

Attendees:

Angela DeOtis	Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader	Mary Nesseth
Ann Bajari	Joel Torkelson	Melissa Pribyl
Ben Byker	Julia Ashley	Mona Volden
Christine Misati	Dr. Kimberly Tjaden	Patty Larson
Ellie Vanasse	Mark Daleiden	Sarah Grosshuesch
Dr. Eric Bailey	Marlene Kittock	Toni Seroshek
Jenna Kopp		

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the April Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Melissa Pribyl and second by Mark Daleiden.
 - b. Motion to approve April Minutes by Mark Daleiden and second by Ann Bajari.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Dental Center Updates-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Had first meeting of the steering committee. Had several proposals for dental center plans. The steering committee members each scored the various proposals and the top three were invited back to do a presentation of their design. The committee made a selection and background checks are done and the proposal will go to board on May 18th for final approval. The timeline will be close to the timeline for the new Government Center opening.
 - With the new dental center coming and the exam room space in the new building Children’s Dental Center, who are completely independent, will need to find a new location to provide services in Wright County. Wright County will work with them to help find a location so dental resources can be accessible in multiple areas of the county.
 - b. Home Visiting Program Updates-*Mary Nesseth and Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Announcement: Mary Nesseth is set to retire the end of May.
 - We are moving to a new evidence-based Home Visiting model called MECSH, which is based out of Australia. It is a nurse-based model but allows the flexibility that we haven’t had with NFP. Right now, we have two different evidence-based models in two different teams under two different supervisors. Mary Nesseth has specialized in the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) evidence-based model and Casey Henre has been running the Health Families America (HFA) evidence-based model. So, we are going to consolidate into one evidence-based model. This will allow the nurses the ability to back each other better and be able to serve clients better throughout the county. Along with us, Sherburne, Benton and Stearns are moving to this model. One of reasons we focus on an evidence-based home visiting model with our nurses is that we are able to collect a higher reimbursement rate from our PMAPs or the Medicaid insurance plans that serve our county.
 - Handouts about MECSH shared by Sarah.
 - (a) Brief overview: MECSH is a high-quality, evidence-based nurse-led structured program for families needing extra support in their parenting journey. The program consists of at least 25 home visits, primarily by the same nurse. Home visits take place based on the child’s age. Families may receive three prenatal visits and after the baby is born visits are scheduled with the family and continue until child’s 2nd birthday.

c. COVID-19 Response Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*

- Have a second dose clinic tomorrow at the Wright County Highway Department. We are helping with vaccinating 16, 17, 18-year-olds at a school this week. We will be vaccinating within our jail facility this week as well.
- We have been able to fill up our clinics up until about two weeks ago. This could be contributed to providers only offering the vaccine to their clients until about two weeks ago when they started offering it to the general public. We have made a concerted effort to reach out to our healthcare partners and try to get access to our school population. As of last week, any school that was interested had access to Pfizer either through Links or had onsite or close by appointments. We are doing a second dose clinic for one of our schools this week. One of the nice things about Pfizer being a two-dose series is that it is only a three-week time frame between doses and so we were able to get them fully vaccinated before graduation and end of the year sports. Many colleges are requiring students to vaccinated before starting in the fall so having the ability to get them vaccinated quickly is a big convenience for students.
- We are now at the point where the demand has dropped off so a lot of the requirements from the state have dropped off as well and we are now able to hold on to doses until enough people are interested and we can pool enough people to vaccinate without wasting any doses. We are able to keep it on hand for when the need/want arises. We have access to Johnson and Johnson now and there are people that have been waiting for this one dose vaccine.
- Sarah shared information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website.
- With the possibility of Pfizer becoming available to 12 to 16-year-olds we have been having conversations with our healthcare partners about how we might improve access to that group. We are really trying to connect with our healthcare partners and pharmacy partners to provide Pfizer. We don't carry Pfizer in our vaccine plan, and we would prefer that that is organized through a healthcare provide and then we have providing vaccinators. While we have helped set up vaccination clinics with our schools all of the logistics and vaccine handling has been done primarily by our healthcare partners and then we have provided some staff to assist. Moderna will be looking to submit their information to the FDA and ACIP for review sometime at the end of the month.
- Question about pop-up clinics and going out into the community to meet people where they're at for better access.
 - (a) Did our first pop-up clinic last week in Howard Lake. Opened it up for a few walk-ins. We have also been working with Wright County Community Action (WCCA), they do both meal program and then they do phone calls with their participants and have been trying to connect with those folks with vaccine and if they are homebound, we have been able to do them through a couple of different methods. We continue to take those names and meet them where they're at. We have identified a few additional areas of the county where we would like to do either a pop-up or we are looking at having Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and various partners, who have converted a couple bus and mobile clinics to be mobile vaccination sites. We are planning for one to come to an area of the county that is primarily Spanish speaking and we will have interpreters on site. We have found a few pockets in the county that have low vaccination rates. We have also engaged some churches and that will be one of the sites for the mobile bus clinics.
- Question about vaccination in the jails.
 - (a) With the average jail census is about a month it makes it difficult to insure someone has access to two doses. Now that the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is over, we are able to offer that vaccine to inmates.

d. Pictures of new building-*Sarah Grosshuesch*

- Sarah shared general furniture plans for the new Government Center as well as a You Tube virtual tour of the Justice Center. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b77olp1rciM>

- The third building project is the Tactile Center, and it has the new Emergency Operations Center for the county. It is located outside the 10-mile nuclear zone around Monticello.
5. New Business
 - a. None.
 6. Old Business
 - a. None.
 7. Other
 - a. None.
 8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, June 14, 2021
 - a. Dental Center Updates
 - b. Child & Teen Checkup (CTC)
 - c. COVID-19 Response Update
 9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Jennifer Ray Mader, second by Mark Daleiden.
 - Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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