

**Minutes of the May 14, 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- Excused
2. ☒ Vice Chair: Julia Lyons
3. ☐ Grant Gerber- Absent
4. ☒ Mike Markgren- Interim CA
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☐ Tweed Shuman- Absent
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Katie Belanger
10. ☐ John Yackel- Absent
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Elaine Smith
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent

Others Present:

Joyce Knowlton
Liz Klein
Becky Barry
Mary Slisz-Chucka
Leslie Strapon
Jessica Bjork
Sherri Jensen

Call to Order –Ms. Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:02 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: April 9, 2025

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

Sexual Assault Response Team presentation – Mary Slisz-Chucka gave a presentation on domestic violence and strangulation for first responders, law enforcement, prosecutors, victims and public awareness: statistics show that a woman whose partner has attempted to choke or strangle her is 750-1000 times more likely to be a victim of homicide. Men who attempt strangulation are also statistically likely to kill police officers. A victim may have suffered a strangulation attempt without outward signs: for more information, materials and training are available from the SART Team.

Create Executive and Data Committees for CJCC— Ms. Lyons reviewed the decision to move forward with creating an executive committee for CJCC.

Motion to create a CJCC Executive Committee consisting of Julia Lyons, Kathy McCoy, Judge Elaine Smith, and Bruce Poquette with a possible fifth member to be determined by: Ms. McCoy Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer-LCO CJCC MOU—No update

Jail Report--

Lt. Woller provided a written jail report for April with arrest data by race and gender. There were 59 average inmates with a 78% unemployment rate in April. Clarification was provided that the unemployment rate is those who are unemployed at the time of incarceration.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry reported that staffing is down by one.

Pretrial has 113 cases, 5 on the wait list.

Diversion has 11 active cases, 19 referrals.

Recovery Court has 8 active cases with 1 termination in April.

Deflection is working actively with law enforcement, the Housing Authority, and looking for ideas for sober events.

The Reaching Rural and Building Bridges Grant Programs have been terminated: Ms. Barry requested CJCC signatures on a letter asking for the program funding to be reinstated.

**A motion to request the County Board draft and consider a Resolution to Reinstate the Reaching Rural and Building Bridges funding was made by: Ms. McCoy Second by: Mr. Helwig
Motion carried without negative vote.**

A list of jail programs was reviewed.

Justice Point is hosting a Real Colors training on June 9th from 10-3 in the Board Room. Sign up by May 16th.

Youth Justice—Ms. Lyons reported that the newly hired truancy and diversion specialist starts in June and the department is working with 10-day drop cases on truancy and a campaign to promote the value of school attendance.

Public Health Report— Ms. Knowlton presented the April report and stated that Americorps funding has been terminated, costs to run programs are increasing due to tariffs, and over 211 pounds of unused medications were collected in the county on drug takeback day.

Health & Human Services Report--

Youth Justice—Ms. Lyons reported that more Opioid funding has been applied for and the county may receive the funds because it is already actively engaged in prevention programs.

Community Services Updates—No report

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items –Executive Committee Update as a line item, SC-LCO MOU

Adjournment – 12:55 pm

Next Meeting: June 11, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk