

**Minutes of the April 7th meeting of the Sawyer County  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members Present:**

- Chair: **James Schlender**
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Tom Hoff
- Jeff Johnson
- Kathy McCoy
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Ryan Reid - Virtual
- Jeff Schley - Virtual
- Tweed Shuman – Vice Chair
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith

**Others Present:**

Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Niki Leicht - Virtual  
Melissa Fisher  
Heather Lessard - Virtual

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda**

**Public Comments**

**Minutes from previous meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Hilgendorf; second by Ms. McCoy to approve the minutes for the February meeting that had been tabled. Motion passed. Ms. Gouge abstained. A motion was made by Lt. Johnson; second by Mr. Shuman to approve the minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion passed. Ms. Gouge abstained.

Chair Schlender recognized Honorable Elaine Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles Chief Judge, in attendance at her first committee meeting.

**Criminal Justice Coordinator update** – The JusticePoint update was provided by Ms. Leicht and Ms. Fisher. Ms. Leicht reported that 85 individuals are currently on pre-trial supervision; 184 screenings have been completed in the jail; 7 people are currently on electronic monitoring; and 4 referrals for diversion have been made. Diversion referrals are those individuals who are screened in jail and then, because of charges or history, are felt would be appropriate for diversion services in lieu of potential jail time.

A recommendation from the CJCC committee was made for JusticePoint staff to meet with Mr. Ryan to discuss available services and develop uniformity allocating services. Justice Point agreed to meet with the Public Defender office.

Ms. Leicht presented a proposal for a committee work group to develop the county needs for the state funded TAD grant submission. A motion by Hoff, second by Schuman to form the work group as outlined in the proposal; Motion passed without negative vote. The work group will coordinate with County staff to hold up to two meetings per month until the TAD grant is submitted.

**Community Services** – LCO Healing Center initiatives discussion is tabled until the May meeting.

Mr. Hilgendorf reported on the House of Hope progress. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the facility officially opened and began interviews for occupancy. Two people will be approved initially with five being at full capacity in the future. The workplace is arranged to begin making sheds in partnership with local businesses, and clients will build the sheds under guidance of the director. The facility has full ministerial association backing at this time; trained mentors will be assigned to each individual to work through the required program assigned as a requirement for acceptance. He advised that the Reflections women's facility currently has openings.

**Point of Discussion:** the by-laws of the CJCC were modified by the County Board at the March meeting at the request of the committee. The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal judge was added as a voting member.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Tuesday, May 5th, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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