

**Minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☒ Non-voting member - Chair: Monica Isham
2. ☒ Vice Chair: Julia Lyons
3. ☒ Grant Gerber
4. ☒ Andy Albarado
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☐ Tweed Shuman
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☐ Katie Belanger
10. ☐ John Yackel
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Elaine Smith
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski- Virtual
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier

Others Present:

Joyce Knowlton- Virtual
Liz Klein
Chief Sajdera
Sarah Inczauskis
Ron Kinsley
Mary Slisz-Chucka
Jessica Bjork
Sarah Inczauskis

Call to Order – Judge Isham called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Set (moved Public Health Report up)

Public Comments – Sid Schwartz

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 12, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Lyons Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Health Report

Ms. Knowlton reported data from county emergency departments indicates the largest overdose risk group is males and females aged 18-24 years; 2025 Prevention Plan efforts will be focused on that group. The drug supply is adulterated. There were 25 THC overdoses with no other substances present, possibly from vaping liquid.

NACO Peer Exchange- Judge Smith and Ms. Lyons reported on their Arapaho Peer Exchange opportunity: Arapaho is successfully using a model similar to Justice Point and Judge Smith recommends renewing the program and will recommend it to the TGB. Data analysis and a CJCC Strategic Plan are key pieces of program development: Ms. Lyons observed that Arapaho uses work groups and recommended establishing executive and data committees as a starting point.

Mr. Albarado made a motion to come back in April with a proposal for an executive and a data committee; second by: Sheriff Mrotek.

Motion carried without negative vote.

The Sawyer-LCO CJCC MOU was discussed and will remain on the agenda in April.

Jail Report -

Lt. Woller provided a written jail report for February; there were 53 incarcerated. Inmate unemployment rate is 72%. Inmate population statistics include pre-sentence and probation hold inmates, and the jail is used by City of Hayward, Town of Hayward, LCO and Sawyer law enforcement. There is a lack of public defense attorneys in the area; efforts will be made to market to legal professionals to bring them to Sawyer County; Judge Isham will speak to Marquette Law School and Judge Smith will reach out to UW Madison Law School.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

Becky Barry presented written reports showing demographics by race, gender and case program by type. 2025 TAD funding is consistent with 2024. The Reaching Rural program has been implemented and a \$100,000 award will be used to hire a Peer Systems Navigator in March. Diversion Peer Systems Navigators will work on pre and post-conviction services. Building Bridges is a multi-disciplinary planning initiative that will allow the county to apply for \$200,000 in funding for a MAT program in the jail. A \$1,000,000 grant will be applied for in March. These grants are competitive and the County has had good success in obtaining them. The jail offers ten programs and staff members have been asked to take on coordinator positions. Community donations are needed for upcoming Sober Events.

Justice Point -

Judge Isham reported that recovery court is going well; they are seeking involvement from team members to support the program.

Health & Human Services Report

Ms. Lyons presented the proposed 2025 Opioid Settlement Budget.

Motion to approve the Opioid Settlement Budget by Mr. Helwig

Second by: Judge Smith

Motion carried without negative vote.

The Sexual Assault Response Team presentation was tabled until the April meeting.

Youth Justice is still interviewing for the open position. A collaborative message emphasizing the importance of school attendance for all children in Sawyer County is planned.

Community Services Updates—

Mr. Gerber has invited Dave Dixon to speak in April

Outside Committee Reports –

None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –

Discussed above

Future Agenda Items – Sexual Assault Response Team, Sawyer County-LCO CJCC MOU, Create Executive and Data Committees, Dave Dixon

Adjournment – 1:06 pm

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk