

**Minutes of the October 8, 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

Roll Call

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Shawna White - virtual
Joe Bodo
Sarah Inczauskis

Others Present:

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 –

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: September 10, 2024

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Mr. Shuman provided a verbal update and began with an introduction of the new LCO Health Center Director, Scott Johnson. Mr. Johnson advised that they plan to open in February and will offer a variety of services with a staff of over 120. Mr. Shuman advised that LCO is designing their own Tourist Rooming House Ordinance and will begin enforcing by the summer of 2025.

Senior Resource Center – The Senior Center has assigned committees and the Finance Committee will meet next week to discuss the financing of the roof.

Administration –

Mr. Albarado advised that the TRH Ordinance will be coming in front of the board this month.

Adult Long-term Care –

A written report was provided. There were 16 ADRC referrals, 5 dementia care consults, 27 new benefit specialist referrals, and 42 open adult protective services cases. Open enrollment will be beginning soon. They are working through the differences of Chapter 51 and Chapter 55 to determine how to handle cases; they are also revisiting their guardianship policy.

Behavioral Health Care –

Written reports were provided. The CLTS program is growing in Sawyer County as well as other counties. The State has said we must not have a waiting list for this program. A Mental Health Costs report was created to help identify potential costs. Mr. Bodo reviewed the Crisis Contacts report; we have high costs in both short- and long-term

placements. The report showed an average of 30+ crisis contacts per month. Mr. Albarado will work with the Sheriff's Department to consider developing a transport MOU with other local law enforcement agencies.

Child Protective Services & Youth Justice -

Written reports were provided. We are looking at starting the diversion program with some potential grant funds where we would have workers going into homes more often to try to maintain consistencies. If we receive a 2nd grant, we would like to hire a therapist. We plan to have three staff members trained/certified to do youth interviews here instead of sending them out of county.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided.

Public Health --

A written report was provided. Ms. McCallum advised that the school flu clinics are underway and the Community Health Stakeholder meeting will be held at Flat Creek to discuss preliminary results from the survey and get input from stakeholders.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided. Ms. Mann shared a presentation on the streamlining of the new claims process which will save staff time. She is also taking the lead on grant writing.

Outside Committee Updates – None noted.

Future Agenda Items –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Minutes recorded by Julia Lyons, Director