

**Minutes of the December 13, 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:

1. ☒ Chair: Kathy McCoy
2. ☒ Bill Trepanier
3. ☒ Marc Helwig - virtual
4. ☒ Grant Gerber
5. ☒ Andy Albarado - virtual
6. ☒ Mike Woller
7. ☒ Tweed Shuman
8. ☒ Doug Mrotek
9. ☒ Bruce Poquette @ 12:12 pm
10. ☐ Katie Belanger
11. ☐ Stephanie Thomas-Schmidt
12. ☒ John Yackel
13. ☐ Monica Isham @ 12:10 pm
14. ☐ Elaine Smith – Vice Chair
15. ☐ Marshal Savitski
16. ☐ Julia Lyons

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Anna Amparo
Joyce Knowlton

Call to Order – Chair Kathy McCoy called the meeting to order at 12:05 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: November 8, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Mrotek Second by: Mr. Gerber

Motion carried without negative vote.

By-Law Review RE: Circuit Court Judge Voting Privileges -

Ms. McCoy believes the question of voting privileges in January 2023 but the by-laws need to be updated.

Jail Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Woller. Unemployment continues to be a big problem, and we are changing the Huber program, in that effective January 1st, they will be offering the monitoring bracelet to anyone eligible for Huber. The Huber officer advised that there are 15 inmates currently eligible for Huber privileges. Some of the benefits of going straight to electronic monitoring would be eliminating contraband, inmates get to go home which helps prepare them for release from incarceration.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. Barry. A link to the solicitation for a 2024 planning team application was included under the guidance of the Bureau of Justice. Through this program we would be eligible for a crisis intervention training grant for law enforcement officers. A letter of support was created. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Yackel to approve signing the letter of support for this application. Motion carried without negative vote. The 2024 TAD application has been submitted and the DOJ requested revisions on the budget

area. We have made the revisions and resubmitted the application. Our law enforcement deflection funding has still not arrived but we have posted a training so that it can be implemented as soon as possible; we have been approved for this funding. Mr. Albarado and the Sheriff will check on the contract specifics. Recovery court is going very well. JusticePoint would like to be notified with the tribal office is closed so that services can be routed accordingly.

Health & Human Services Report -

Ms. Knowlton provided a verbal update on the substance abuse program. The school pulse texting program in the schools had 32 students at LCO sign up; Winter had 38 subscribers. The Prevention Coalition with LCO and Sawyer County is working on developing a drug abuse program at LCO, as well as developing a recorded presentation. Creative programs continue to be developed to reach out to youth.

Community Services Updates -

House of Hope Update – Mr. Gerber advised that there is one bed available at the House. Various area groups continue to work on a warming house option.

LCO Representative Update – Mr. Shuman introduce Mr. Trepanier. The 40-unit apartment building is complete with 1- and 2-bedroom units, and it is now filled at LCO; they no longer secure motel rooms in town. They are in search of a public defender at this time.

Future Agenda Items – By-laws Update, Law Enforcement Training Grant

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 12:44 pm

Next Meeting: January 10, 2024 **Time:** 12:00 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk