

Minutes of the November 3, 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
- ☐ Vacant
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Alicia Carlson- Virtual
Carrie Mann- Virtual
Caitlyn Myren
Cole Myren
Joe Bodo

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: October 7, 2025

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

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— Ms. Gouge updated the committee on food drives during the SNAP cuts. The new health clinic hired an Assistant Director, three new nurse practitioners and two dentists. Other improvements are transportation and accessibility for clients and work is beginning on a supportive housing project.

Senior Resource Center— A written report was provided- the SRC board is fundraising to cover the Meals on Wheels Program shortfalls and is in need of 2-3 new board members.

Administration— Ms. Mann reported on the new Electronic Medical Records program that is now live. Ms. Lyons reported on a food drive that is underway at the courthouse; HHS will distribute the food collected to four pantries throughout the county.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Lyons updated the committee on Adult Protective Services; the Chapter 55 cases are moving to guardianships. Dementia care specialists are on WRLS radio the last Tuesday of each month to discuss Alzheimer's and dementia. November is Alzheimer's Awareness and National Family Caregiver Month.

Behavioral Health—

Ms. Carlson reviewed a written report and updated the committee on Caitlyn Myer starting as a certified clinician for CCS and a new CLTS employee is in training.

The Community Support and Mobile Crisis written report was provided.

Mental Health monthly expenses were reviewed.

The Mental Health cost by client report was reviewed and alternatives discussed.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons presented the out of home care report; there are 27 clients: 18 in foster care, 5 in residential care, 3 in institutions and 1 in a group home.

The Youth Justice written report was provided.

A flier on Attendance, Absenteeism and Mental Health was presented.

Economic Support—

The Northern Income Maintenance Consortium written report was provided. The current focus is on SNAP funding.

Ms. Gouge asked about WHEAP; Ms. Lyons stated that anyone can apply for energy assistance through HHS.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report and reported on the annual Community Health Improvement Plan stakeholder meeting at LCO; root causes of Sawyer County drug and alcohol abuse, mental health problems, and economic hardship including access to housing, healthcare, childcare and transportation were identified for the CHIP committee to develop an actionable plan to address possible solutions.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons reviewed the HHS revenue and expense and mental health costs by client reports. A possible future solution to the high cost of out of county placements would be to repurpose the Transitions House and bring the clients back to Sawyer County.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

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 December 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk