

Minutes of the September 6th 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
- Vice Chair: Jesse Boettcher
- Marshal Savitski
- Michael Maestri
- Chris Rusk
- Lorraine Gouge
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap - Virtual

Others Present:

- Andy Albarado
- Alex Butterfield
- Lynn Fitch
- Paul Grahovac
- Patty Dujardin - virtual
- Julia Lyons
- Joe Bodo
- Alicia Carlson
- Linda Zillmer - virtual
- Tom Jewell - virtual

Call to Order – Chair Dale Schleeter called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports -- LCO Liaison – Ms. Gouge provided an update from the LCO Clinic and some of the projects they have been working on. The Tribe purchased Norwood Haven to convert it into a short-term sobriety support location. They are breaking ground for a new Elder Center in the spring and a 14-unit apartment housing unit.

Senior Resource Center – Mr. Albarado advised that they have requested \$226,000 for 2023 budget. The increase in costs is due in large to the cost of meals provided and the increase in number of meals being requested.

Administration – A written list of services was provided.

Adult Long Term Care -- We have a new adult-long-term care supervisor on staff, Sarah Sobecki. We may consider sharing a staff member with Iron County for the Information and Assistance Specialist position.

Behavioral Health --A written report was provided. Almost all counties continue to struggle with staffing. Mr. Bodo advised that the County Board must approve the designated intoxicated driver entity for the license that goes into effect October 1st. He reported that our volume of activity in behavioral health calls is in crisis mode. He also requested that LCO re-establish their connection to assist in these calls to reduce the burden on the County, as it is unmanageable at this level.

Mental Health Cost by Client Report – A written report was provided.

Child Protective Services -- Written reports were provided.

Youth Justice -- A written report was provided.

Economic Support -- A PowerPoint presentation (included in the agenda packet) was shared. The presentation reviewed the role of the Northern Consortium and the services they provide. Our county staff have received high marks from the State in educating our consumers on available services and mentioned “no errors” on our staff reporting during our Re-certification Case Review. The monthly economic support unit statistics were shared.

Public Health -- A public health board update was provided by Ms. Lyons; we are no longer at a high incident range at this time. In November, the department will conduct an emergency preparedness exercise.

Fiscal -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Dujardin advised that the budget at this time is looking good.

Future Agenda Items – Overview of the Public Health Unit

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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