

*Attendees:*

**Members** (marked box indicates Present):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Angela DeOtis (Absent)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Bajari                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kim Tjaden (Excused)          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonita Bryant (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Carlson          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Gangnon               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene Kittock        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl VonBerge (Absent)              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pribyl         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Nelson (Absent)                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mona Volden            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Holland             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Seroshek (Chair)  |

**HHS Staff Attendees:**

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| Gavin Woodland | Patty Larson      |
| Jon Young      | Samantha Watson   |
| Kai Sin        | Sarah Grosshuesch |
| Kelsey Collier |                   |

**Guests/Other:**

Michelle Wiebe

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair, Toni Seroshek
2. Introductions were made.
  - a. Welcome new Public Health staff Gavin Woodland and Samantha Watson.
  - b. Welcome new member and commissioner Jeanne Holland.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the November Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Brad Gangnon, second by Michelle Wiebe.
    - Change requested by Jon Young to move 4. c. to 4. a.
  - b. Motion to approve November Minutes by Melissa Pribyl, second by Bonita Bryant.
    - Change: Mark Toni Seroshek from absent to present at the last meeting.
  - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
  - a. Injury Prevention Update-Kai Sin
    - This program is very new. Many counties don't have a program that specifically focuses on fall prevention. We are looking into collaborating with Carver County as well as Dakota County to see what programs are out there. We already have a partner that we provide the grant too. They have 5 homemakers that they would like to train as fall expert so anytime they are working with a client they can teach them things on how to prevent falls. We would also like to provide training to first responders as well as firefighters as they are usually the first person citizens will call when they have fallen. Also looking to target assisted living facilities, CNAs, nursing homes, etc. This program is in the very beginning stages and one of the goals is to form a committee of organizations in Wright County to work on this project.
  - b. New calendar for 2023-Sarah Grosshuesch
    - Motion to approve 2023 calendar by Mona Volden, second by Jennifer Ray-Mader.
  - c. Dental Center Update-Sarah Grosshuesch

- Community Dental Care Buffalo Patient Visit Map was shared. This map shows how many people used the dental clinic and what counties they live in since the clinic opened. This is approximately 2000 people.
- d. Radon-Gavin Woodland
- January is Radon Action Month. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes through the soil. Minnesota has three times higher levels than the national average compared to other states across the country because of our unique geology. So for the month of January and into February we will be going to different city councils and township council meetings to share some information about testing and mitigation efforts, specifically with the areas with the highest values. The reason why radon is such a priority is that it is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking. Radon test kits are sold at the Government Center at the Health & Human Services front desk as well as MN.radon.com as well as some hardware stores. Cost of testing is relatively cheap, but mitigation can be expensive. The state does have a system set up if you need help with these expenses. The state does have a list of mitigators and testers.
    - (a) Handouts given (check with Gavin)
    - (b) Question on what other services are under Environmental Health.
      - ◆ Water testing. We are in the process of getting an accredited lab on site.
      - ◆ Public Health Nuisances.
      - ◆ Healthy Homes.
      - ◆ Lead.
      - ◆ Mold.
      - ◆ Pests.
      - ◆ Another thing that is on the Environmental Health agenda is with Food, Pools, and Lodging Services. We are looking to be a delegate for licensing for our county. Right now, you must go through the state for this, but we are looking to have a licenser delegate in the county to help expedite the process.
5. New Business
- a. None.
6. Old Business
- a. None.
7. Other
- a. Dr. Tjaden, our medical director, is on sabbatical and will be out most of the first half of the year.
8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, February 14, 2023
- a. DP&C and Refugee Health
9. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Mona Volden, second by Melissa Pribyl.
  - b. Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.