

**Minutes of the September 8th 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 - Virtual
- Dawn Petit - Virtual
- Lorraine Gouge
- Jennifer Vobornik
- Carol Pearson
- Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Paul Grahovac
Patty Dujardin
Julia Lyons
Joey Johnson

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 comments made by: Arlene Albares, Joe Bodo, Michael O’Mara, Sherry Bingen, Joyce Nolfke, Dee Judd, Gayle Johnson, Ron Petit and Jim Reynolds

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports – Senior Center – A written report was provided. Ms. Johnson advised that the next meeting for the Senior Resource Center is September 15th at 5:15 pm at the upper level of the Senior Resource Center building. An August meal count was provided and an actual donation average received to offset costs of the meals ranges from \$1.87/site to \$3.82/site; the suggested donation amount being \$5/meal to help offset the average cost of \$13.13/meal according to GWAAR. GWAAR administrative rules do not currently allow social activities to take place at the centers; congregate meals are allowed on a limited basis.

Adult Long Term Care – A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac advised that a new ADRC of the North Dementia Care Specialist has been hired and the Hayward Branch is postponing face-to-face meetings until further notice.

Behavioral Health – Written reports were provided. The staff shortage in HHS departments continues as they are unable to fill some positions. Mr. Bodo stated that crisis contacts are starting to increase again.

Child Protective Services – A written report was provided.

Economic Support – A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac indicated that the County is doing well on the call center and application process.

Public Health – Ms. Lyons presented a Covid update. Sawyer County is currently in the red risk level at 30.2/100,000 cases; some test results are taking longer to get processed.

Fiscal -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Dujardin reported on several categories of expected budget shortfalls.

Youth Justice – Mr. Grahovac reported that Northwest Journey staff contacted the county about the pending building status with the vacancy of Oasis Group Home. At 7:40 pm a motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Olson to move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 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. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 6-0 with no negative votes.

At 7:58 pm motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Ms. Pearson to move to open session. Motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items – Northwest Journey

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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