

**Minutes of the March 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 - virtual
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier
- ☐ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum-virtual
Liz Klein
Shawna White-virtual
Alicia Carlson

Call to Order – Chair Ms. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was skipped. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 11, 2025

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

Outside Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Ms. Lyons reported that the Health Center is opening mid-April.

Senior Resource Center – No updates

Administration –

The acronym glossary will be added to the website.
The department had an employee appreciation week with a Mardi Gras theme.
HHS is watching the federal government for potential cuts to budget areas.

Aging and Disability Resource Center--

A written report was provided. Rose Elliot's position is open and a new specialist is needed for senior care programs.

Behavioral Health -

Written reports on programs were provided and reviewed by Ms. Lyons
Mobile crisis was quiet last month but has picked up recently.
Mental Health Expenses and Expenses by Client had no significant changes; the county pays \$806,376 per year to maintain care of four clients in placement facilities.

Children, Youth & Family Services

A written report was provided with nothing outstanding to discuss.

Youth Justice was quiet with zero new referrals in January, 30 ongoing cases. Children in care written report included a five-year comparison table for 2020-2024. Youth Diversion still has an opening for a specialist; the department also currently has two Sirona Recovery staff funded by a federal grant for up to four years, working with the youth side of Justice Point on Diversion and Truancy issues. A goal of the department is to share combined messaging with the Tribe and the county on the importance of home, family and school attendance. A copy of the 161 Act language was provided for information and reference.

Economic Support -

Ms. White provided and reviewed a written report on food share and other programs. There has been an increase in walk-ins and the call center has 7,882 calls in January. Citizens are concerned about benefit cuts but as of this date, no cuts have been made to Medicaid or food share programs.

Public Health -

A written report was provided. Ms. McCallum stated that respiratory illness have declined in the past month.

Fiscal -

Written reports were provided and reviewed by Ms. Lyons. The Budget Performance and Revenue Reports had no significant changes to report. The Purchased Services Report shows two lines of "overspent" funds but Ms. Lyons noted that this is grant funds. It was agreed to watch for federal cuts that may affect funding of portions of the budget.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – WCA Human Services Day is March 27 in Madison. Ms. Lyons, Ms. McCallum and two law enforcement officials will be visiting several New Mexico jails next week on a grant to explore their MAT programs.

Future Agenda Items- None

Correspondence- None

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk