

November 3, 2020

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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House – Assembly Room

DATE: November 3, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Dale Schleeter at 6:30 P.M.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Roll call was taken. Members present included:

Dale Schleeter, Chuck VanEtten, Carol Pearson, Lorraine Gouge, Tweed Schuman (arrived 7 pm), Dale Olson, Dawn Petit, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Members absent: Jennifer Vobornik

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Patty Dujardin, Julia Lyons, Joe Bodo, Alicia Carlson, Carol Gucinski, Tanya Armsbury, Alex Butterfield

**Others in Attendance:**

Joey Johnson

**Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Audience Recognition**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Dawn Petit to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried.

**Reports**

**a. LCO Liaison**

Lorraine Gouge reported the following:

- Dr. Harry Malcolm hired for the clinic, along with additional specialists and support staff. The Tribe has a vision to build a new clinic with expanded services.
- Work continues on additional placement homes for COVID-positive individuals. Two more homes are nearly ready.
- There has been an increase in AODA MH concerns during this pandemic.
- Jack Link is offering employment aimed at those in recovery; the Tribe is addressing related transportation issues
- The Tribe is working closely with Julia Lyons and the Emergency Response Team; they need help with contact tracing.
- Tribe is working on native representation to aid those transitioning back into the community.

**b. Senior Resource Center**

Joey Johnson provided a copy of the 85.21 Grant Application for 2021 to HHS Board members. A motion to accept the 85.21 Grant Resolution for 2021 and forward to the County Board with a recommendation for approval made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Dale Olson. Motion carried.

## **Behavioral Health**

### **a. Winnebago Mental Health Institute Placement Update**

There are currently two placements at Winnebago. Joe Bodo reported that Carol Lund was very helpful in relocating one male to a facility in Racine, WI, and the transfer will take place soon. Efforts continue to find other placement for the remaining client. County Administrator, Tom Hoff, stated that high placement cost is the number one issue among northern region administrators and continues to be addressed.

### **b. CCS (Comprehensive Community Services)**

The full-time service facilitator for this program has resigned effective November 6, 2020. NorthLakes Community Clinic is on board to become a provider for mental health and other counseling services. Director, Paul Grahovac, and Alicia Carlson will be meeting with the state CCS Administrator and the North Central Region CCS Administrator to discuss recruitment and retention of service facilitators. Detailed documentation required for CCS billing through Medicaid can be overwhelming. Patty Dujardin, HHS Financial Manager, reported that ideally CCS is budget neutral, however, with an increase in staff turnover the cost to the county increases.

## **Public Health**

### **Coronavirus Update**

Public Health Officer (PHO) Julia Lyons provided Coronavirus data for Sawyer County as of November 3, 2020 in a power point presentation, showing a cumulative total of 429 positive COVID-19 cases with 20 having been hospitalized. There are currently 78 active cases, with 4 deaths confirmed. She discussed a new category of “probable” cases: those who are in close contact with a confirmed case, but have not been tested. The website and the Facebook page remain current, and the website has been updated to provide better navigation to important information on the pandemic, including testing options and a testing hotline.

## **Fiscal**

### **a. Budget Performance Report**

The HHS budget performance report for September was provided to the Board.

### **b. Purchased Services Recap**

A copy of the purchased services recap for September was provided to the Board.

### **c. 2021 HHS Budget**

Tom Hoff reported that out-of-county placements are a big concern. The HHS fund balance will be used to cover expenses in 2021 before cutting services, but if the trend continues in 2022, that might change.

## **Any Items for Discussion Only**

The idea of building a placement facility in Sawyer County was introduced.

Funding for out-of-county placement for native children may be available through WI DOA/LCO Tribal Compact.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.