

**Minutes of the April 13th 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
- Tweed Shuman
- Chuck Van Etten
- Dale Olson – Virtual (6:47 pm)
- Dawn Petit -- Virtual
- Lorraine Gouge
- Jennifer Vobornik
- Carol Pearson; leaving at 7:56 pm
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Paul Grahovac
Patty Dujardin – Virtual
Julia Lyons – Virtual
Joey Johnson – Virtual
Brittany Haag
Alicia Carlson
Joe Bodo
Linda Zillmer - Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Dale Schleeter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments – Comments heard by Linda Zillmer.

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve the minutes of the March 9th, meeting; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports – LCO Liaison Ms. Gouge presented data on services recently provided through LCO. More than 2,300 patients have been vaccinated at the LCO clinic, they will be holding a vaccination clinic at the Hayward High School on April 26th that is open to the public.

Ms. Johnson provided a written report for the Senior Resource Center. She advised that the annual 85.21 report due in April of each year has been filed and accepted by the State. Revenue and expenses were down last year, largely due to Covid. There is a balance of \$19,901.53 in the trust fund to use for major expenses, and it may be used for a down payment on a new bus if grant funds are not available for this purpose.

Administration – Copies of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)/Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) issue papers were provided. Mr. Grahovac explained the process of attending the hearing sessions with state legislators. The papers provide background information on what WCA and WCHSA have been working on at the state level. Two separate Friday, April 16 afternoon Zoom meetings are scheduled for our County Ambassador Program Team (CAP-Team) to meet with our state legislatures.

Adult Long Term Care – Mr. Grahovac advised that Health and Human Services staff have been working with Julia Lyons to apply for grant funds that would help in an outreach program designed to vaccinate individuals who are homebound. Two county Information and Assistance Specialists successfully passed the Continuing Skills Test required in order for them to continue administering the Adult Long Term Care Functional Screen tests. Mr. Schleeter conveyed congratulations to the staff members.

Behavioral Health – Written reports were provided. Ms. Carlson advised that they are in the process for recruiting another medical director for the clinic. They were successful in securing one mental health provider at Northlakes Clinic to begin accepting clients.

A spreadsheet showing mental health costs per patient and facility for the period of January 2020-February 2021 was provided. Paying for the increasing costs of these services remains difficult for the County. The County Administrator is working with legal counsel and the Department of Revenue to review avenues that could assist in these costs and will report back when answers are received.

Child Protective Services – A written report was provided.

Youth Justice -- Ms. Haag provided a presentation on the past and current status of the Oasis Group Home for juveniles. The MOU currently in place is due to expire on December 31, 2021. The County is responsible for an empty bed cost each year, guaranteeing payment of a daily rate which is set by the State to the Group Home regardless of occupancy. The committee will bring this topic back to the May Committee meeting for consideration regarding the renewal of the MOU and possible other opportunities.

Economic Support – A written report was provided.

Public Health – Ms. Lyons presented a list of current and proposed changes to the drinking water lab fees. As the processing fees increase, a recommendation to adjust the County fees is suggested; a new testing fee for 3rd party kits is included in the schedule. A resolution to authorize the increase in drinking water test fees was presented, and a motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Ms. Dunlap to accept the resolution and move it forward to the April County Board meeting for approval. Motion carried 6 to 0 without participation from Ms. Pearson, and without participation from Ms. Gouge who was temporarily absent at 8:10 for the vote.

Ms. Lyons presented a Covid update stating that Sawyer County is currently at the Orange risk level. Vaccinations continue and two public clinics will be held this month; April 16th at the Hayward High School and April 21 at LCO.

Fiscal – Written reports were provided.

Future Agenda Items – Oasis Group Home

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk