

**Minutes of the July 8, 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
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☐ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap- Absent

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Cole Myren- Virtual
Caitlan Myren- virtual
Mike Markgren
Carol Martin
Alicia Carlson

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

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 10, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Ms. Pearson

Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion to go into public hearing for discussion of the 2026 HHS budget by: Mr. Shuman Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Lyons presented an overview of the 2026 budget elements: state mandated HHS programs and services, funding sources, and the impacts of the state and federal budgets that were passed in July on HHS were discussed. Cuts to the Food Share program will affect SNAP.

The full budget will be presented next month, with another public hearing opportunity for comments and input.

There were no public comments on the 2026 HHS budget overview.

Motion to conclude the public hearing by Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Shuman

Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – None

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— Bill Trepanier will be resigning from the HHS board. Mr. Shuman and Ms. Lyons hope that Loraine Gouge will consider filling the remainder of his term. Mr. Markgren will reach out.

Senior Resource Center— No update

Administration—

Ms. Lyons covered her information in the budget discussion.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Martin gave a verbal report on staffing turnover; the department is working hard to cover the roles and provide good service to the community. Wine, Women and Dementia is an event open to the public on July 31, at LCO. Ms. Martin reviewed demographics showing the aging population in the north region over the next 20 years- the need for ADRC services will continue to increase.

Behavioral Health—

Ms. Carlson submitted a written report.

Ms. Myren reviewed the Mobile Crisis report.

Mental Health expenses and cost by client reports were reviewed; out of county placements continue to be an expense concern for the county. Ms. Myren stated that a hospital in Madison is willing to take challenging cases, and will be a possible alternative to Winnebago.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons presented the CPS report.

Youth Justice had 2 referrals in May, expenses were up in June.

The Children in Care report was reviewed.

Economic Support—

Ms. Lyons presented Northern Income Maintenance Consortium report; a \$20,000 grant was received for WHEAP assistance.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum stated there have been three cases of Powassan, a dangerous tickborne illness, in the region. The Western WI Public Health Readiness annual report was presented.

PFAS- DNR is seeking public comment on setting state PFAS levels in groundwater.

A preliminary draft of the EIA and a draft of the proposed rule language are available for download under DG-01-24 on the DNR's [proposed permanent administrative rules webpage](#). A separate public comment period on the rule will be scheduled after the EIA has been finalized.

The department will accept written comments related to the rule's economic impact until **July 23, 2025**.

Comments for the PFAS Drinking Water Standards rule may be submitted electronically to

Constantine.Tsoris@wisconsin.gov. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to: Constantine Tsoris – DG/5 Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707

Fiscal—

Written fiscal reports were presented.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports From Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items-- The final HHS Budget public hearing will be next month.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk