



## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Christine Husom, District 1  
Darek Vetsch, District 2  
Mark Daleiden, District 3  
Mary Wetter, District 4  
Michael Kaczmarek, District 5

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 12, 2021

DATE APPROVED: [DATE]

Members Present: Husom, Vetsch, Daleiden, Wetter, Kaczmarek

Others Present: Lee Kelly, Jami Goodrum Schwartz, Kim Johnson, Sarah Grosshuesch, Pamela Peikert, WCCAWIC, Debbie Baker, WCCAWIC, Cindy Huff WCCAWIC, Sarah Johnson, WCCA, Jay Weatherford, WCCA

**THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORMAT AND REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY BOARD**

#### I. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant Discussion

Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Jami Goodrum Schwartz discussed the WIC Program and the benefits of Wright County HHS being the coordinator for the WIC Program. Goodrum Schwartz explained to the Committee that WIC is a federal run program and there is a five-year grant to run WIC. If HHS coordinates WIC, they will add five new positions to the County and there would be the possibility of sharing a Registered Dietician with Sherburne County which then the two counties would pay for. Plus, a portion of the created positions salaries would be paid for by Grant Funding. Goodrum Schwartz also said it would be good for the County to have WIC centrally located at the Government Center because it's easily assessable to everyone.

Director of Public Health Sarah Grosshuesch and Goodrum Schwartz went over the SWOT Analysis with the Committee. Commissioner Vetsch said while looking at the budget handout, it shows a revenue of \$369,720 but and the estimated cost to run the program is \$390,000 so it will cost the County money to run the WIC Program. Grosshuesch, said the current grant is \$350,000. Vetsch stated, "if it's not broke, why fix it?"

WIC Program Manager with Wright County Community Action (WCCA) Sarah Johnson gave a power point presentation to the committee. She shared a brief history of WIC and explained that the Notice of Intent to Apply for 2022-2026 funding is due by March 16, 2021 and the Application is due by April 16, 2021. She went over the SWOT Analysis that was done by HHS and explained WCCA's thoughts on every bullet point. She also stated they have three different locations every month which makes it easier for customers to access WIC. Sarah gave examples of different services that are available through WCCA at those locations.

**RECOMMENDATION: It was ultimately decided by the Committee to have WCCA continue the WIC program.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Angie Fisher, Administrative Specialist