

**Minutes of the August 12, 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- Absent
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Carol Pearson
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Carrie Mann
Sarah Inczauskis
Mike Markgren
Carol Martin
Alicia Carlson- Virtual

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

Budget Public Hearing-

Motion to go into public hearing for discussion of the 2026 HHS budget by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Lyons presented the projected 2026 revenues and expenses for HHS: many revenue sources are grants which are up in the air or one-time grants. Ms. Lyons stated that resort and TRH licensing will be adjusted to follow the state fee schedule.

Mr. Savitski noted that projected expenses are \$1M higher than 2025. Mr. Markgren noted the need to keep an eye on out-of-county placement expenses.

Motion to conclude the public hearing by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 8, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Pearson Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— No report. Chair Wilson would like confirmation of a liaison who will attend the HHS meetings by September 1.

Motion to confirm an active LCO liaison by September 1 by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without negative vote

Senior Resource Center— No report

Administration—

Mr. Markgren asked for strategic plan areas of focus- three priorities for each department, to be returned to him. Ms. Mann reported on the 70% grant-funded new records system and stated that the department identified new revenue opportunities for Youth Justice and Diversion. Funding from \$300,000 in grants will be renewed in 2026.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Martin gave a verbal report on dementia care screening, training and awareness events. Wine, Women and Dementia was very well attended at LCO and will be presented again at the Senior Resource Center. Training is ongoing, a Disability Benefits Specialist position will be shared with Price County, and a new time tracking system will improve customer service and efficiency. The libraries will host dementia awareness activities.

Behavioral Health—

Ms. Carlson submitted a written report and stated the CST program will be coordinated with Youth Justice for referrals. There are five clients in CST currently, CLTS enrollment is increasing. Issues have arisen with court-ordered OWI assessments for ATV/UTV operators who are receiving multiple OWIs but no restrictions on driving. The DNR is looking at this. A CCS staff member is needed but financial limitations are in the way of hiring a qualified individual.

Ms. Lyons 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.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons presented a verbal CPS report. 21 referrals were received, 11 screened into the program.

Youth Justice has 19 ongoing cases. Ms. Inczauskis reported that the YJ program has successfully assisted 31 juveniles in achieving better outcomes in life.

Diversion—Diversion is collaborating with the schools; goal is to work with parents to keep kids in homes and out of the system. A new option is Challenge Academy in Ft. McCoy in lieu of placement in Lincoln Hills. This requires cooperation with the DA. New programming in 2026 includes a 12-week voluntary parent/youth collaboration that will have court ordered consequences if not completed successfully.

The Children in Care report was reviewed.

Economic Support—

Ms. Lyons presented the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium report.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum stated there have been 9 confirmed cases of measles in Oconto County; staff is participating in opioid training, and Clean Sweep is coming up. Walk for Tomorrow Suicide Awareness events will be held at Hayward and Winter schools.

Fiscal—

Written fiscal reports were presented in the packet.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None. Dr. Dunlap stated that the hospital is sending out measles vaccination reminders to the community.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items—None (return strategic plan priorities to Mr. Markgren)

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

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