

**Minutes of the January 6, 2026 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 (7:13)
- ☐ Dawn Petit- Absent
- ☐ Vacant
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum

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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: December 9, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Shuman

Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— No report

Senior Resource Center— Mr. Savitski reported that the SRC approved the appointment of Ron Buckholtz and is looking at fundraising ideas for 2026.

Administration—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS organizational chart as part of the Department's Strategic Plan. Discussion about reducing expenses by moving out of county placements to the Transitions House.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

No report

Behavioral Health—

A written report was provided.

Community Support and Mobile Crisis need to move oversight of policies and procedures to within the county per state requirements.

Mental Health Expense reports were provided.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Ms. Lyons reported that CPS staff attended training for Active Effort, a program to increase Tribal involvement with Indian children placed into care.

Youth Justice- YJ had 55 referrals in 2025; there are 43 active clients.

Children in Care- Expenses are going down due to efforts with diversion and other programs.

Youth Diversion and Truancy- Ms. Lyons reported that a student who missed 89 days has had perfect attendance this school year.

Economic Support—

The Northern Income Maintenance Consortium written report was provided. HHS is monitoring federal cuts to childcare following the Minnesota daycare fraud; so far there has not been any communication received that local childcare will be affected in Sawyer County.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report; respiratory illnesses are trending upward across the state. Discussion of the CDC reducing childhood vaccination recommendations and how that might affect local hospitals and population.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS fiscal reports. HHS is over budget on elder abuse residential placements after three Ch. 55 placements happened in late 2025; these were not budgeted for.

The 2026 HHS Fee Schedule Resolution was discussed; increases to offset costs to taxpayers are being proposed following the state ATPC increases that were instituted after the November budget period. The committee would like a definition of “micro markets” as it pertains to an issue coming before the Zoning Committee.

Resolution 2026-2 TO AMEND FEES FOR WATER TESTING, ISSUING PERMITS, MAKING INSPECTIONS, AND INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF ESTABLISHMENTS was approved for action by the County Board on a motion by: Mr. Shuman
Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items— Appointment and confirmation of board member to replace Carol Pearson

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk