1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Melissa Pribyl.

2. Introduction of New Members
   a. Introductions were made. Teresa McNamee, whose application is going to board today, is present as a potential new member. Jenna Kopps, who is not present, her application is also going to board today.

3. Presentation and Discussion Items
   a. COVID-19 Updates—Sarah Grosshuesch
      • Incident Command—Sarah Grosshuesch
         (a) First case in Wright County was on March 13th.
         (b) Over 100 cases to date.
         (c) Two LTC facilities with cases.
         (d) Overview of ICS objectives and structure. Org chart provided by Jacob Anson.
      • Equity Officer—Ben Grimm
         (a) Overview of objectives and roles of Equity Team and Officers.
            ♦ Question about safe housing needed in the county. So far not needed. Currently working on a contract with a nonprofit for potential housing. Becky to update in logistics portion.
      • Public Information Officer—Joel Torkelson & Ellie Vanasse
         (a) Overview of objectives and roles.
         (b) Working on different ways to reach population. Trying to reach different demographics by using Twitter and Snap Chat.
      • Operations Section Chief—Casey Henre
         (a) Overview of objectives and roles.
         (b) Took over contact tracing from the state. These are for the cases that test positive in the county.
         (c) Working to get resources, information and essential services to the public.
            ♦ Question-Behavioral Health Unit is listed under this section, what does that mean?
              (i) Two supervisors from Social Services who have put together resources for community members as well as for staff.
            ♦ Question-Nutrition Unit is listed, what does that mean?
              (i) Nutrition Unit oversees helping people who want to sign up for SNAP benefits. This unit is for community members who want to get food support directly through the county. Our Community Needs Unit oversees helping to coordinate meals for seniors and are working with WCCA.
      • Logistics Section Chief—Becky Graham
         (a) Overview of objectives and roles.
(b) Lots of planning for transportation and housing, how to feed, how to make sure they get what they need. We are in 4 county mutual aid agreement with Benton, Stearns and Sherburne counties for resources.

(c) Hotels are an option for housing, but they are few and far between because housing a COVID patient could be a potential issue when reopening to the public.

(d) Arranging PPE pickup has been a big function. Managing incoming and outgoing donations.

(e) Planning for an alternate care site in case there is a need to evacuate an LTC facility or a congregate care setting.

   ♦ Question-You talk about a plan, is the state mandating this and if so do you have to submit your plan?

      (i) Need to have a plan in place but do not need to submit it to anyone. But it is required Public Health provides essential services to anyone that tests positive for COVID in the county.

Planning Section Chief- Jon Young

(a) Best way to describe Planning, we are always evaluating the situation of the emergency and forecast future incidences.

(b) This section has a documentation unit, lots of documentation from our daily responses.

(c) Reaching out to LTC facility and meat processing plants making sure they have a plan in place.

Finance Branch

(a) Have a designated amount of money specifically for COVID response, looking if we can capture FEMA dollars, which they manage.

(b) Tracking our time so we are reimbursed later.

(c) They focus on our grants and reporting. We do have a PHEP grant however that money has been expended early as well.

(d) Logistics works with them.

To do list

(a) Finalize contracts for housing.

(b) Testing gaps.

(c) Working with Eric Leander from the Sheriff’s department about Graduation.

Gregory Wise has been hired by Wright County Public Health as a temporary Planner.

Question- With the cases growing exponentially over the past few weeks, do you expect this will continue or do you think it is going to level off?

(a) People wanting to get tested can get tested, drive through testing in Buffalo, some access on Hwy 12 and in Waconia now. Did have a significant gap so more testing is opening up. As we test more people we will get more positive cases so that is a part of it.

4. Dental Clinic

   a. Have been able to do Skype meetings around the bonding piece with Shane, lobbyist the county has hired. We still continue to receive letters of support. We held two legislative forums via Skype.

   b. Question-Is work continuing on the new building?

       • The construction continues but still waiting on bonding bill.

   c. With loss of jobs and insurances this will be needed more than ever. Possibility of billing it as part of a recovery plan as well.

5. Q&A Session

   a. Any staff going into homes?
• Using Telemedicine at this time. Continuing to see clients and enrolling new clients. Working with Jay and WIC to get diapers and other resources for clients.

b. Now have a texting enabled hotline. Originally set up for using with CTC clients but have been able to utilize this for the COVID-19 hotline.

c. Have we noticed a higher demand for mental health services, Teresa have you been noticing an increase and demand for your services?
   • Teresa—Yes and Yes. Up until last couple of weeks it was very quiet. Slight increase now. Mostly unsafe in relationships, intoxicated or under the influence type situations. Partnering with CMMHC to help with this. With court services opening there will be more need for services.
   • Jacob—Calls from Sheriff’s office looking at 2018 and then again same timeframe in 2020 during COVID-19 they have had roughly a 50% increase in the medical psych calls, those are calls that they respond to where they have to reach out to CMMHS. They have seen about 3 times the amount of suicides during this time. Also during this time have seen more community outreach and help from community members and as this situation starts to normalize those services/support may dwindle which could lead to an uptick in suicides.

d. Melissa has the hospital been seeing more mental health services needed?
   • The St. Cloud location is their COVID response hospital and Monticello is an overflow location. Had a lull but now that people are feeling a little more comfortable leaving their homes there has been an increase in ER services. As far as COVID that is being directed to St. Cloud. Mental health aspect is going to become even more necessary. Geriatric behavioral health unit has been closed and repurposed those spaces for overflow of COVID. Those needs have had to go elsewhere.

e. Whoever replaces Gretchen Frederick as director of nursing should replace her on this board but unsure if they have replaced her yet.
   • Action: Sarah to reach out to have representation from Allina on this Task Force.

f. Allina might be opening some surgeries that had been previously delayed.

g. If people have a need for food or other services, they can reach out to Jay Weatherford and/or Public Health.

h. Anticipate a June meeting with this abbreviated type agenda. Members in favor of this.
   • Action: Patty to send out call for agenda items to members.
   • Action: Sarah/Patty to send out Dental information.

6. Adjourn
   a. Motion by Sue, second by Jay. (11:11 a.m.)

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