

**Minutes of the July 7th 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 - Virtual
- Dale Olson
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Lorraine Gouge
- Jennifer Vobornik
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Paul Grahovac
Patty Dujardin
Aaron Halberg

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

Public Hearing on HHS Budget – A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Ms. Dunlap to enter into public hearing on the Health and Human Services Budget. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Ms. Pearson; second by Mr. Shuman to leave public hearing on the HHS budget; motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports

Administration

Adult Long-Term Care – A written report was provided. The Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North (Sawyer County Branch) in partnership with several local agencies completed a vaccination effort for homebound individuals; the effort will continue into August when the grant funds expire.

Behavioral Health – Written reports were provided. At the pace that exists now, Sawyer County will be on target for an expense of just under \$1.6M for out-of-county placements by the end of the year.

Child Protective Services – Written reports were provided. It was suggested that Tibissum Rice, LCO ICW Director, be invited back to explain their residential care center (RCC) costs and how they are monitoring them. Mr. Shuman will extend the invitation and ask the questions.

Economic Support -- A written report was provided.

Public Health – A written report was provided. Sawyer County experienced a few days in the Covid green risk level but is now back to yellow, though no concerns are apparent at this time. Ms. Dunlap stated that about 25% of the country-wide Covid cases are now considered to be variants but vaccinations seem to be protecting against severe cases.

Fiscal – Written reports were provided. Ms. Dujardin explained the layout of the 2022 HHS draft budget, highlighting significant increases and reductions that they are anticipating for the department. The proposed budget will be discussed in future meetings until the final county-wide budget is approved in November.

Potential Uses of ARPA Funds – Mr. Hoff explained the categories of allowable ARPA funds usage and advised that the funds are not to be used to fill any one-time operational gaps. All staff have been asked to submit ideas for usage.

Youth Justice – A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Ms. Petit at 7:34 pm to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Statute §. 19.85(1) (e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business. Motion carried without negative vote.

At 7:44 pm, Mr. Shuman made a motion to go back into open session; second by Ms. Pearson. Motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items – Invitation to Tibissum Rice.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk