

**Minutes of the August 10th 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: Kathy McCoy
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Andy Albarado
- Vice Chair: Jeff Johnson
- Tweed Shuman
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Katie Belinger
- Ryan Reed
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith
- Marshal Savitski

Others Present:

Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Joyce Knowlton
Mike Wooler
Julia Lyons
Matthew Filipek

Call to Order – Chair Kathy McCoy 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 to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting; second by Sheriff Mrotek. Motion carried without negative vote.

Opioid Settlement and Work Group Update -- The county board has not made a decision as to how to receive the funds yet. We received a payment of \$20,134.97 last week which has been placed in a segregated account. A \$21,161 additional payment is scheduled before the end of the year. The WCA is holding a opioid abatement summit in Stevens Point in August.

Criminal Justice/TAD Grant Update -- Becky Barry and Andy Albarado met; the grant is due August 19th. They are still determining which priority to apply for but we fit best into priority 3 if we have a judge assigned January 1, 2023, who is willing to sit on treatment court. Honorable Elaine Smith or a family court commissioner may be able to temporarily sit in this position until the new judge is seated. Ms. Smith will check with Tribal Council to see if this is a possibility. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to apply for option #3 contingent on the approval of the Tribal Council approving Ms. Smith to sit on the drug court temporarily from January 1st to August 1st; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Pathways Home Program – Mr. Filipek introduced a grant funded re-entry program called Pathways Home Program. Their goal is to get 200 participants and they currently have 38. They are working with DOC facilities all over the state and with jails in area counties. Goals are to reduce recidivism and get long-term employment for participants. These services are already being offered through our jail and JusticePoint systems and will continue.

By-Laws Review and Possible Update – Ms. McCoy presented the by-laws and recommended it would be important to have two representatives from HHS on the board, one of which will be the juvenile coordinator. This would require a by-law change and will remain on the agenda for September.

Community Services Update -- Mr. Hilgendorf advised that there is an opening in the Men's House and a list of people waiting to come in. They are working an individual who may help them train individuals in the trades services.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, September 7, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room and will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month thereafter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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