

**Minutes of the March 7th 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: Jesse Boettcher
- Marshal Savitski
- Michael Maestri - virtual
- Chris Rusk
- Lorraine Gouge
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

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| Andy Albarado | Tweed Shuman |
| Lynn Fitch | Alicia Carlson - Virtual |
| Patty Dujardin | Carol Lund - Virtual |
| Julia Lyons | Tom Jewel - Virtual |
| Joe Bodo | Ed Peters - Virtual |
| Shawna White | |

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 – JB/MS; Motion carried

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 7, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Carol Pearson Second by: Chris Rusk
Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports -

LCO Liaison – Ms. Gouge read a report from the LCO Health Center including COVID testing results. The tribe has lifted the COVID 19 restrictions as of March 6, 2023, so all employees are expected to work on site. A new nurse practitioner started at the Health Center to help address addiction and mental health issues. An elder health advocate has been hired. The apartment building is progressing and housing should be available for 40 individuals soon. A healthy choice speaker presented at all local schools, and the LCO College continues to expand.

Senior Resource Center -

A written report from Ed Peter was provided summarizing the recent SRC work group to review cost cutting measures was provided. Investigating a consolidated kitchen facility has been one of the primary research goals; we would not add any additional facility but look at combining to consolidate costs and locations.

Administration – A written list of services is attached to the board packet. Mr. Grahovac has announced his planned retirement.

Adult Long-term Care -

Behavioral Health Care – A written report was provided. Ms. Carlson advised that we have one CCS facilitator and limited counseling staff available which taxes the department. We have 46 individuals on CLTS, and we're seeing a lot of special needs children moving to the area with their families which requires additional services. The county may likely see additional out-of-county placements again soon.

Mental Health Cost by Client – A written report was provided.

Child Protective Services -

Mr. Albarado advised that we have had four department resignations in the past six months, and we lost our part-time LTE staff person. We were able to get some help from other counties to do call-in access work, screenings and other functions; they are working to rebuild the department, including contracting out of county. One recommendation was to look at the new LCO College programming with internships possibilities.

Youth Justice -

A written report was provided. Some high costs are expected in the future.

Economic Support -

A written report was provided. Shawna White reviewed the food share and health care benefits. As the nation-wide supplemental financial benefits are being halted, we are seeing an increase in consortium call center calls. This will also affect our local food pantries who will see new clients. Starting April 1st, regular application eligibility will go into effect, and the asset verification system will be back up and running. With the health emergency ending in May, they will start doing renewals in June in a roll-out process so all will not be coming due at the same time. It will mean that many people do lose health care coverage that had been extended over the three years of the pandemic. The income limit to qualify is 100% of the federal poverty level for adults. They have been trying to get this information out on social media sites to prepare the public.

Public Health -

A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons advised the COVID level has again dropped to LOW. They have had five cases of toxic shock syndrome since July. With the extra Foodshare benefits ending, the food pantry information was shared. They continue to work on the evidence-based strategies for using the opioid funds and will create a work plan. We anticipate receiving \$40,000-\$50,000 per year for 10-15 years from the retailer settlement. They are making steps to coordinate LCO and County prevention services.

Fiscal -

A written budget performance report and purchased services recap reports were provided. One staff member has given notice of termination in this department and they are in the process of recruiting.

Future Agenda Items

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk