

**Minutes of the February 11, 2025 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
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Sarah Inczauskis- Virtual
Alicia Carlson
Carrie Mann

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 – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 7, 2025

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Mr. Shuman reported that a new health center will be opening in April. A combined women's and men's shelter is helping people stay warm, and the men's sober living facility is at full capacity.

Senior Resource Center – Mr. Savitski reported that the Raise the Roof fundraiser raised about \$36,000 toward the goal of \$50,000 needed for a new roof on the Senior Resource Center. A generous donor matched \$15,000 in funds.

Administration –

Ms. Lyons presented a glossary of HHS acronyms and terms for the committee and reported on efforts to improve staff and inter-agency connectedness through biweekly meetings. The AODA/Behavioral Services program has been undergoing a transition with the retirement of Joe Bodo. Staff supervisors are meeting monthly to keep a handle on the budgeting processes. There are four open staff positions in the department. CIP training will be offered April 1-2nd. Act 161 will be on the March agenda for discussion.

Adult Long-term Care -

A written report was provided.

Behavioral Health -

Mental Health Crisis and Transitions Update-- A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons reported that updated crisis forms have helped reduce involuntary patient placements. January was a slow month. The lack of area mental health facilities increases the County's costs due to patient transportation.

Transitions is full and has a waiting list.

Mental Health Monthly Expense Report—

A written report was provided.

Mental Health Costs by Client--

A written report was provided.

Child Protective Services and Youth Justice—

Sarah Inczauskis gave a written and verbal CPS & Out of Home placement report. CPS has a new male staff member joining them.

Youth Justice Report

A written report was provided. Youth Diversion has been working with parents in the homes.

Children in Care Report

A written report was provided.

Celebrating Erika Prince

The department recognized the good work that has been done by Erika Prince to establish legal permanency for ten Sawyer County children in 2024.

Youth Diversion & Truancy Update

Ms. Lyons briefly discussed Act 161 which deals with the placement of Indian children and will add it to the March agenda for discussion.

Ms. Inczauskis completed forensic interviewing training; the department will be setting up a multi-disciplinary team with Law Enforcement to bring back the Child Advocacy Center. The Drug Endangered Children program will be brought back.

Economic Support -

A written Economic Support update was shared.

The 4th Quarter 2024 Northwest Connections Child Care Report was provided.

Sawyer County Certification Report-

The number of child care providers is low- a training and certification program is available.

Public Health -

A written report was provided. Ms. McCallum stated that respiratory illnesses and hospitalizations have been increasing since January. The department participated in a tabletop exercise at the end of January with 14 agencies and 41 individuals participating.

Fiscal -

Ms. Lyons presented written reports on Budget Performance Roll Up, Budget Performance by Unit, Purchased Service Recap, Revenue Recap; there is no outstanding information to discuss.

Board Appointed Committee Updates - None

Correspondence- Ms. Lyons and Judge Elaine Smith attended a peer conference for CJCC in Denver.

Future Agenda Items- Act 161

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk