness task force that has developed had a public meeting October 1st and presented to the community the situation of homelessness. They are trying to develop temporary warming houses, and the next public meeting will be held in Winter. The current effort is to raise funds and get a facility, potentially partnering with a local non-profit organization for a women's facility. There are five pending applications for the House of Hope open beds.

Future Agenda Items –

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 12:36 pm

Next Meeting: November 8, 2023 Time: 12:00 pm Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk