

**Minutes of the April 25th meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



CJCC Committee Members Present:

Kathy McCoy
Gary Hilgendorf
Becky Barry
Andy Albarado
Jeff Johnson @ 12:14 pm

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Kathy McCoy.

Ms. McCoy advised that the purpose of this work group is to make recommendations for use of opioid settlement money to CJCC Committee.

Andy reported that the weekly call with the Administrators' group expects funds to show up in the 3rd quarter. It's estimated that an amount of \$726,000 is the total expected fund for Sawyer County's allocation which will be distributed for 18 annual payments unless other options are made available.

A residential treatment center in the northern part of the State would be ideal, in partnership with other counties. Maintenance of such a center must be evaluated. Questions: Who would run it? Would it entail developing a non-profit? Services such as mental health counseling within the jail are also key. Meth and heroin are the primary drug uses in our County.

Jeff Johnson reported that mental health service was the need that was determined during meetings with Public Health. LCO can send counselors to our jail as long as they don't see the same clients that ACH sees and they must see the entire population. This service started out strong but we have not seen their counselors in the jail recently.

Kathy will talk to Julia to see where her efforts have been focused in determining potential uses of the State's pool of opioid money.

Jeff said of all arrests, drug use is involved in about 2/3rds of them.

Areas to explore: Oasis building use and availability along with its long-term plans; consider using additional services through JusticePoint; Jeff to look into getting additional hours of service through ACH.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the work group has not been established.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk