

Minutes of the April 12th 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
- Tweed Shuman
- Chuck Van Etten
- Dale Olson - Virtual
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Lorraine Gouge
- Jennifer Vobornik
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

- Mike Keefe
- Mike Coleson
- Lynn Fitch
- Paul Grahovac
- Patty Dujardin - Virtual
- Julia Lyons
- Joey Johnson
- Joe Bodo
- Alicia Carlson - Virtual

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

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve the minutes of the February 8 and March 12, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports -- LCO Liaison – Ms. Gouge advised that LCO had two positive cases of Covid in the last two weeks and currently have only one. They are encouraging patients to return to regular health care visits. LCO received a commendation from Governor Evers for Covid care practices. She relayed they are making progress on ways to address drug addiction and homelessness which may include an adolescent treatment center shared between multiple tribes.

Senior Resource Center – Ms. Johnson provided a written report for the committee. She advised that the meals on wheels routes have doubled since before the pandemic. They still need employee positions filled, and snowbirds are coming back thus increasing meal counts.

Adult Long-Term Care -- A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac said we still are looking to fill the part-time APS position. The new phone system in the ADRC will be installed in April and will be more efficient and less expensive.

Behavioral Health – Mr. Bodo reported that nursing home calls for mental health are increasing due to late stage dementia patients becoming violent. Under Chapter 51, these individuals are not treatable by mental health professionals.

Child Protective Services -- Written reports were provided.

Youth Justice – A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac advised that we are still recruiting for a social services aid but have hired a youth justice social worker, Sara Inczauskis.

Economic Support – A written report was provided.

Public Health – A written report was provided. Ms. Lyons advised that the second Omicron variant has been reported but to date is not proving to be a big concern. Public Health is working on the Community Health Improvement Plan

with the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital and they have received a grant to help work on the community resources database. The 30% State opioid settlement funding uses will be available through grants that the State has decided to offer. Public Health staff met with law enforcement agencies and JusticePoint to establish first steps in determining grant uses.

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Future Agenda Items

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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