

Minutes of the April 11th meeting of the Sawyer County
Health and Human Services Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: Dale Schleeter
- Vice Chair:
- Marshal Savitski - virtual
- Michael Maestri - virtual
- Chris Rusk - virtual
- Lorraine Gouge
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap - virtual

Others Present:

- Andy Albarado
- Lynn Fitch
- Paul Grahovac
- Patty Dujardin
- Julia Lyons
- Joe Bodo
- Joey Johnson
- Matt McKay
- Tweed Shuman on behalf of
Jesse Boettcher
- Alicia Carlson – virtual

Call to Order – Chair Dale Schleeter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mr. Schleeter acknowledged Paul Grahovac’s years of service.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 7, 2023

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

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Ms. Gouge read the report from LCO, stating there have been no positive Covid cases in the last two weeks. She advised they are in the process of creating a harm reduction program at the clinic. They are also working on a tribal care giver care for the community to be held in September and are awaiting Title III and Title VI funding for the food program. A school pow wow will take place on May 18th. They anticipate moving into the new workforce housing unit this fall.

Senior Resource Center – Ms. Johnson provided an update on activities including the bus route recap of 2667 ride hours in 2022, and their annual DOT specialized bus transportation report.

Administration – A written list of services is attached to the board packet.

Adult Long-term Care -

A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac advised that the Information Specialist shared staff person has been hired for 20 hours for Iron County and 20 hours for Sawyer. Ms. Carlson advised that there was an increase of five new CCS referrals but mental health providers are not available to meet all the needs and eligibility must be determined. Changes to the CLTS program will require additional screenings.

Behavioral Health Care –

Written reports were provided. Mr. Bodo reviewed the Crisis Contacts Report which details the crisis contact activity for the past three months. The activity of the last three months is very high compared to last year. Suicidal rates are

high, especially among the young female Native American demographic. He reviewed the First Quarter Census for Transitions House report.

Child Protective Services -

A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac advised the reports will be under review. We are still advertising for a child youth supervisor that would oversee CPS and are employing some LTE employees from neighboring counties.

Youth Justice -

A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac reported that one of the open staff positions are to add help to this division.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided.

Public Health -

A 2022 Annual Public Health Report was provided. Ms. Lyons advised they are working closely with Nicole Ripczinski for emergency management plans for potential flooding. Mr. McKay provided a presentation on tourist rooming houses (air bnb and vrbo short-term housing properties). Since 2018, the 275 licenses originally issued has jumped to 557 as of 2023. A list of common concerns was shared. The current concern is individuals over-extending the occupancy limits of units per the state formula used for determining occupancy rates of a room. Existing zoning formulas for calculating waste water could be used to assign occupancy limits; next steps to review the process have been proposed. A motion to request the County Board to establish an ad hoc committee (including zoning members and other stakeholders) to investigate this issue was made by Ms. Pearson; second by Mr. Schleeter. One nay vote from Dawn Petit; the motion carried.

Fiscal -

A written budget performance report and purchased services recap report were provided.

Future Agenda Items

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk