



Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting

January 11, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

Attendees:

Angela DeOtis	Dr. Jennifer Ray Mader	Nick O'Rourke
Anna Olsen	Dr. Kim Tjaden	Patty Larson
David Nelson	Mark Daleiden	Sarah Grosshuesch
Jami Goodrum-Schwartz	Marlene Kittock	Sue DeMars
Jason Franzen	Melissa Pribyl	Teresa McNamee
Jay Weatherford	Mona Volden	Toni Seroshek
Jenna Kopp		

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson, Melissa Pribyl
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the November Minutes
 - a. Addition of 4. i. Discuss a Resolution to Declare Wright County has Adequate Resources to Handle COVID-19-Sarah Grosshuesch to the agenda.
 - b. Motion to approve Agenda by Mona Volden and second by Jay Weatherford
 - c. Addition of Marlene Kittock to the November minutes is needed.
 - d. Motion to approve November Minutes by Jason Franzen and second by Jenna Kopp.
 - e. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Tobacco Free Grounds Policy-Anna Olsen
 - Part of our renewal of the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership grant, a requirement for this grant, is that we, Wright County, work on a Tobacco Free Grounds Policy. We do have some tobacco policies but not tobacco free grounds. Anna has been working with County Administration and has a meeting set up with multiple county staff to discuss what this would look like and who would all be involved in this decision. It will be brought to the commissioners at the February workshop. The overall goal is to develop and pass a Tobacco Free Grounds Policy for Wright County and with us moving to one central location it is a good opportunity for us to look at this Tobacco Free Grounds Policy. A survey will be sent out to staff about tobacco use. This would be for county wide tobacco free grounds. The goal is to get a policy passed by the end of the grant cycle, which is October 2021, but this timeline can change. If any Public Health Task Force members would like to be part of this, please contact Anna Olsen.
 - b. SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Plan) Update-Sue DeMars, Anna Olsen
 - Previous grant cycle ran from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020. The previous grant year we secured \$11,000 in leveraged funding. One of those was with Walmart Community Grant. Another one was Safe Routes to School Planning grant through Minnesota Department of Transportation. With our SHIP grant we track our In Kind. If there is a SHIP meeting with a bunch of community members we track how many community members were there and there is a value to that time that they have donated. The value of that time was \$11,800 of In Kind was donated from the Wright County Communities. As far as mini grants and working with various community organizations, we worked with numerous organizations in Wright County.
 - (a) CentraCare Hospital in Monticello with breastfeeding, implementing drop in support groups for breastfeeding moms.

- (b) Wright County Community Action with a mobile inflated freezer to assist with frozen meal delivery for seniors.
 - (c) In home childcare for developing and updating healthy eating policy and purchasing some items related to the development and updating of the healthy eating policy.
 - (d) City of Monticello to help with comprehensive planning updates.
 - (e) Crow River Food Council that works on sustainable food access and sustainable farming in our county.
 - (f) Monticello Help Center with SuperShelves.
 - (g) Monticello Community Center with the Farmers' Markets helping with handwashing stations for COVID, that was with Monticello, Otsego, Rockford, Annandale and Albertville Farmers' Markets.
 - (h) Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District Nutrition Services for ice packs to assist in the operation of meal delivery for BHM school students.
 - (i) St. Timothy Catholic School in Maple Lake with a hydration station.
- So about \$34,000 was given to community members for various grants that were spoken about above.
 - One of the success stories: We were given permission to present Cooking Matters to our communities. We offered five classes. We offered a class for parents at risk, childcare providers, migrant summer school students, Head Start parents with Wright County Community Action. Just this last month we were asked to come into Wright Choice, the alternative learning program, and we offered some classes there. The six-week course is designed for hands on learning to teach participants how to cook foods that are low cost, healthy and delicious. It gives you a step by step instruction for each class. You do a nutrition lesson with your group and then you cook with them and then you seat and eat and discuss the food you cooked. A lot of the ingredients were fresh fruits and vegetables and we used a lot of whole wheat. It gave families the opportunity to try foods that they never thought to try and had lots of good feedback on a lot of the recipes. Worked with the University of Minnesota Extension. They taught all the classes with Sue, except for childcare providers. The first two classes were in person and then finished the rest of the classes were via Zoom due to COVID restrictions. The Walmart grant was \$1000 and that was used to pay for groceries that were sent home with families, so they could cook via Zoom. Funding came from the Walmart grant, some funds from Wright County Community Action as well as SHIP funding. University of Minnesota Extension provided their staff time free of charge as well as groceries to cook with but no funding for groceries to send home.
- c. Drug Free Communities Grant-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- We were notified in December that we were going to be awarded a Drug Free Communities Grant. The grant is for MEADA (Mentorship, Education and Drug Awareness) for \$125,000 per year for five years with the option for another five year renewal. It's meant to do systematic sustainable change in youth. It is focused on engaging young adults 6th through 12th grade in community engagement and events to prevent drug use and abuse. Before COVID, we were working to start a Youth Health Advisory Board. This was put on hold as COVID restrictions were in place. Now that schools are back in session this type of engagement is now possible and we will be working to get this Advisory Board up and running again and this will directly feed into MEADA and the grant. There is a Health Promotion Coordinated position that is funded by this grant that will be serving MEADA. Grant period is the calendar year, so it just started in January.
- d. Mass Vaccination Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Slide show was presented to the county board in December.

