

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

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Shawna White
Tweed Shuman

Call to Order – Vice Chair Wilson 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: March 12, 2024

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Mr. Shuman advised that the new health Center is scheduled to

Senior Resource Center – Ms. Fitch read a report from the Senior Resource Center. They have been nominated for a \$10,000 award from the 100 Who Care organization. If approved, the funds would be secured, they would go toward funding Meals on Wheels. With the retirement of the Nutrition Director, those duties will be split and shared between Jodi Olney and Joey Johnson.

Administration -

No update

Adult Long-term Care –

Written reports were provided. Ms. Lyons reviewed the highlights; the ADRC-N identified staffing as a main priority; in February they had 19 referrals in the I&A counseling programs. There are 16 open investigations at this time.

A brochure on the Purple Tube program was included.

Behavioral Health Care –

Ms. Lyons reported that Gary Ehrich of Whole Life Services out of Spooner will be coming to our area once a month to see client's with substance abuse disorders. Northland Counseling is in the process of getting their second mental health clinician trained to be CCS certified, and we currently have nine clients enrolled in CST programs, no new referrals or discharges. We have 46 clients on the CLTS Program and 3 new referrals.

Child Protective Services & Youth Justice -

Ms. Lyons provided an update noting that we have 28 out-of-home care cases, 8 in Youth Justice. There are 31 total cases in Youth Justice which is a high caseload for one worker. The Children in Care Expense Report was provided.

Economic Support -

Written reports were provided. Ms. White reviewed the caseload statistics. There were 1,112 FoodShare cases and \$276,978 in benefits issued. The call center received 8,675 calls last month, and there were 1,008 FoodShare applications. They are still working through the ending of the Public Health Emergency funds program.

Workload Comparison 2023 vs. 2024 – A comparison of various consortium statistics for the month of February 2023 to February 2024 was reviewed.

BadgerCare Plus Update – A written report was provided.

Public Health -

A written report was provided -- Ms. McCallum reviewed the written report that was provided. We are now in the moderate level for influenza-like cases while the State is now in the low level. There has been an increase in measles cases this year; currently there are no Wisconsin reported cases. To date there have been 178 individuals who have received online Narcan training, 520 in person, and 3,215 individuals have received the presentation on fentanyl. This is Alcohol Awareness Month. Mr. Albarado recognized our staff and LCO staff for working on the community event that was held at SevenWinds.

Tourist Rooming House Draft Ordinance and Supporting Documents – Linda Zillmer presented her public comments. Ms. Lyons read an email from Chair Ginny Chabek of the TRH Committee. A copy will be uploaded to the packet. She then presented the proposed Chapter 14-HHS Article IV-Tourist Rooming Houses and Short-Term Rentals code of ordinances. An implementation timeline was provided as well as a *TRH Renting Out Your Property Guidance* document that will be available on our website and provided to new applicants. Mr. Albarado reviewed the next steps of reviewing and possibly approving the ordinance. We expect to have a Public Hearing on this matter sometime in May. **This will be on the May HHS agenda.**

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided. Ms. Lyons advised that she is watching the Youth Justice expenses due to out-of-home placements. They are incurring high levels of secure transport expenses for both youth and adult placements.

Future Agenda Items – TRH and Public Notice

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk