

**Minutes of the August 13, 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- Absent
4. ☒ Mike Markgren
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☐ Tweed Shuman- Absent
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☐ Katie Belanger- Excused
10. ☒ John Yackel
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Elaine Smith
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Sari Torstenson
Kristi Kare
Leslie Strapon
Becky Barry
Tonya Whitfield
Sarah Inczauskis

Call to Order—Judge Isham called the meeting to order at 12:03 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: July 9, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Lyons

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

CJCC Executive Committee-

The committee did not meet in July. Ms. Lyons reported that a job order request for a grant writer was submitted as discussed in June.

Jail Report--

Lt. Woller reviewed a written jail report for June with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 62 inmates incarcerated with a 73% unemployment rate at the time of booking. The capacity of the jail is 104 if double bunked.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry presented written reports and updated the committee on the following Justice Point programs: Pre-Trial has 109 active clients, Diversion has 14 active clients and Treatment Court has 7 active clients. Rebecca Moser and Tonya Witfield are new staff members and an open case manager position will be filled this week.

Deflection—Ms. Barry stated that law enforcement support has greatly enhanced the department’s deflection programming efforts. Overdose prevention is a priority goal. National Night Out had over 200 interested contacts sign up. Numerous upcoming events include radio interviews, the Aug 23 Barn Dance, a scavenger hunt, Trout Fest and Suicide Prevention Walks in Hayward and Winter. SNAP Fitness donated workouts, pickleball, bowling and library events have also been added. A list of jail programs was provided to the committee. Justice Point has added the jail programs and other extra services to the county, above and beyond their contract obligations. Reaching Rural representatives will do a site visit in the second week of October. No update on Building Bridges or COSSUP funds being frozen or cut.

HHS—

Ms. Lyons gave a report on the Opioid Settlement and grant—Sawyer received a highly competitive Vital Strategies grant which matches the current spend from the Settlement. Funds will be used to hire a full-time nurse for the jail.

Youth Justice— Ms. Inczauskis reported that the YJ program has successfully assisted 31 juveniles in achieving better outcomes in life.

Diversion—Diversion has focused on ten day drops and got kids re-enrolled, in virtual education programs, or accepted to Challenge Academy in Ft. McCoy with cooperation from the DA, in lieu of placement in Lincoln Hills. New programming in 2026 includes a 12-week voluntary parent/youth collaboration that will have court ordered consequences if not completed successfully.

Committee members commented that these grant-based programs are working to address the causes of crime and keep people out of the court system in the future.

Public Health—The July Substance Misuse report was shared; upcoming outreach events include the Forever Joy Barn Dance, National Overdose Awareness Day, and Mental Health Awareness billboards. There are three overdose deaths this year compared to five in 2024.

LCO Report—

The MOU was signed. The Tribal Governing Board selected two new members to sit on CJCC.

Community Services Updates— None

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items –Recommend new TGB liaisons for board appointment to CJCC, budget analysis of cut funding, and 2026 projection for Opioid Settlement funds.

Adjournment – 12:52 pm

Next Meeting: September 10, 2025 **Time:** 12:00 pm
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

Location: Board Room