



# Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting  
February 8, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

## Attendees:

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Angela DeOtis	Jay Weatherford	Melissa Pribyl
Ann Bajari	Joel Torkelson	Mona Volden
Ben Byker	Joshua Ryder	Nick O'Rourke
Bryden Giving	Julia Ashley	Patty Larson
David Nelson	Dr. Kim Tjaden	Toni Seroshek
Jami Goodrum-Schwartz	Marlene Kittock	

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1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made, welcoming new member Mona Volden.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the January Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Melissa Pribyl and second by Jay Weatherford.
  - b. Motion to approve January Minutes by Nick O'Rourke and second by Marlene Kittock.
  - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
  - a. Mileage for meetings-*Jami Goodrum Schwartz*
    - During recent discussions on Per Diems for the various committees it was brought up that mileage is not included for any meetings. Going forward you will not be able to claim mileage for any meetings. As we are virtual right now, this is not a problem. When in person meetings begin again if this is a hardship, we can work with members to continue virtual meetings with them.
      - (a) Question: How are claims submitted?
        - ◆ Patty Larson will mail out Claim for Payment forms to members of the Task Force. If you should be receiving these and haven't, please let her know.
  - b. Wright County Community Action (WCCA) Update-*Jay Weatherford*
    - WCCA Food Security Expansion 2016
      - (a) Wright County Food Self (serving countywide)
      - (b) Emergency Food Box Program (2017)
      - (c) Backpack Program for Head Start and HLWW Public Schools (2017)
      - (d) Senior Mobile Food Shelf (2018)
      - (e) Senior Frozen Meal Program (2020)
      - (f) Countywide Fresh Produce Distribution (2020)
      - (g) Produce Preservation and Distribution (2021)
    - WCCA and Untiedt's Vegetable Farm in Waverly, MN have had a partnership since the pandemic started.
      - (a) In 2020, Untiedt's made a commitment to support WCCA with as much produce as possible in order to serve those in need.
      - (b) In 2020, WCCA was able to distribute about 150,000 pounds of produce through Wright County and beyond.
      - (c) Multiple distribution partners in Wright County.

- (d) WCCA realized they weren't utilizing all the produce, so they started looking at the preservation process. A Hungers Solution Grant was pursued and awarded. With this grant money they were able to purchase equipment to provide the capability to freeze, dehydrate, refrigerate or pressure can produce.
- (e) Untiedt's purchased Red's Café building in Montrose and have committed to continue to donate produce to WCCA and allow WCCA to utilize the kitchen as part of the canning and production process, which will be done by volunteers and supervised by WCCA staff.
- In 2018 started a program called Aging Alliance, which focuses on filling service gaps for seniors. The program is intended to educate and provide a safety net for Wright County seniors 60+ to live independently and to empower seniors to thrive in their golden years. Serving the needs of all older adults in Wright County. Individuals needing:
  - (a) Nutritional Support
  - (b) Socialization and Engagement
  - (c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)
- c. Strategic Plan/CHIP Update-*Joel Torkelson*
  - General Overview
    - (a) Common theme in this work is a team approach to developing and implementing our plans (internal and external). Partnerships are key.
    - (b) The health issues facing our communities are not individual problems; they are a symptom of something much deeper.
    - (c) COVID-19 has directly impacted the requirements and expectations (along with MDH).
  - Minnesota Chapter 145A mandates that Community Health Boards (CHB) develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) every 5 years. Requirements include:
    - (a) Complete a comprehensive assessment of health concerns within the community.
    - (b) Prioritize the top health needs of communities using the data from the health assessment.
    - (c) Develop an action plan (CHIP) for the community, in collaboration with the community, to implement a plan to meet the prioritized needs.
      - ◆ This last round of documents was supposed to be submitted in 2020 but due to COVID this did not happen for all local Public Health agencies. We have decided to go with the cycle the hospitals are on, which is every three years, so the next set of documents will be due in 2022.
  - Our hospitals are also required by the IRS to do a Community Needs Assessment and develop an Implementation Strategy every three years.
  - The four key steps we take throughout this process:
    - (a) Assess: Community Health Assessment
    - (b) Prioritize: Priority Health Issues
    - (c) Plan: Community Health Improvement Plan
    - (d) Implement: Monitor, Revise Community Health Improvement Plan
  - We use a specific method which is called MAPP, Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership.
  - CHIP Priority Areas:
    - (a) Substance Abuse
    - (b) Mental Health & Wellness

