

**Minutes of the February 6, 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
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☐ Chris Rusk
- ☐ Bill Trepanier
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado -virtual Tweed Shuman
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Sarah Inczauskis
Harry Malcomb
Alicia Carlson-virtual
Carol Martin-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: **January 9, 2024**

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison –

Senior Resource Center -

A written report was provided. The SRC will receive a meal reimbursement increase from Inclusa from \$14.88 to \$17 as of February 1st. A schedule of fundraising activities was listed as well as recent donations received.

- **Administration** – A written list of services is attached to the board packet. Ms. Lyons advised that they are developing an acronym list for board members. They recently held a training on trauma informed care, and next will be looking individually at departments to ensure they have a trauma-informed approach in place. They also reviewed the HIPAA training and are making sure their privacy notices are current. The leadership team recognized staff through Service Recognition Awards for their years of service. Of their 43 employees, 13 employees have 5-9 years of service, 2 have 10-14 years of service, 2 have 15-20 years of service and 5 have 25 or more years of service. Employees with 25 or more years are Shawna White with 25 years, Melanie Bemis and Cathy Becker with 29 years, Joe Bodo with 35 years and Kathy Garbe with 36 years. The hospital closures in the Eau Claire area are under discussion as to how we could be affected.

Adult Long-term Care – Ms. Lyons provided a report on screen, highlighting that ADRC received 19 January referrals. The ADRC of the North will be receiving additional state funding and they are reviewing ways to use the funds in the region. Upcoming training dates were shared.

Behavioral Health Care –

Ms. Lyons shared the written report regarding clinics and services for behavioral health. Sawyer County has been approved to continue to receive funding for Coordinated Service Teams.

Mental Health Cost by Client – A 2023 monthly expense report was provided projecting \$2,673,155.74 for the year. Some of the expenses are recovered through billing mechanisms and they will try to include that in future reports. We currently have 6 individuals at Transitions with 1 bed filled by a non-county resident. There is an eight bed capacity.

Crisis Contacts – A 2023 county crisis contact was provided and reviewed. There were 135 total crisis contacts in 2023. The number of hours dealing with the cases equaled 176 hours, the majority being after hours. There were 43 total hospitalizations, with 12 hospitalizations being for children. 55 of the 135 contacts were referred on to mobile crisis for further support.

HHS and Tamarack Hospital in Hayward are working together to implement strategies to mitigate issues that may result from the closure of the HSHS Sacred Heart Behavioral Health closure.

Child Protective Services -

A written summary and verbal update was provided for the month of December; a total of 25 children were placed on out-of-home care. The 2023 CPS expense report was also provided.

Youth Justice -

A verbal report was provided. A December list of referrals and ongoing supervision cases was shared; a total of 80 YJ referrals occurred in 2023, up from the 70 in 2022, but down from the 84 in 2021. 76% of our referrals are considered moderate to high risk kids.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided identifying the department statistics for December. They processed 1,025 FoodShare applications and 1,192 BadgerCare Plus applications.

Public Health -

A written report was provided showing that influenza-like activity has been decreasing across Wisconsin though Sawyer remains high. As of January 29, 2024, the county has a total of 961 licensed food or lodging facilities. The department is hosting ten nursing students from LCO University for clinical rotations. They held a regional operations coordination exercise recently.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided.

Future Agenda Items

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, March 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk