

**Minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☒ Non-voting member - Chair: Monica Isham
2. ☒ Vice Chair: Julia Lyons
3. ☒ Grant Gerber
4. ☒ Andy Albarado
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☒ Tweed Shuman
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Bobby Hinkfuss Katie Belanger
10. ☐ ~~Stephanie Thomas-Schmidt~~
11. ☒ John Yackel
12. ☐ Marc Helwig
13. ☒ Elaine Smith
14. ☒ Marshal Savitski
15. ☒ Kathy McCoy
16. ☐ Bill Trepanier

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Anna Amparo
Sari Torstenson
Joyce Knowlton
Niki Leicht

Call to Order – Chair Isham called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Motion to move item 11a to 10b by Mr. Shuman, second Mr. Mrotek.
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **September 11, 2024**

Motion to approve [with 2 Judge Smith Second by: Judge Isham
typing corrections] made by:
Motion carried without negative vote.

Jail Report -

A written jail report was provided showing the daily average jail population at 53.75 in September with 3 inmates currently on electronic monitoring. The inmate unemployment rate is 71%.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

Niki Leicht reviewed September Justice Point program statistics.

TAD Grant Update - Two TAD Grants for Diversion and Recovery Court will be submitted in October; County and LCO contributions toward rent and salaries will be leveraged as in-kind donations toward the 50% match required.

A Reaching Rural Initiative grant application will be submitted by October 15th; this grant has a focus on getting resources to those affected by substance use and mental health disorders.

The application for the Building Bridges Program was approved. Diversion and Recovery Court, TAD, Building Bridges, and the Opioid Settlement Funding and other grants are some of the many resources coming in to the county.

Joint MOU with LCO – Mr. Shuman stated that the LCO TGB agreed to approve the MOU with three edits: Justice Point to provide quarterly reports, contract to be renewed at the same rate on an annual basis, and the Native American status be put back in the jail reports going forward. The MOU renews February 1.

Motion to recommend CJCC support of the revised MOU to the County Board and TGB by Ms. McCoy, second Mr. Shuman.

Motion carried without negative vote.

Health & Human Services Report-

Ms. Knowlton reported on NARCAN distribution and a substance use research project. A male and female recovery coach are now available through the Americorps program. A vaping campaign for public and school education is underway and the fentanyl campaign is being updated. Calls for overdose treatment have increased, while overdose fatalities have decreased.

Walk for Tomorrow had over 160 people in Hayward and was well received.

The School Pulse program will be discontinued once the contract expires.

Youth Justice Update -

Ms. Lyons reported on grant applications and awards for truancy, mental and behavioral health and counseling programs specific to youth.

Judge Smith reported that the Tribal Court received grants to add a case manager and increase security and privacy in their courtroom.

Judge Isham and Judge Smith spoke about homeless and at-risk youth and the need for a youth shelter.

Community Services Updates -

Mr. Gerber reported that House of Hope is full. Timber Bay is an adjacent potential resource. New Life has relocated.

The search continues for an appropriate homeless shelter building. Mr. Shuman reported that LCO is opening up a public new men's sober living facility on Hwy K, and a men's and women's shelter on Haskins Rd. is available.

Board Appointed Committee Reports - None

Future Agenda Items – Ms. Lyons will put together a list of all grants being applied for and update the Opioid Settlement funds with recommendations for 2025. Ms. McCoy asked for a discussion on mental health counseling for the jail inmates. Ms. Amparo asked to add inmate access to the law library at the jail.

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings - None

Adjournment – 12:59 pm

Next Meeting: November 13, 2024 **Time:** 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Kein, Deputy County Clerk