

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

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Carrie Mann- virtual
Caitlan Myren- virtual
Mike Markgren
Sarah Inczauskis

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

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 8, 2025

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

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison—Ms. Lyons reported that LCO is hosting a Falcon Event tonight and there will be a Grand Opening for the new Health Center on June 13 from 2-5pm.

Senior Resource Center—

Mr. Hoehne reported that there will be a rummage sale fundraiser at the County Fairgrounds on the last Monday of June.

Administration—

Ms. Lyons reported that HHS staff has transitioned to using TCP for hours, and a new Electronic Health Records system will be implemented with the help of grant funds toward the end of summer for better statistical tracking. The All-Staff Training Day held on June 14th covered policies and programs to improve services. The department has started tracking walk-in traffic. Staffing updates were shared. Next steps include a public hearing on the 2026 HHS budget next month.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

A dementia awareness event will be held at LCO University on July 31 from 2:30-5pm called Wine, Women & Dementia. Alcohol-free “wine” will be served.

Behavioral Health—

Ms. Carlson submitted a written report.

Ms. Myren reviewed the Mobile Crisis report: there were 5 calls in April; two resulted in voluntary placement, two were out of county placements at Winnebago.

Ms. Lyons stated that the department is looking for alternatives to costly out of county placements, such as a group home closer to home.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Hoyes started in Truancy today and will help the department implement programs aimed at keeping younger children in school and on track so they don't end up in the mental health programs later. Six program intakes were completed, seven are pending. A report broke down referrals by source and ages.

A Youth Justice report was reviewed and court orders for JIPS (Juveniles in Need of Protective Services) were discussed. The department is celebrating eight youth graduations in 2024 and 2025 who were helped by these programs.

Economic Support—

Ms. Lyons presented Ms. White's Northern Income Maintenance Consortium report and mentioned that Forest County will be removed from the Consortium in 2026 for failing to meet state Maintenance of Effort requirements.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum stated her department is working on public preparedness and hosted a table at Spring Fling in Winter on the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) volunteer program. There has been an increase in tick-borne and enteric illness reported in May.

Fiscal—

Written fiscal reports were presented; HHS is watching the rising expense on out of home youth placements. Mr. Markgren stated that the department as a whole is on track with the 2025 budget at present.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports From Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items-- None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk