

**Minutes of the March 12, 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 - virtual
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Chris Rusk - virtual
- ☐ Bill Trepanier - Excused
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado -virtual
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Sarah Inczauskis
Alicia Carlson
Carol Martin - virtual
Joe Bodo

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: **February 6, 2024**

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – No report

Senior Resource Center – No report

Administration -

No update

Adult Long-term Care –

They have received 19 referrals in February. Dementia kits are now available. There have been 16 open investigations since January regarding elder abuse cases. March is Social Work month. The ADRC regional consortium has determined that additional phone support is needed so they are restructuring regionally to develop better phone coverage.

Behavioral Health Care –

Written reports were provided for Behavioral Health and Mental Health Cost by Client. Currently we have 3 clients on the CCS program and 1 new referral; 9 clients enrolled in CST; and 45 clients on CLTS with five new referrals and 2 discharges. They have been visiting the Transitions building to see what repairs are needed. There are 7 of the 8 beds filled at the Transitions facility at this time. Ms. Dunlap stepped out of the meeting at 6:45 pm – 6:46 pm.

Child Protective Services -

A written summary and verbal update was provided and 2024 statistics were reviewed. There are currently 27 total children placed in Out-of-home care. They are working with LCO on developing the 161-Agreement which is an

agreement of how the two agencies work with one another. The old agreement stays in place until the new agreement is signed. Staff will be attending a conference in April.

Youth Justice -

A written report was provided detailing referrals and ongoing supervision statistics. To date in 2024 there has been 1 YJ referral and 37 total cases. Staff are maxed out on caseloads.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided detailing case statistics. There were 9,338 calls answered at a 93.21% answer rate with a 69.72-minute wait time at the maximum. The consortium is much busier this year than last.

Public Health -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. McCallum. Influenza-like illness activity is at moderate or high levels in every region of Wisconsin, and our region continues at a high level. There were some local RSV hospitalizations during the month of February. The Prevention Coalition is planning a community event to bring awareness about substance use, recovery, drug trends in Sawyer County, Hidden in Plain Sight, vaping, Narcan, cyber security, stigma and hope. It will be held April 9 from 4:00p-8:00p at Sevenwinds Casino. The department applied for and received a Maternal Health Impact Mini-Grant from the Reproductive Health National Training Center. These funds will allow us to serve underserved populations and expand capacity with STI testing and contraceptive services.

TRH Committee Update -- The TRH meeting met in February and the proposed document will be presented at the March 28 TRH ad hoc meeting and will then go to Committees before going to the County Board.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided reviewing the 2023-year end. Our funding for this department consistently lags behind expenses.

Mr. Schleeter recognized the HHS Department for all of the work they do for the community and Ms. Wilson recognized Mr. Schleeter for his years of service as he retires from the County Board.

Future Agenda Items

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk