

**Minutes of the October 12th 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
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- Tweed Shuman
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Katie Belinger
- Ryan Reed
- John Yackel
- Elaine Smith - virtual
- Marshal Savitski - virtual

Others Present:

Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Becky Barry
Mike Woller
Julia Lyons
Michelle Briggs
Joyce Knowlton
Jessica Bjork

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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from previous meeting – Mr. Albarado advised that the last meeting did not have a quorum so no minutes were taken.

By-Law Review & Update – Tabled until next month; Mr. Albarado has been making some of the suggested changes in the attached draft revision that will be reviewed in November.

Criminal Justice Coordinator – Ms. Barry reported 127 people on pre-trial and they are broken down in risk levels for case management. There are 17 diversion cases; 4 diversion referrals pending; 10 completions; and 3 pending denials. Intakes pending for new bonds are at 51. She introduced Michelle as a new Pre-trial Specialist. Judge Yackel shared that it is a positive sign to see completions return to court and get acknowledged. Jail inmate population remains high. Ms. Barry reported that our entire amount for the TAD pre-planning grant has been approved which will allow us to hire a treatment court coordinator.

Presentation by Public Health – Community Needs & Opioid Funds – Ms. Lyons introduced Joyce Knowlton and Jessica Bjork who have been working on an analysis of the process to date. They reached out to a majority of the agencies and entities of Sawyer County to gather their information. One of the biggest gaps found is in the area of youth justice services. They are trying to determine where services are duplicated or missing so all entities can become educated on what is available in the County. They will be conducting a vaping panel in the school. Our community does not have peer recovery; LCO is beginning training on this area. First Responders are seeing high meth use in the youth population but the schools are not seeing the same; a youth survey will be developed. High meth use in family units has been correlating to high truancy rates in schools. Ms. Lyons reported that a potential use for investment of funds may be in

the area of transitional housing. Two considerations for use of funds include: purchasing a house for use in transitioning and/or funding more hours of mental health services in the jail. HHS would like to schedule a joint assembly for all area schools to provide education on the legal and health ramifications of drug use.

Community Services Update --

2023 Budget Update – election; by-laws; standing HHS report; possible housing opportunity the Department of Corrections

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, June 8, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room, and the next work group meeting will be held November 9 at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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