

**Minutes of the November 2nd 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
- 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
Alicia Carlson
Aaron Halberg
Louise Ladenthin
Linda Zillmer

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 Louise Ladenthin and Aaron Halberg

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports – Mr. Shuman reported a surge in Covid cases of staff at LCO and the subsequent temporary closing of the early head start, head start and day care facilities for ten days.

Senior Resource Center – Written reports were provided. Ms. Johnson advised that the cost analysis for meals is currently at \$10.49 each and the Centers are requesting \$5 donations from consumers; the labor cost for this service is higher than actual food costs even though food costs have risen 20-25% each month. She presented the two Winter Meal Site options that have been proposed to the community.

Adult Long-Term Care – A written report was provided. Mr. Grahovac reported the state added two new half-time Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) positions to the ADRC-N. The ADRC-N Board assigned one of those two positions to the ADRC-N Hayward Branch. The Hayward Branch is going to combine the new DCS halftime position with the Hayward Branch open halftime Information and Assistance Specialist position in hopes of having better luck filling the two part-time positions as a fulltime position.

Behavioral Health – Written reports were provided. Mr. Grahovac advised that progress has been made on the new EHRS (electronic health care system) and it should be running by mid-December.

Child Protective Services – Written reports were provided. Mr. Grahovac shared the Children, Youth, and Family Services Unit is still running short-staffed, including the recent resignation of the social services aid, adding further workload stress. Karla May Kay, former Child Protective Services Supervisor (CPS) is now the Children, Youth, and Family Services Unit Supervisor with supervisory responsibilities overseeing both CPS and Youth Justice. CPS Social Worker, Julie Kincannon, is now serving in the role as Lead Worker to assist Ms. Kay with supervisory responsibilities.

Youth Justice – A written report was provided.

Economic Support – A written report was provided.

Public Health – Ms. Lyons presented the Covid update, stating that Sawyer remains in the Red Risk level but it seems to have plateaued. Charts were reviewed. Community testing sites remain available with a new site at the Zion Lutheran Church in Winter on Wednesdays through December 8th. The Pfizer vaccine has been EAU approved for 5-11 year-olds.

Fiscal - A written report was provided.

2022 Budget Discussion – The County is facing a potential \$50,000-\$90,000 shortfall that needs to be address; no action was taken.

Future Agenda Items

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be Tuesday, December 7th, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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