



Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting

March 8, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

Attendees:

Angela DeOtis	Jenna Kopp	Melissa Pribyl
Anna Olsen	Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader	Mona Volden
Ann Bajari	Joshua Ryder	Patty Larson
Ben Byker	Julia Ashley	Sarah Grosshuesch
David Nelson	Dr. Kim Tjaden	Teresa McNamee
Jason Franzen	Mark Daleiden	Toni Seroshek
Jay Weatherford	Marlene Kittock	

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made, welcoming new members Ann Bajari and Bryden Giving.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the January Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Ann Bajari and second by Marlene Kittock.
 - b. Motion to approve January Minutes by Melissa Pribyl and second by Mark Daleiden.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Environmental Health-*Anna Olsen*
 - Healthy Homes
 - (a) Prior to COVID, were doing in home consultations by making recommendations on how to make their home safer. We are able to supply basic materials such as CO2 and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and various locks. For now, we are handling referrals as they come in, but we are unable to do in-person home visits at this time.
 - Lead
 - (a) Currently 4 open elevated blood lead level cases.
 - ◆ Question: Is this lead in paint and with the 4 cases how, are those cases identified and are there any screening in that area.
 - (i) Lead is found in our environment in a variety of ways and paint is a common way. If a house is built prior to 1978 approximately there is a chance that lead could be in that paint. If you have corners chipping lead dust could be in the air or a small child could ingest the paint chips and this is how it could elevate a child's blood lead level. A lead test is done as a well child check so that is how it is found. If the level comes back as 5.0 or higher that is considered abnormal and will be sent to the state. The state then sends it to the county, which in Wright County would go to Anna. She then does follow up with the family, giving them resources and encouraging them to do a follow up test in about 3 months. If the level is higher than 15 then a home visit is required.
 - Radon
 - (a) WCPH continues to offer short term radon test kits to the public at a reduced cost of \$5. That fee does include lab analysis and postage. Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer for nonsmokers and the only way to know the radon levels in your home is to do the test.
 - PH Nuisance

- (a) No current active investigations going on.
- (b) 60 environmental health complaints in 2020. Pretty average for most years.
- Septic (Planning & Zoning)
 - (a) In 2020, 108 new systems installed, and 240 replacement systems installed.
- Well Water Testing (Planning & Zoning)
 - (a) In 2020, ran 106 water tests: 3 with nitrates just over 1 ppm, 0 with nitrates over 10 ppm, 3 tested positive for coliform bacteria.
 - ◆ Question: For the 3 that had nitrates, are they put on a map so you can see if there is a certain area these are in.
 - (i) Yes, through the state. Patty will send this information out with these minutes.
- Car Seat Recycling
 - (a) We started recycling in April 2014. No cost to the public and open to all. We take seats to the recycling facility IF during a CPS appointment. If not a CPS appointment, then folks can drive the car seat out to the recycling facility.
- b. Dental Center Updates-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Community Dental continues to work on the planning portion of it. They need to come up with architectural plans to develop the space and without those plans we don't know what the construction costs will be. Once those costs are determined, then Community Dental can start fundraising with some of their foundations to fund primarily the equipment costs.
- c. COVID-19 Response Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Situation Update: This is a report that gives information such as total number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths for the week. It also gives information on the number of people that have been vaccinated. In the update there are links to the Wright County Dashboard as well as the Wright County Facebook page and Wright County COVID-19 Website. Sarah shared last week's Situation Update with the group. Sarah will make sure PHTF members get the COVID Situation Updates going forward.
 - We have vaccinated over 5,000. We are finishing up early childhood through 12th grade and childcare providers while also vaccinating those 65 or older.
 - Minnesota launched a youth testing campaign. All Wright County Schools are in-person so the Minnesota Department of Health are asking students to get regularly tested. There have been a couple cases of a variant called B117 in Carver County associated with youth athletics, so they are recommending that those youth athletes get tested once a week. All seven metro counties have cases of B117 and it continues to grow in proportion of the other positive cases. As they are doing screening, they are finding it is a larger and larger percent of cases. This is a developing situation.
 - The next group we will be vaccinating is Food Processors. After this group it will be all other childcare providers. We will be doing Court Services and Corrections. Then we get into restaurants, grocery stores and those type of facilities.
 - (a) Question: Is there any follow up besides the 15-minute wait time after the vaccine is administered? No but we give everyone information on an app called V-Safe that you can download, and you register yourself and the dose you received and report reactions that way.
 - Data was shared from <https://www.mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/data/index.jsp>
- 5. New Business
 - a. None.
- 6. Old Business

- a. None.
7. Other
 - a. Drug Free Communities Grant is a five year grant. The position has been recently filled with a new Health Promotion Coordinator. Her name is Lori Blaukat and she started on March 1st. She will be working specifically with MEADA and will be presenting to the group in the near future.
 - b. Teresa McNamee would like to have a discussion around the events that took place at the local Allina Clinic recently. She will also be bringing this up at the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
 8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, April 12, 2021
 - a. Dental Coordinator-Greg Wise
 - b. Dental Center Updates
 - c. Immunizations (Regular and COVID)-Kristie Rathmanner
 9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Jay Weatherford, second by Mark Daleiden
 - Adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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