

**Minutes of the March 17th 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: **James Schlender**
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Tom Hoff - Virtual
- Jeff Johnson
- Kathy McCoy
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette (12:07 pm)
- Ryan Reid – Virtual (12:07 pm)
- Jeff Schley
- Tweed Shuman – Vice Chair
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith (12:07 pm)

**Others Present:**

Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Niki Leinrt - Virtual  
Melissa Fisher  
Heather Lessard - Virtual  
Sonya Sunderland

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender 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 previous meeting** – Minutes for the February meeting were tabled until the April meeting.

**Criminal Justice Coordinator update** – The Memorandum of Understanding between Lac Courte Oreilles and Sawyer County Regarding the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and the Amendment that appoints the Tribal Judge as a voting committee member were provided for background information. These documents are on the March 18<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting to be approved. Mr. Hoff made a motion that the CJCC Committee adopt the MOU and Amendment; not having a ¾ voting majority present at this time to amend CJCC By-Laws to support the Amendment, Mr. Hoff rescinded his motion. Mr. Shuman made a motion to advance the MOU and Amendment to the County Board, pending its approval at full board, thence returning to the April CJCC meeting for an Amendment to its Committee By-Laws when a ¾ voting majority must be present. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion; motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Leinrt from JusticePoint provided a written report of activities performed through JusticePoint since inception in January 2021. JusticePoint has now had meetings with the DA office to talk about diversion tactics. JusticePoint has made some referrals but no active participants are in the diversion services at this time. They have 52 individuals currently under supervision by JusticePoint staff. The report provided a breakdown in age, gender and race, indicating that 120 people have been in the service since inception; 10 people are being electronically monitored. In the future, the Committee would like to know what percentage of people do not show up for court dates and the methods by which they are being notified of court date appointments to see if a correlation can be derived between the two. Mr. Ryan will coordinate contact information between his staff and JusticePoint personnel.

Mr. Hilgendorf reported on the progress at the Greater Hayward House of Hope. April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the official opening date of the facility. They have hired Paul Zilly to be program coordinator, and he has a construction background. Mr.

Zilly will help train GHH transition members in construction skills and they are already being contacted by area businesses to perform small contracting jobs. Community support is strong; donations are coming in from the community and area churches. In addition, they hope that contracting jobs will help financially support the entity. They currently are housing two individuals and should be able to house up to five in the future.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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