

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nibbe, Vickie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marquez, Kimberly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antl, Linda (Excused) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nyanyuki, Geoffrey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dahlman, Tammi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nagel, Eric |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goodrum, Jami | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray-Mader, Jennifer (Vice Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gangnon, Bradley (Excused) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith, Todd |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Husom, Christine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler, Jeremy (Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lundgren, Kelly | |

HHS Staff Attendees:

Christine Partlow, Emily Anderson, Jill Pooler, Sarah Grosshuesch, Joel Torkelson, Diane Erkens, Jodi Martin

Meeting facilitator (Christine Partlow)

1. Welcome and Introduction – New Member
 - a. Kelly Lundgren (Absent)
2. Mental Health Update (Eric Nagel, Diane Erkens)
 - a. Good attendance
 - b. Presentation by Meg Moynihan – Supporting Farmers in Stress – a Department of Agriculture initiative focusing on engagement and collaboration between different organizations identifying and providing mental health services to farmers
 - i. *Men's Sheds* – a charitable group of senior men in the Twin Cities doing projects, sharing talents with other men, to improve health and well-being; looking to expand their groups
 - c. *Buffalo Strong Day* on February 9, 6:00 P.M., Buffalo High School
3. Public Health Task Force Update (Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader, Sarah Grosshuesch)
 - a. Welcomed new member
 - b. Dental Center update
 - i. Hired its first dentist; she is working in one of the dental sites in the metro
 - ii. Dental Center building plans going to Board in a bidding process
 - iii. Covid response update; opportunity to distribute home tests
 - iv. Working on a contract for a community testing site in Wright County
 - v. PHTF Medical Advisor Dr. Tjaden presented on COVID19 Omicron and its impact
 - vi. Dental Center flyers are available for distribution
4. American Rescue/Relief Plan Update (Commissioner Husom)
 - a. The County Board is working through the approved projects and infrastructure priorities
 - b. Expended \$10.2M in 2021; another \$13M available in May

5. Open Forum:

- a. Presentation: HHS Scorecard (Joel Torkelson, Emily Anderson, Jodi Martin)
 - i. Joel, Emily and Jodi presented the proposed measures to be used for the public-facing HHS Scorecard – asked for committee input based on what the community might want to see
 - ii. Committee Q&A/suggestions:
 1. Include a narrative or data comparison between Wright County and the State on the annual employment rate
 2. Are there measures in place when people stopped using services to show clients graduating from their need of services and have reached where they need to be
 - a. Jami: It is possible, but it is a challenge due to the sheer volume of different services and will need a mechanism to track individual cases; moreover, certain programs are a “revolving door,” but, we should be able to track down some data related to this
 3. Are the data based on a model from counties or exclusively Wright County’s? How are the questions formulated?
 - a. Emily: The data are based on what other counties are doing, the Wright County HHS Annual report, other sources. The indicators and measures were created internally and formed together based on what results that make the most sense
 4. How many of these are measurements to Wright County, e.g. how many people are refusing services knowing that there are certain percentages of the public that do not want the help
 - a. Jami: It’s difficult to gauge who *isn’t* using services, however, we can do some extrapolations –i.e., people with incomes under Federal Poverty Level and compare the number with people who are receiving services. The scorecard has a two-pronged approach – one for public consumption and another for internal performance tracking; will bring the final layout of the public-facing scorecard back to this committee before public posting
 5. Implement a good color scheme – HHS branding
 6. How will the community get access to this survey and how will the public provide their input to the scorecard? Is there tracking on barriers and limitations to ensure the needs of the community are met?
 - a. Emily: HHS already has the data and is asking this committee’s input, as representatives to the community, providers, HHS program consumers, if there are areas that are missed
- b. Budget Update
 - i. Revenues were at 97 percent and expenditures at 93 percent for 2021
 - ii. Saw \$1M cost savings on personnel attributed to staffing shortage but challenging for staff carrying the extra workload
- c. HHS Legislative Priorities
 - i. HHS met with the Board and the legislators, support the following priorities:
 1. Adequate and flex funding for Public Health and continued statewide response to COVID19, including vaccine distribution, community outreach, and education.

2. Changing Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), to remove a provision which appropriates 50 percent of the amount remaining in the state's Opiate Epidemic Response Fund for county social service agencies to provide child protection services to children and families who are affected by addiction
 3. Legislative efforts to ensure a speedy, equitable, and sustainable economic recovery that aims to alleviate stresses borne by individuals without work and without access to housing
 4. Continuing health and human services waivers and telehealth strategies that demonstrate administrative efficiency and improve outcomes and service delivery
 5. Updates to Minnesota statutes that promote county operational flexibility and modernization of local government publication requirements
6. Addendum to the Agenda:
- a. Approve 2021-11-17 HHSAC minutes
ACTION: Dahlman move, Nibbe second, to approve the minutes. Motion carried
 - b. Other
 - i. Concerns on housing resources and contract provider Thomas Allen customer service – Jill Pooler will follow up
 - ii. Reported challenges in finding providers on people affected by rare diseases
Reference: [Rare Disease Advisory Council Amendment | Minnesota Council On Disability \(state.mn.us\)](#)