- There are two vaccines that authorized in the country and activity being dispensed in the state of Minnesota. We took receipt of vaccine right before Christmas. We do not have any Pfizer vaccine in our possession. We do have healthcare partners that do have the Pfizer vaccine as well as PPP partners, PPP is the Pharmacy Partnership Program that is vaccinating our skilled nursing facilities in Wright county. So CVS's, Walmarts and Thirty Whites in the county are handling those and they are all using the ultra-cold. We do not have the ability to manage this. About 90%-95% of our healthcare Partners have finished their own staff. The PPP program is going well and most of our facilities are done. Moderna vaccine is what we have as well as some of the other pharmacies that are not part of the PPP program. It is a frozen vaccine, and since we already anticipated needing a new freezer as our current one was purchased during H1N1, we purchased a new one using CARES Act funding instead of county dollars. Our local pharmacies are coordinating vaccines with our Long-Term Care facilities. We are working to vaccinate 1A priority groups. The next group that we are waiting for direction on is 1b, which is Essential Workers.
 - On the county website, under the COVID-19 page, there is a link if you would like to receive an email update when community members can sign up for community COVID-19 vaccine clinics. You can find that [here](#). There is also lots of information such as Frequently Asked Questions from both Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevent (CDC). You can also find the Wright County Information Line which is 763-682-7607.
- e. 2021 Schedule with Standing Meeting Topics-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Shared a document with standing agenda items for certain times of the year. This is still a work in progress. Will be finalizing this soon and will send out the final document when completed.
- f. PHTF Office Positions-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Toni Seroshek volunteered to be Chair.
 - (a) Vote: All members present vote to approve this.
 - Jason Franzen volunteered to be Vice Chair.
 - (a) Vote: All members present vote to approve this.
- g. Dental Center Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- The board accepted a bid from BKV to serve as architect. Contegrity is the project manager. They will start to have conversations with Community Dental Care on design. Once those designs are complete we will have a full cost estimate and then there will be some work with Department of Employment and Economic Development. Did apply for funding from UCare's Foundation and were granted \$100,000 to assist with the cost of the architectural design process.
- h. COVID-19 Response Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- There has been some restructuring of ICS to help align better with the vaccination process.
 - (a) Incident Commanders are now Jon Young and Casey Henre.
 - (b) Safety Officer is Tim Dahl, who is the Risk Manager for the county.
 - (c) Information Line has moved into the PIO area.
 - ◆ Working on getting a new Contact Center (integrated phone system).
 - (d) Sarah has moved over to a liaison role between Administration, Human Services and then have taken over all of the schools so nurses could focus on vaccinations.
 - (e) Two strike teams consisting of nurses and office support to facilitate vaccination clinics.
 - (f) Essential services have moved over to Patty Larson and Patty Malecek.

- Still facilitating testing. There are a couple special populations that we are tasked with working with including Corrections. Planning has been focusing on communicating with different groups and also working on the volunteer coordinator piece. Logistics is spending a lot of time with scheduling.
 - Although the vaccine does not cost anything for the client to get, if they have health insurance we are able to bill for administrative costs. This does not affect whether a person can get that vaccine or not. With or without insurance everyone is able to receive the vaccine.
- i. Discuss a Resolution to Declare Wright County has Adequate Resources to Handle COVID-19-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- The document Resolution to Declare Wright County has Adequate Resources to Handle COVID-19 was reviewed and discussed.
 - (a) Task Force members voiced their concerns about this resolution.
 - (b) Motion to reject signing of the document by Nick O'Rourke, second by Toni Seroshek.
 - ◆ Vote: Majority of members present reject signing of the document.
5. New Business
- a. None.
6. Old Business
- a. None.
7. Other
8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, February 8, 2021
- a. Dental Center Update
 - b. Jay Weatherford to present on WCCA
9. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Toni Seroshek, second by David Nelson
 - Adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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