

**Minutes of the September 9, 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
- ☒ Lorraine Gouge
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☐ Carol Pearson- Excused
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap- Virtual

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Carol Martin
Alicia Carlson- Virtual
Caitlyn Myren- Virtual
Matt McKay

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

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **August 12, 2025**

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

Second by: Ms. Petit

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— Ms. Gouge reported that the Elder center is up and running. The LCO community has identified a need for increased respite care workers so people can remain in their homes. The ICW-161 agreement is under review. The Bizhiki Wellness Center serves as the cultural healing center of the Tribe. LCO University dorms have opened now.

Senior Resource Center— See Board Appointed Committee Updates

Administration— Ms. Lyons announced the retirement of two staff members: Kathy Garbe, who has been with the county since 1987 and Joyce Knowlton, who joined the staff in 2020 and has been instrumental in setting up Emergency Management and the Medical Reserve Corps.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Martin updated the committee on Adult Protective Services Training, an upcoming Benefits booth at LCO, Dementia tools, the 19th Annual Caregiver Conference on 9/26, WRLS Radio spots “Dementia Detectives” and dementia programs at the library. TRH occupancies are driving large seasonal caseloads in the county.

Behavioral Health—

Ms. Carlson reviewed a written report on CLTS, CST and CCS referrals and staffing.

Ms. Myren reviewed the Community Support and Mobile Crisis report: there were 48 CSP clients in July and 7 Mobile Crisis consult calls.

The Mental Health cost by client report was reviewed; out of county placements continue to be an expense concern for the county. Mr. Shuman asked if taking out a long term care insurance policy and paying the premiums would be cheaper.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons presented a CPS report, the staff is transitioning.
Youth Justice has 28 ongoing cases.

The Children in Care report was reviewed.

Economic Support—

Ms. Lyons presented the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium report; they are striving to meet the requirements for continued federal funding.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum stated there have been 25 confirmed cases of measles in Wisconsin; Clean Sweep is coming up Tuesday, September 16. Walk for Tomorrow Suicide Awareness events will be held at Hayward and Winter schools later this month. There will be a community stakeholder meeting on October 30 at LCO University to follow up on CHIP planning and Gap analysis. Ms. McCallum discussed vaccine hesitancy and stated that statistics show MMR vaccination is effective.

Mr. McKay gave a report on TRH licensing and the likely need to amend the county TRH Ordinance once the state officially amends ATP 72. Expected changes will affect resorts, multi-unit rentals and specialty lodging (no water/sewer).

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons stated the August budget reports are unremarkable.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— Mr. Savitski shared a report that the Meals on Wheels program will be underfunded in 2026 so an assessment of need will take place to prioritize the delivery of meals. There are three vacant positions on the SRC Board.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items— None

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk