

**Minutes of the May 10th 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: Kathy McCoy
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Grant Gerber
- Andy Albarado
- Mike Woller
- Tweed Shuman
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Katie Belanger
- Ryan Reed
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith – Vice Chair
- Marshal Savitski - virtual
- Julia Lyons

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Joyce Knowlton
Anna Amparo
Julia Lyons

Call to Order – Chair Kathy McCoy 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 the previous meeting dated: April 12, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Mrotek; abstain by Lorraine Gouge
Motion carried without negative vote.

Jail Report -

A written report was provided. Mr. Woller reviewed highlights indicating the average April population being 72.5 inmates, with an unemployment rate of 82.6%. Several jailers need to attend the 5-week jail school. A lack of public defenders often slows down the process of moving inmates through sentencing.

Criminal Justice Coordinator -

A written report of current program participants was provided. The new caseload manager is beginning to take on cases which should decrease the waitlist by next month. Eleven members of the treatment court program attended the training.

Health & Human Services Report -

Ms. Lyons is now the HHS Director; other staffing changes are taking place, and they are getting assistance from other counties for program areas that don't have sufficient staff. Interviews, onboarding and training are ongoing. NorthLakes Clinic just hired additional counseling staff. Ms. Knowlton advised that Sawyer County was approved as a *Narcan Direct* site; they advertised locally to offer Narcan training and received an overwhelming response. In one week, 83 people have completed training, and more training is to come. The LCO and Sawyer County Prevention Coalitions have merged and are meeting to develop the joint program. Sawyer County Public Health has been

approved to provide a one-year job as *recovery coach*, and a job description will be posted this week. They continue to work on finding locations to put Sharp boxes. A recent Drug Takeback Day was a big success; nearly 80 lbs. of medications were collected county-wide.

Community Services Updates -

Mr. Gerber reported that the men's facility has received two new people in their program, and they have one available position, and one individual currently moving through the program. They will also get Narcan training. The homeless task force continues to move forward; one goal is to look for a facility for use as a transition house.

Future Agenda Items -

Homeless Taskforce Update, Incarceration Unemployment Update

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment -

Next Meeting: June 14, 2023 **Time:** 12:00 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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