

**Minutes of the June 14th meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: Kathy McCoy
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Grant Gerber
- Andy Albarado @ 12:19pm
- Mike Woller
- Tweed Shuman
- Doug Mrotek represented by Joe Sajdera
- Bruce Poquette
- Katie Belanger @ 12:07pm
- Ryan Reed
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith – Vice Chair
- Marshal Savitski
- Julia Lyons

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Mike Thompson

Call to Order – Chair Kathy McCoy called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments --

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 10, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Lyons Second by: Mr. Shuman
Motion carried without negative vote.

Jail Report -

A written report was provided. Lt. Woller reviewed the highlights of the report, including 78 bookings as of 5/23/23 and a total population of 68. The capacity at the jail is 104.

Incarceration Unemployment Update --

Ms. Barry reported that Mr. Albarado met with Northwoods Tech regarding the potential of bringing in a Construction Essentials program, they also work with CEP and NWIB and HSED training. They are trying to expand programming for training.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

A list of statistics as of June 14th was shared:

- Current Pre-trial cases 100
- Court Reminders 30
- Current Diversion cases 10
- Diversion Referrals Pendclerking 8
- Diversion Cases Completed 21 (2 since 5/10)

- Diversion Cases Failed 1 pending
- Waitlist 26 (19 incarcerated)
- Intakes Pending (new bonds) 7 (5 incarcerated)
- There are also 14 completed HSEDs in the jail

Judge Yackel provided an update of the transition process in adding the second judge.

Health & Human Services Report -

Ms. Lyons advised that they are focusing on staffing and plans for the future of the department. They are still looking for a CPS supervisor and ALTC supervisor. The caseload in Youth Justice is high and they are applying for a grant for diversion in this area. The Recovery Coach position has been posted but they still need to determine where it will be housed. HHS is working through strategic planning for the County services.

Homeless Taskforce Update -

Ms. Belanger advised that the state DOC representative has been in contact and the fiscal year has closed. Mike Thompson has been leading the local task force for helping homeless and advised that they have been discussing the best strategies. They are forming a non-profit entity in order to facilitate further development. They want to partner with law enforcement, corrections, to provide transitional housing. They also want to provide warming houses that will provide a meal and an overnight bed. If the individual then continues to make progress toward employment, they can stay again. Visitors will be required to undergo a drug test to participate.

Community Services Updates -

The House of Hope Workshop is up and running where they teach trade skills to participants and perhaps others who are not in the program. They have several openings but are interviewing two who may begin the program. They have also helped Price County develop a House of Hope program. The Tribe has eleven openings between the mens' and womens' shelters.

Future Agenda Items – Deflection Grant Training; Rise 23 Update Conference, Opioid Budget Discussion, Update on 2nd Branch and Court Efficiency, Homeless Task Force Update

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 12:52 pm

Next Meeting: July 12, 2023 **Time:** 12:00 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk