

**Minutes of the August 11th 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 - Virtual**
- Lorraine Gouge (12:04p)
- Marc Helwig - Virtual
- 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
- Michael Hoel
- Linda Zillmer - Virtual
- Patrick Roberts - Virtual

Call to Order – Committee member Tom Hoff 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Johnson; second by Mr. Hilgendorf to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

Criminal Justice Coordinator update – Melissa Fisher presented the JusticePoint update; the team continues to operate over capacity. Mr. Shuman stated that the LCO Tribe would like to meet with JusticePoint members to discuss potentially supporting/housing a staff member on the reservation to assist individuals in pre-sentencing measures. Mr. Schlender reviewed the purview requirements on which JusticePoint operates. Mr. Hoff advised that measures the County is using to abate the over-crowding jail problem include pursuing the TAD grant for a problem-solving court, JusticePoint monitoring of individuals, CPS and CCS staff member involvement and additional potential programming if opioid settlement funds get disbursed to Sawyer County.

Problem Solving Court – Heather Kierzek provided an overview of the process to apply for the TAD grant which would be able to service programs for individuals age 17 and up.

Precision Kiosk Update – Michael Noel reviewed the types of monitoring services that the Precision kiosk is able to perform if programmed and used. The Sawyer County unit is currently housed in the vestibule of the County Jail. The machine would require approximately 15 tests per day to be budget neutral if use is maintained.

Community Services Update – The men's and the women's shelters at LCO request to be on the September agenda. Mr. Hilgendorf advised that the Greater Hayward House of Hope is seeing some success in its faith-based programming with two of the individuals housed there now. The community remains supportive in providing work for the residents and in providing financial assistance. They have room for one more male resident at this time.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, September 8, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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