

**Minutes of the January 9, 2024 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
- ☐ vacant
- ☒ Chris Rusk @ 6:39 pm
- ☒ Bill Trepanier @ 6:32 pm
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Sarah Inczauskis
Harry Malcomb
Alicia Carlson-virtual
Tweed Shuman

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: December 12, 2023

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Mr. Trepanier introduced Dr. Harry Malcomb for a verbal update. He advised that both daycare facilities had been closed for a while. The number of positive cases seems to be decreasing. Some Covid cases have been diagnosed but not as severe as in past years.

Senior Resource Center -

A written report was provided. The SRC is still looking for cooks for the Stone Lake center., and a fundraising update was included. The County advanced \$10,000 of the 2024 allotment to cover payments not yet received from GWAAR for the October/November 2023 reports that had been submitted.

Administration – A written list of services is attached to the board packet.

Adult Long-term Care –

Behavioral Health Care – Ms. Lyons provided a verbal update on referrals and activities. A review of the cases and annual reviews was provided.

Mental Health Cost by Client – A written report was provided. Ms. Carlson advised that the CLTS review and the results showed a few areas of mediation needed but overall the review was good. The CST 2024 grant has been approved. Mr. Bodo advised that we had six people in transitions and one bed is filled by a non-county resident.

Child Protective Services -

A verbal update was provided.

Youth Justice -

A written report was provided detailing Referral statistics and ongoing supervision program current numbers. There were YJ referrals in 2023. Ms. Lyons presented a PowerPoint on various care expenses, including foster care which dropped slightly in 2023 through November of that year. Treatment foster care has also decreased; residential care is slightly higher but there have been substantial gains over the year. Subsidized guardianship is slightly up as well as group home care. Ms. Inczauskis advised that they are successfully moving court orders forward toward getting youth in a permanent living situation.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided; there have been 1,097 FoodShare Cases, 1,985 FoodShare recipients and \$286,166 in FoodShare benefits issued. The calls coming into the call center remain active.

Public Health -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. McCallum. Influenza-like illness activity continues to increase in Wisconsin and is at high levels in most regions of the state. Influenza, RSV, and COVID-19 activity are all circulating widely. Influenza activity increased sharply, especially among school-aged children. The WIC merger with Burnett, Polk, and Washburn occurred on January 1, 2024. The name that has been chosen is Wild Rivers WIC. There should not be much change for participants except that they may interact with additional staff.

Fiscal -

A written budget performance report and purchased services recap report were provided. The 2023 budget continues to look like it will be on target.

Future Agenda Items

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk