

**Minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12:10 pm
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Tom Hoff
- Jeff Johnson
- Kathy McCoy
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Ryan Reid
- Jeff Schley
- Tweed Shuman – Vice Chair 12:10 pm
- John Yackel - Virtual
- Elaine Smith

**Others Present:**

Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Niki Leicht - Virtual  
Melissa Fisher  
Heather Lessard - Virtual  
Joe Sajdera

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 12:02 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** – A motion was made by Mr. Hoff; second by Lt. Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Criminal Justice Coordinator update** – Ms. Leicht advised that there are currently 95 individuals on pre-trial supervision, 5 on electronic monitoring from the jail Huber program, and 0 in diversion programs. At the request of the committee, Ms. Fisher and Ms. Leicht met with Mr. Reid and reported they agree on processes used when an individual is sent to the District Attorney for diversion recommendations. Mr. Shuman suggested that JusticePoint staff also meet with the DA on a regular basis.

Ms. Leicht presented at the meeting a proposal for TAD grant funding. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the proposal to apply for TAD funding from the Wisconsin Department of Justice to fund a pre-trial diversion program focused on substance use disorders and a post-conviction treatment court. A second was made by Mr. Hoff. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Community Services** – The LCO Healing Center initiatives report was tabled until the May meeting. Mr. Hilgendorf reported that the Greater Hayward House of Hope men’s transition home had one individual removed from the home for non-compliance. There are two individuals awaiting approval to be accepted. The facility has sold two sheds built by the residents; a source of income for the entity.

Mr. Hilgendorf advised that the Reflections Women’s Housing still has vacancies and also had an individual removed for non-compliance. Some occupants are successfully moving forward in the program at this time.

**Future Agenda Items** – Ms. McCoy requested a report of programming currently going on in the jail facility.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, June 9, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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