I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Wright County Health & Human Services Board met in regular session at 1:30 p.m. with Daleiden and Vetsch present. Husom and Borrell joined remotely. Potter absent. Vice-Chair Daleiden presided the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT:
Christine Partlow, Business Manager
Jill Pooler, Social Services Manager
Kimberly Johnson, Financial Services Manager
Sarah Grosshuesch, Public Health Director
Jami Goodrum Schwartz, HHS Director
Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager
Lisa Spencer, Office Manager
Brent Cornillez, Information Systems Specialist
Jon Young, Public Health Supervisor
Jacob Anson, Health Promotion Coordinator
Angela Martie, Office Technician II
Jessica Nelson, Social Services Supervisor
Diane Erkens, Social Services Supervisor
Karen Popken, Child Support Supervisor
Rochelle Francis Wolfram, Child Support Hearing Officer

OTHER:
Steve Jobe, County Surveyor
Michael Smith-Nordquist, GIS Analyst
Alek Halverson, GIS Coordinator

II. MINUTES APPROVAL
ACTION: Vetsch moved, Husom second, to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes. Motion carried

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Move item # 5 (regular agenda) behind #2
ACTION: Vetsch moved, Borrell second, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA
a. APPROVE REQUEST TO CANCEL 2020-07-27 HHS BOARD MEETING
b. APPROVE 2020-08-20 LICENSING & THERAPEUTIC SERVICES TRAINING DAY, BERTRAM CHALET
c. APPROVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENTS FOR JULY – DECEMBER 2020:
   i. HHS Advisory Committee
      1. Vickie Nibbe – District 5
      2. Jeremy Tyler – District 2
   ii. Mental Health Advisory Council
      1. Cathy Elfstrand – District 2
      2. Sandra Greninger – District 3
3. Carl Harju – District 5
4. Mary Sodergren – District 1
5. Mona Trebesch – District 4

iii. Public Health Task Force
   1. Jay Weatherford – District 2

**ACTION:** Vetsch moved, Husom second, to approve the consent agenda. Borrell proposed to use the 2020-07-27 HHS Board meeting schedule to continue prior discussions on child protection. Daleiden suggested to wait and discuss the proposal in August and possibly put it on the August agenda – unanimously agreed by the Board. Motion to approve the agenda carried.

V. NEW HIRES
   a. Brent Cornillez, Information Systems Specialist, Technology, June 29, 2020

VI. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – AUGUST
   Angela Martie is August Employee of the Month.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA
A. Social Services/Public Health/Financial Services
   1. ACCEPT HHS RESOLUTION 20-03: JUNE DONATION
      **ACTION:** Vetsch moved, Husom second, to accept Resolution HHS 20-03 June Donation. Motion carried via voice votes.
   2. ACCEPT MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL RESIGNATION
      a. Sheila Knop LaPlant – District 1
      **ACTION:** Vetsch moved, Borrell second, to accept Sheila Knop LaPlant’s resignation from MHAC. Motion carried.
   3. PRESENTATION: SAFETALK
      (JACOB ANSON)
      The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in 2019 awarded Wright County a Suicide Prevention Grant to provide evidence-based suicide prevention training to county partners such as first responders, health care, schools, and other Wright County professionals. Health Promotion Coordinator Jacob Anson, certified Livingworks safeTALK trainer, hopes to resume safeTALK training courses post COVID pandemic or as soon as guidelines-approved arrangements are feasible for face-to-face training. Mental health and escalating suicide rates are of highest concern during the current COVID pandemic.

4. PRESENTATION: HHS ACUITY ROLL-OUT
   (CHRISTINE PARTLOW)
   HHS piloted an online scheduling software, Acuity, rolled out by Wright County in early 2020 for customers to schedule appointments with departments that opened their public-facing counters during COVID-19. Clients now have the 24/7 convenience to set up phone or face-to-face appointments with Fiscal, Social Services and Financial Services, with the ability to reschedule, receive notifications and reminders. Acuity also simplified the Agency’s record-control processes such as pulling the daily traffic report from HHS’ two locations, removing the need for three spreadsheets which had been used to track this information. HHS is currently working on notification features when clients check in at the front desk. HHS plans to expand Acuity to Public Health and Child Support.

5. PRESENTATION: COVID DASHBOARD WITH GIS INFORMATION
   (JACOB ANSON, GIS ANALYST MICHAEL SMITH-NORDQUIST)
   Public Health and the Surveyor’s Office embarked on a collaborative project using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping to integrate the published MDH COVID data for Wright County into a HIPAA-compliant dashboard. The dashboard, which is updated every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., is located in the Public Health page of [www.co.wright.mn.us](http://www.co.wright.mn.us) under COVID-19. Suggestion to add a description in
the Age Statistics in Years dashboard specifying a breakdown of representation, i.e. number of cases, hospitalization, death, etc.

Goodrum Schwartz thanked County Surveyor Steve Jobe for the collaborative resource to this project.

B. Administration

1. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Recognized and thanked Rochelle Francis Wolfgram’s 16 years of service to Wright County. Francis Wolfgram retires from her position as Child Support Hearing Officer on July 31, 2020.

Wright County received almost $50K opioid allocation from the State for July to December 2020, with $12K allotted for child welfare staff training to enhance services and partnership with families.

HHS has reassigned a Social Worker Rule 25 Chemical Dependency Assessments position to a Social Worker Generalist position. The State’s allowing private facilities to assess Rule 25 clients and the downtrend of CD assessments since COVID is an opportunity for HHS to dedicate this position to temporarily fill vacancies and provide support in areas needing it. This also partially negates the need to hire temporary workers when staff are on family leave.

HHS provided recommendation to DHS regarding Duffy Housing Development’s application for a new housing development in Monticello – a 53-unit property with 12 units for income-based individuals and families. Developers/builders who dedicate units to supportive housing may be eligible to apply for Federal funding and may seek support or recommendation from the county of jurisdiction. The proposal is currently under review with the City of Monticello.

Distributed copies of Letters of Support for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Noami Blomberg, Administrative Specialist