

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Virtual meeting  
September 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Present Council Voting Members – Position

Yes John Yackel – Sawyer County Circuit Court Judge  
Yes Doug Mrotek – Sawyer County Sheriff  
Yes Bruce Poquette – District Attorney (or designee)  
Yes Jeff Johnson – Sawyer County Jail Administrator  
Yes Tom Hoff – Sawyer County Administrator  
Yes Tweed Shuman – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative/Vice Chair of CJCC  
Lorraine Gouge – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative  
Virtual Ryan Reid – State Public Defender Office Representative  
Virtual Jeff Schley – Department of Corrections Representative  
Yes Marc Helwig – Sawyer County Board Representative  
Yes James H. Schlender Jr. – Sawyer County Board Representative/Chair of CJCC  
Yes Kathy McCoy – Citizen Member  
Gary Hilgendorf – Citizen Member

Others present: William Trepanier, Joe Morrey, Cindy Lehner, Nice Sayner (JusticePoint) - virtual

Chair Schlender called meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law

Motion by Yackel, 2nd by Poquette, to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Comment. Motion carried

Motion by Hoff, 2nd by Yackel, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

JusticePoint Update: Chair Schlender presented Article 2. Responsibilities and Statement of Activity. Schlender sees an issue with verbiage “that the program shall not exceed 50 defendants” and also “with approval of the Sawyer County Administrator and JusticePoint”. The Article also doesn’t address outpatient programs. Nick Sayner with JusticePoint assured the committee that his staff will be looking at outpatient programs. Sayner also stated that any organization delivering these services have to have a max number of defendants or they will not be able to their job with the employees they have. It was agreed upon that Sayner will come to Sawyer County to meet with Hoff, Shuman and Schlender to discuss the contract. Hoff will be in charge of setting this up.

A community service program/department needs to be set up – this was previously in place but left when McNamer retired.

Hoff and Sayner gave a JusticePoint update. When asked about how quickly JusticePoint can be ready to start the response was as soon as the contract can be agreed upon. Sayner said he can create a job description by the end of next week and get the interview process started.

MOU with Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board was handed out. Schlender stated that there are three items that need to be addressed: Funding, Jurisdiction and Services. Schlender asked for Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board to meet and discuss this. He also stated that we need to get the programs back in place that McNamer and Bergum had. Shuman said that Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board wants to contribute and believes that they have more court resources to contribute at this time.

William Trepanier said that the Lac Courte Oreilles facility has expanded the courtroom, now has a jury box, has Zoom capabilities for court hearings and can offer more services for people.

Kathy McCoy said that she hopes that this program can get 50/50 participation on the MOU so that both sides have equal investments in our residents.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Minutes recorded by Cindy Lehner