

**Minutes of the November 4, 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 Schuman - Absent
- ☐ Marshal Savitski - Excused
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier – Absent
- ☒ Dawn Petit - Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap - Absent

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Julia Lyons
Joe Bodo
Joey Johnson
Julie McCallum

Call to Order – Chair Ms. 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 – Linda Zillmer gave a verbal and written comment.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: October 8, 2024

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – None available

Senior Resource Center –Joey Johnson gave an update on bus to operate within a 5 mile radius of Hayward, as Sawyer County is the fiscal agent for the 8521 grant. Grant is reoccurring and ends December 31 each year. Motion to make the resolution authorizing Sawyer County DOT Grant Application by Mr. Van Etten, second by Ms. Pearson. Resolution passed without a negative vote, 5-0.

Administration –

Admin Update: Posted for CLTS staff position. Mr. Bodo did verbally present his intent to retire after 36 years of serving Sawyer County, with his last day on January 3, 2025. Ms. Wilson thanked Mr. Bodo for his service. November 20, 2024, will be an HHS all-staff training in the afternoon.

Tourist Rooming House Fees and Staffing Resolution: Mr. Albarado discussed resolution. Board discussion around resolution, costs, staff needs and process. Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution establishing fees for county tourist rooming house license, no second. Motion failed. Motion to move to County Board without recommendation made by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Van Etten. Motion passed with 4 and 1 abstention.

Fee Schedule: Ms. Lyons presented the fee schedule. Motion to accept the Fee Schedule made by Ms. Pearson, second by Mr. Hoehne. Motion passes without a negative vote.

Adult Long-term Care -

Ms. Lyons reported that the ADRC continues to be busy with referrals. Ms. Lyons also reported that as Mr. Bodo retires, one of the issues to work through will be the situations where a crisis call is made but it turns out to not be mental health but rather issues related to dementia or memory loss. We don't have good resources for crisis related to issues that arise from dementia.

Behavioral Health -

A written report was provided. Mental health costs by client report and potential transport options were also presented.

Child Protective Services and Youth Justice

Written reports were provided. Ms. Inczauskis gave a verbal update regarding reports of gang-related activity with alcohol and guns.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided. In addition, Ms. Lyons presented the quarterly report from Northwest Connections on childcare certification. They are very happy with the services that Northwest Connections provides. The only issues around childcare are that we need more providers. Outreach is happening to encourage families who stay home with their own children, to consider opening their homes to a few more children and getting paid for staying home.

Public Health -

A written report was provided. Ms. McCallum gave a verbal update on the increase in pertussis cases being reported. A recap of the community health assessment data and the stakeholder meeting were also included in the verbal report.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided.

Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility Resolution –

Motion to approve the resolution advocating for an inpatient behavioral health facility for northern Wisconsin made by Mr. Van Etten, seconded by Mr. Hoehne. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Future Agenda Item-

Request from Mr. Van Etten to bring balance of Opioid Settlement Fund information to the HHS Board. Ms. Pearson brought forward the secure transport issue within the county.

Correspondence-

Ms. Lyons brought information on counties investing in mental health from the WCA magazine.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Minutes recorded by Julia Lyons, HHS Director