

**Minutes of the April 9, 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
14. ☐ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier

Others Present:

Joyce Knowlton
Liz Klein
Chief Sajdera
Sarah Inczauskis
Leslie Strapon
Becky Barry
Jessica Bjork
Sari Torstenson
Mike Markgren
Kristi Kare
Kim Lambert

Call to Order – Judge Isham called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 12, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Sexual Assault Response Team presentation -- tabled to May

Create Executive and Data Committees for CJCC—

Mr. Albarado provided a handout with suggested committees and CJCC information from other counties. The committee reviewed and discussed the suggestions and will move forward with creating an Executive and Data committee.

Sawyer-LCO CJCC MOU—No update

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry gave reports on:

Pre-trial-106 cases, 12 on the wait list, fully staffed

Diversion- 9 active cases, 2 referrals, 1 completed with 2 FT case workers on staff

Recovery Court- 9 active cases, with 1 termination pending

TAD funding concerns may affect WATCP and All Rise conference attendance

Deflection- Training was held on March 12-13, team is fully staffed. Future Opioid Settlement funds remain plentiful for Law Enforcement training, mental health programs, crisis response, Peer Systems Navigators, OD prevention bags, community outreach initiatives. Mental health and post-release transitional programming are needed. Areas of concern include drug addiction, trauma, homelessness.

Reaching Rural- funding approval to hire third navigator is on hold

Building Bridges- staff visited jails in New Mexico and saw effective programs with in house counseling and MAT staff
Jail programs—Ojibwa language and culture sessions, 6 GEDs completed, Pathways Home, Parenting Inside Out, On-the-job Training, Sawyer County Literacy, 12 Bible studies, 8 AA programs, art therapy, financial literacy and meditation

Justice Point has now moved into their new offices and would like to thank Maintenance.

Jail Report--

Lt. Woller provided a written jail report for March with arrest data by race and arresting agency. There were 47 inmates with a 71% unemployment rate in March.

Public Health Report— Ms. Knowlton presented the March report and discussed the survey on vaping flier for schools and parents. About 400 kids responded.

Health & Human Services Report--

Youth Justice—Ms. Inczauskis reported that juveniles are using THC, fentanyl, pills and alcohol and there is a need for AODA treatment for addiction. Environment plays a role in outcomes. A truancy and diversion specialist has been hired to start June 1 and Sirona staff will be working with families referred for truancy. Bizhiki, CST and Northwest Connections are community organizations working to reach at-risk juveniles.

Community Services Updates—

Mr. Gerber introduced speaker Dave Dixon, who addressed the committee on Timber Bay, a new faith-based outreach program on Main St. next to House of Hope that will be opening in late April-May. It is a mentoring program with a focus on nature and trips to Boundary Waters and other experiences designed to inspire kids to healthy choices. The center is purchased and supported by donations, and is currently in need of building materials to remodel a garage, a shed, and outdoor sports equipment. An open house will be held on Tuesday April 22. Their website is davedixon@timberbay.org. Timber Bay is a 50 year old organization started in Minnesota, with branches opening in Birchwood, Spooner and Phillips.

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Create Executive, Data Committees, SC-LCO MOU, Sexual Assault Response Team

Adjournment – 1:12 pm

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk