

**Minutes of the June 9<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 (12:04p)
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Tom Hoff
- Jeff Johnson
- Kathy McCoy
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Ryan Reid
- Jeff Schley
- Tweed Shuman – Vice Chair (12:04p)
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith

**Others Present:**

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

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 12:00 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. Helwig; second by Mr. Johnson to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Criminal Justice Coordinator update** – Ms. Fisher advised that JusticePoint is now supervising 118 pre-trial individuals (contracted for 50) and have one individual in the diversion referral system, another pending, and one individual on alcohol monitor. Due to being over-capacity they are beginning to send memos to the court advising that they cannot supervise until capacity reduces. It was recommended that a discussion between the TGB and the County be re-introduced to find solutions to the over-capacity issue and secure assistance in staffing/supervision roles.

Ms. Leichert reported that they are reviewing a different assessment tool so they can reach more people since this PSA tool does not require an in-person interview. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Helwig to allow use of the PSA risk assessment tool and get access through the Sheriff's Department for staff to complete background checks. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Leichert advised that due to busy schedules, the Ad Hoc work group will discontinue bi-weekly meetings and instead will meet on an as-needed basis. Work on the TAD grant continues.

**Community Services Updates** – Mr. Hilgendorf reported that many individuals are inquiring about staying at the Greater Hayward House of Hope, however, few are willing to complete the program that is required for admittance. One resident in the home is doing very well. The entity has now built four sheds and is beginning to build signs for area businesses as a means to help fund the facility. There is room for two more residents.

Mr. Hilgendorf reported that the Reflections Women's Housing has three residents currently in the program; some others who have started but failed to perform the requirements and could no longer remain in the housing unit. There is no time limit on the duration of stay, and there is room for three more individuals at this time.

Lieutenant Johnson provided a list of out-sourced education and assistance programs that are offered to jail inmates.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, August 11, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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