- (c) Dental Care
- Things that are guiding our work include:
  - (a) Community Engagement
  - (b) Health Equity
  - (c) Resilience
  - (d) Community Education
  - (e) Organizational Partnership-which is key to this work.
- Strategic Plan areas:
  - (a) Mission
  - (b) Vision
  - (c) Values
  - (d) Vision Elements
  - (e) Strategies
  - (f) Goals
  - (g) Objectives
  - (h) Action Plan
- Strategic Priorities Identified as a Division (Public Health) 2020-2024
  - (a) Deeper Understanding of Community Needs Through Developing Strong Community Partnerships
  - (b) Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure
  - (c) Incorporate Health Equity into Public Health Culture
- Each priority area has an internal team of staff. Each priority area has goals, objectives and action steps identified. Plan aligns with our CHIP; the work of both plans supports and enhances each other's impact.
- Successes to Date:
  - (a) Completed staff assessment in October: Training preferences for professional development and health equity assessment.
  - (b) Expansion of our "Health Equity Squads"
  - (c) Launched a Health Equity Portal for staff
  - (d) Build new partnerships across the community to support our COVID-19 response
- Question-When doing the Community Needs Assessment how do you insure you are getting responses from a diverse group of people and not just from people that have the resources to answer the assessment?
  - (a) We are hoping to do some community engagement and build relationships a head of time and build trust and let them know we are invested in our community and all its residence. We had a great turn out at a mobile home park in Montrose where residents were invited to a meal and to have an open discussion about their needs.
- d. Dental Center Updates-*Jami Goodrum Schwartz*
  - Bonding bill of \$1.4 passed. The new dental clinic will be located in the lower level at the new Government Center. It will be 6000 square feet and it will be run by Community Dental. There will be upwards of 10 to 12 operatories in the dental space. Will be working on design plans and will take a tour of one of their other dental centers. BKV, the architect designing the Government

Center, will be taking on this project, and will be touring the other dental center as well.

Construction on the dental center is slated to be done at the end of this year, which is about the time the new Government Center should be completed. This clinic will provide services to community members not only in Wright County but the surrounding counties as well.

- Received grant money which will fund a new Health Promotion/Dental Coordinator position, who will be working with area clinics/hospitals on getting information out about the dental center.
- Received a UCARE grant of \$100,000 which will help pay for architectural fees.

e. COVID-19 Response Update-*Jami Goodrum Schwartz*

- <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/data/index.jsp>
- <http://www.co.wright.mn.us/945/coronavirus-COVID-19>

(a) This will allow you to sign up on a random selection list for 65 or older residents of Wright County. What that means is if we have vaccine that wasn't used during one of our clinics you could be randomly selected from this list to receive the vaccine.

- Public Health has been working on finishing up vaccinations for group 1A, which is law enforcement, firefighters, healthcare. Started planning and vaccinating group 1B, which includes childcare staff, PCAs and school staff. Clinics have ranged anywhere from 80-400 recipients depending on our supply of vaccine. These have been drive-thru clinics, so people just pull their vehicle into the building/garage, receive their vaccination, drive out, wait 15 minutes for any possible reaction and then drive away. It has been working very smoothly.

5. New Business

- a. None.

6. Old Business

- a. None.

7. Other

- a. Building Update: Last week some staff were able to take a tour of the building. On the first floor we have the WOW van garage and we also have the Supervised Visitation room. The medical clinic is on level 0 (downstairs) along with the new dental clinic. Some of these areas are very unfinished with dirt floors still. On the first floor we have spots for about 30 staff which will be for our Fiscal/Tech staff. The second floor, which will house the rest of Health & Human Services—approximately 180 staff—has over 60,000 square feet. The drywall is not up on the second floor but all the steel girders and things like that are up so you can see the space taking shape. Some departments have had some significant design changes which has pushed the completion date out to about October-November of 2021.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, March 8, 2021

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Jay Weatherford, second by Marlene Kittock
- Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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