

**Minutes of the December 10, 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 - virtual
- ☒ Marshal Savitski - virtual
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier
- ☒ Dawn Petit - virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Lynn Fitch
Sarah Inczauskis
Matt McKay

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 – Removing item #10

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: November 4, 2024

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – None available

Senior Resource Center – None available

Administration –

Adult Long-term Care -

Ms. Lyons reported that case loads continue to have an uptick. The disability care benefits specialist position has been filled by Price County. The new state database for the ADRC continues to have struggles throughout the state. Open enrollment was completed for December 7th and updated numbers will be forthcoming.

Behavioral Health -

A written report was provided and reviewed. Due to the recent resignation of our AODA/MH Coordinator Joe Bodo, the clinic is in a state of reconfiguration at this time. They continue look for ways to support that system during the transition. All OWI Assessments are being placed on Assessor Hailey Sands schedule and Supervisor Carlson is certified as an OWI Assessor as well so in the event that Assessor Sands cannot complete an OWI Assessment, Supervisor Carlson can. At this time, we have fifty-eight clients enrolled in the CLTS Program, one client in the initial assessment phase, two new referrals and no discharges this month. We currently have one client on CCS who will be discharged prior to Mr. Bodo's last day of employment. Mr. Albarado advised that a new private transport service has recently opened and we are in conversations with them for options.

Child Protective Services and Youth Justice

A written report was provided and reviewed. There are 36 ongoing YJ cases and 4 pending in court. We have been awarded three grants totaling over \$300,000 and will use these funds for a truancy program and diversion starting in January 2025. We hope to use this to keep more juveniles out of the court system. These grants were very selective in their choice of counties and we were one of only two selected for these funds.

Economic Support -

A written report of cases was provided and reviewed. FoodShare benefits issued totaled \$280,855. A new weatherization assistance program is now available and they will be getting advertising out to the public to apply.

Public Health -

A written report was provided. As of December 2, 2024, Sawyer County has two confirmed pertussis cases. Emergency department, laboratory testing, hospitalization, and wastewater data all show that COVID-19 activity is circulating at low levels. Sawyer County has had the largest decline in teen birth rates in Wisconsin, according to data from County Health Rankings. Wisconsin and national numbers have been declining. Mr. McKay provided an update on tourist rooming houses and advised that there is no size limit on the facility and number of bedrooms does not affect the fee structure. They are creating a letter to TRH owners/operators which will provide a direct link to the new ordinance in Municode. They are working with IT to develop a database for the TRH licenses and use Novus for the license process with a goal for use of April 1st. The new application is nearly done. He showed a mockup of a placard that includes the required information for posting at each TRH facility. Education on the ordinances is an ongoing process for existing and new applicants. Beginning January 1, 2025, any new applications will be reviewed based on occupancy, and staff will work with zoning on determining septic capacity.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided. Ms. Lyons provided an update on the opioid settlement funds. Total expenses are currently under budget by \$80,574 for the period 8/23-12/24 due to blending and braiding other funding sources received. A list of projects completed was reviewed for strategies in harm reduction. A review of future settlement funding sources was included along with a rough budget projection for the future. A 2025 budget proposal was reviewed for a total projected budget of \$77,500 with two areas of support (support for family members suffering trauma due to addition and MAT services in the jail) expecting to use the remaining \$22,000.

Board Appointed Committee Updates -

Future Agenda Item-

Correspondence

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk