

**Minutes of the May 11th 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: Kathy McCoy
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Andy Albarado
- Vice Chair: Jeff Johnson
- Tweed Shuman
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Katie Belinger
- Ryan Reed
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith
- Bruce Poquette

Others Present:

Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Jamie Kiener
Becky Barry

Call to Order – Clerk Fitch called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Elections – Chair Fitch conducted the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to nominate Kathy McCoy as Chair. With no other nominations coming forth, a voice vote was cast to unanimously accept the nomination of Kathy McCoy as Chair; motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to nominate Marshal Savitski as Vice Chair, and a motion was made by Ms. McCoy to nominate Lt. Johnson as Vice Chair. With no other nominations coming forth, a voice vote was cast resulting in three votes for Mr. Savitski and seven votes for Lt. Johnson. Lt. Johnson carried this vote.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments --

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting; second by Ms. Smith. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Savitski to accept the minutes of the April 25th work group meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Opioid Settlement and Work Group Update -- Mr. Hilgendorf advised that the group met and we are still unsure as to when opioid funds will be distributed. The need for a residential treatment house somewhere in northern Wisconsin remains a priority. Sawyer County also needs additional mental health counseling services. Mr. Albarado advised the settlement estimate is about \$750,000, and WCA anticipates a possible third quarter distribution of the first funds. Lt. Johnson reached out to current mental health provider services in the jail and they have advised that they could increase our services by providing an additional counselor, if needed and approved. They will put a cost estimate together for potential services.

Criminal Justice Coordinator update – Ms. Barry provided an update on services: 85 are on pre-treatment, 14 are on active diversion, they have 4 pending cases, and the wait-list is empty. They reported 24 failures from the long wait list.

Community Services Update -- Mr. Hilgendorf advised that the men's house is full and graduates are getting jobs. Four individuals are in the house at this time with an average time stay being 6-9 months, depending on the speed they work through the program. The women's home may have one opening.

LCO shelters are running and are at half-capacity. They are also having success stories to report. The Wellness Clinic has lost some staff. Housing and after care remain a problem in the area. Ms. Smith reported on the Healing to Wellness Court. A potential August conference is being planned.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, June 8, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room, and the next work group meeting will be held May 31st at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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