

**Minutes of the July 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: Kay Wilson
- ☐ Vice Chair: Tweed Shuman
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier
- ☒ Dawn Petit – Virtual
- ☐ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Sabrina Dunlap - Virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Julia Lyons
Alicia Carlson
Julie McCallum
Joe Bodo - Virtual
Sarah Inczauskis
Shawna White – Virtual
Char Van Etten - Virtual

Call to Order – 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 – No additional changes, including additions or omissions.

Public Comments –Public hearing on the 2025 Plan and Budget for agency services in accordance with state statutes.
No public comment.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 11, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without a negative vote.

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – No report

Senior Resource Center – Written report highlighted by Ms. Lyons. Stone Lake site is still looking for a cook. Red House School has had fundraisers to support as well as cookout at Lynn's Custom Meats on July 5-6.

Administration – Mr. Albarado reported that Polk County has reached out about the need for a mental health facility that can manage crisis holds. They will be writing a resolution and are requesting that other counties join in writing similar resolutions. In addition, Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association, are also recommending that resolutions are written to support the additional need for funding related to mental health needs. He noted that Sawyer County administration and HHS staff are in favor of pursuing this. Additionally, Mr. Albarado noted that TRH Ad Hoc Committee members have been identified and will meet on July 31. Ms. Lyons provided an opioid settlement recap that included discussion of funding and projects including School Pulse, Fentanyl Awareness, and Vaping.

Adult Long-term Care –

A written report was provided. The verbal report included a summary of the partnership between Sawyer and Barron counties in the We Care group. The group's mission is to raise awareness of the caregiver crisis. A multidisciplinary team has been meeting to address more broad issues and concerns.

Behavioral Health Care –

Written reports were provided. NorthLand Counseling provides assistance for mobile crisis. Ms. Carlson and Ms. Lyons are working bring linkage and follow up for crisis in house. Mr. Albarado made note that all law enforcement agencies were sent a letter stating that should someone need transport for a Chapter 51 commitment, it is the law enforcement agency that is responsible for the transport. They can either do the transport themselves or hire a transport agency. However, if they do hire the transport they are responsible for the cost. Mr. Savitski mentioned the possibility of various law enforcement agencies providing transport coverage for each other rather than paying over \$1500 for one transport. The reason law enforcement has been hiring this out is due to lack of available staff to make those transports.

Child Protective Services & Youth Justice -

CPS & Out-of-Home Care Report – A written reports was provided. Ms. Lyons and Mr. Albarado highlighted that the expenses of out-of-home costs for CPS have come down significantly from where we were at last year at this time as it was a focus in 2023 to move children to less restrictive and more home-like settings and when possible to move children into permanent homes. In 2023, we did begin to see an increase in out-of-home placements for Youth Justice. The budget was increased for 2024 for the YJ placements, however, the costs in 2024 are higher than projected. This is because the juveniles entering the system have been at higher risk and have needed more restrictive placements.

Youth Justice Report – A written report was provided.

Children in Care Expense Report – A written report was provided.

Youth Justice Presentation - Ms. Inczauskis provided a presentation youth justice. The third police officer luncheon recently occurred to bridge gaps and build relationships between at-risk youth and law enforcement. Police officers shared day-to-day responsibilities. Strategies discussed.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided.

Public Health --

Written reports were provided. Ms. McCallum highlighted the public health booklet for municipalities from the Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium. Thank you to the Hayward Rotary Club, Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce, and Kwik Trip for their generous donations which are helping support various initiatives.

Fiscal -

Budget and revenue recap reports were included. Purchase services recap report includes out-of-home expenses.

Outside Committee Updates – None noted.

Future Agenda Items – Add Resolutions and TRH update

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes recorded by Julia Lyons, Director