

August 11, 2020

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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: August 11, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Carol Pearson, Dale Schleeter, Tweed Shuman, Dale Olson

Virtually: Dawn Petit, Chuck Van Etten, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Joe Bodo, Cindy Hanus, Alex Butterfield, Karla Kay, Dave Bauer

Virtually: Patty Dujardin, Julia Lyons, Lauri Perlick,

The meeting was called to order by Dale Schleeter at 6:30 P.M., noting for the record that Jennifer Vobornik and Lorraine Gouge were absent.

Agenda

A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the agenda switching items six and seven, eight and nine; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

There was nothing to report under this item.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dale Olson, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Reports

a. LCO Liaison

There was nothing to report under this item.

b. Senior Resource Center (SRC)

Chair Schleeter announced he will exempt himself from any votes regarding Senior Resource Center business as his wife was recently appointed to their board. Copies of the August SRC reports were provided to the board.

Public Health

a) Coronavirus Update

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons provided a power point presentation for the Board demonstrating a cumulative total of 76 positive COVID-19 cases with 3 having been hospitalized, 32 recovered and 2,852 negative tests to date. A positivity rate of 3 percent or less will help control the spread. Additional contact tracers will be needed to keep up with the increasing cases. Dawn Petit reported receiving many emails and phone calls regarding the Sawyer County Fair and the lack of mask use and social distancing at many local restaurants. Public Health has instituted a phone line and email address to report masking/social distancing complaints. Public Health will follow up on these complaints, and the Sheriff will support the Public Health Officer in this capacity. Ms. Lyons will be talking with a SC Fair board member as well.

Child Protective Services (CPS)

CPS supervisor, Karla Kay gave a report on out of home care. Currently, there are 32 children in out of home care, 6 of which have been placed by the County. Indian Child Welfare (ICW) has placed 26 children in foster care and residential care centers (for children who require an increased level of care/supervision.). Sawyer County is financially responsible for all placements, regardless if placed by county personnel or ICW. Per Tweed Shuman, LCO is very short on foster homes, but “it is important for kids to be placed here.” He will ask Tibissum Rice to attend next month’s board meeting to discuss placement issues.

Fiscal

a. 2021 HHS Budget

Tom Hoff reported the initial HHS proposed budget is \$760,000 over the proposed limit. This is primarily due to budgeting money in areas that have been under budgeted, such as inpatient mental health services and out of home placements. The Board will have to decide whether to use fund balance, cut services or a combination of both to balance the HHS budget. It is also possible to move capital expenses out of the overall county budget to free up funds for services/expenses we can’t borrow against. This topic will be discussed at the finance committee meeting. Public Health did get funding to offset COVID-19 expenses. Per financial manager, Patty Dujardin, revenues look down, but expenses are down as well. There are little to no travel or training expenses, and several positions have been vacant, primarily due to the pandemic. The agency is just now testing and hiring for two of the vacant positions.

b. Budget Performance Report

The HHS budget performance report for June was provided to the Board. Of note: Residential Care Center (RCC) expenses in family services through June are close to the amount budgeted for the entire year.

c. Purchased Services Recap

A copy of the purchased services recap for June was provided to the Board.

Any Items for Discussion Only

Juvenile Justice supervisor, Dave Bauer read his letter of intent to retire effective October 11, 2020.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.