



Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting

March 14, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela DeOtis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Carlson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Bajari | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Daleiden |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonita Bryant (Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marlene Kittock (Excused) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christine Misati (Absent) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pribyl |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Nelson | <input type="checkbox"/> Mona Volden (Absent) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eric Bailey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick O'Rourke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jenna Kopp (Absent) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Seroshek (Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader | |

HHS Staff Attendees:

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| Jacob Anson | Ndaya Kisongo |
| Jon Young | Patty Larson |
| Kelsey Collier | Patty Malecek |
| Marina Eggink | Sarah Grosshuesch |

Guests/Other:

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| Julia Ashley | Michelle Wiebe |
| Dr. Kim Tjaden | |

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
 - a. Welcome new Health Promotion Coordinator Ndaya Kisongo.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the February Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Melissa Pribyl, second by Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader.
 - b. Motion to approve February Minutes by Ann Bajari, second by Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. New Agenda Schedule-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Schedule was put together for the year. Patty Larson will send this out.
 - b. 2021 Overview of COVID-19 Response-*Jacob Anson*
 - Response Coordination
 - (a) 3/6/2020-First Reported COVID-19 Case in MN
 - (b) 3/13/2020-First Case Reported in Wright County
 - (c) 03/12/2020-WCPH and WCEM Joint EOC opened
 - (d) 03/18/2020-Schools Close
 - (e) 3/25/2020 MN Stay at Home Order started
 - (f) 4/9/2020-First Death from COVID-19 Reported in Wright County
 - (g) 7/25/2020-Mask Mandate starts
 - Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

- (a) Case investigations conducted between 5/5/2020 and 8/28/2020
- (b) 9 total staff (7 regular staff, 2 staff only worked one weekend) were trained
- (c) 743 interviews completed between 5/1/2020 and 8/28/2020
- (d) Interviews conducted 7 days a week for 17 weeks (including holidays)
- Communications
 - (a) Press Release 1/1/2020-12/31/2021, 31 Total
 - (b) Social Media Post 1/1/2020-12/31/2021, 311 Total
 - (c) Wright County Dashboard, 103,827 Total Views
 - (d) Hotline available during this time as well
- Vaccinations
 - (a) Total Vaccinations 17,345
 - (b) Total Clinics 76
 - (c) Total Clinic hours 478.5
 - (d) First vaccine given by WCPH 12/30/2020
 - (e) Largest vaccination event was 1,200 individuals on 02/25/2021
- Vaccination Challenges
 - (a) Snowstorm in Texas
 - (b) Priority Groups & Deadlines
 - (c) No Waste
 - (d) Storage and Handling
 - (e) Supply Storage
 - (f) Scheduling
 - (g) 2 Dose Series
 - (h) J & J Pause
 - (i) Vaccine Misinformation
- County Partnerships
 - (a) Wright County Sheriff Office
 - (b) Wright County Highway Department
 - (c) Wright County Communications Department
 - (d) Wright County GIS Team
 - (e) Wright County Emergency Management
 - (f) Wright County Health & Human Services Fiscal Department
 - (g) Wright County Health & Human Services Front Desk Staff
 - (h) Wright County Human Services Technology Team
 - (i) Wright County Facilities, Maintenance, and Custodial Staff
 - (j) Wright County Social Services Staff
 - (k) Wright County Risk Management
- Community Partners
 - (a) St. Michael-Albertville School District

- (b) Delano School District
- (c) Monticello School District
- (d) Buffalo Hanover Montrose School District
- (e) Hospital and Clinics
- (f) Fire Departments across Wright County
- (g) Wright County Community Action
- (h) Faith Communities across Wright County
- Hours Spent on COVID
 - (a) Time billed to Public Health 1/1/2020-12/31/2021 – 38,301 Total hours billed to COVID. This equates to 32% of all Public Health time going to COVID-19
 - (b) Overtime Hours 1/1/2020-12/31/2021 – 1354.42
 - (c) ICS Briefing 3/1/2020-12/31/2020 – 546 hours, 7/1/2021-12/31/2021 – 20.5 hours
 - (d) Ops/Planning 12/23/2020-6/16/2021 – 71 hours
- Financial Information
 - (a) The total salary and fringe coded to various COVID grants, and PHEP starting with March 2020 is \$1,980,000 (1,979,864)
 - (b) The total immunization fees for 2021 and 2022 is \$324,500 (324,459). This includes regular influenza vaccines, but we cannot easily pull this apart in IFS. It's relatively insignificant, meaning it's under \$20K.
- c. Dental Center Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Interviews with various people who worked on getting the dental center going were done by a videographer for a brief story about the dental clinic. Not sure when that will be finished.
 - Finalizing a letter to go out to surrounding counties about helping with some additional costs that have come up.
 - Still waiting for Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to finalize the grant application. Modification to the dental clinic will start in the next week or so.
 - Advertising flyers have been created and shared.
- d. Environmental Health Update-*Jon Young, Marina Eggink, Kelsey Collier*
 - Overview: The main goal of our Environmental Health Programs is to protect our citizens against environmental health hazards. We work closely with the Minnesota Department of Health, and we receive reports on public water systems, food and beverage servers, indoor air quality, lead poisoning issues within the county and locally we have our own environment health programs within the Public Health division. One of the biggest things that we work on is public health nuisance investigations. In a typical year we get about 25 reports of nuisances in the county where environmental health hazards are occurring. Only about 4 of them require a strict cleanup. Most people abide by the rules and clean up the hazard. Other issues we deal with are hoarding, bed bugs, vector born disease outbreaks. We do a lot with radon testing. We have radon test kits here in Public Health. We assist with meth lab cleanups, providing resources for cleaning up those establishments. Lucky those have gone down in cases. In the last four years we have only had one so that is good news. We participate in a recycling program of used car seats and work with the Planning and Zoning department. When car seats are past their expiration date, we give them to a recycling center where they are recycled and not thrown in the trash. We also assist with mobile home assessments. We work with the Planning and Zoning department to give special variances to individuals who want a mobile home on their property outside of the cities, it's a situation where

individuals will be taking care of a loved ones for their long-term care needs on their property. We get about 6 of those mobile home assessments a year.

- **Healthy Homes:** Marina Eggink and Patty Malecek are part of the Healthy Homes program, which is a volunteer service that Wright County Public Health provides to people in Wright County. We are able to offer guidance and education on reducing environmental hazards in the home. Typically, either Marina or Patty will go out and do a home inspection and we will address potential areas of concern. Some things they look for are mold and moisture, asthma and allergies, carbon monoxide, lead, drinking water, pests and pesticides, hazardous household products and general home safety. Referrals can be made online or by calling Wright County Public Health. Currently we are continuing to look for funding with grant opportunities through MDH so then we are able to purchase things such as dehumidifiers, CO2 detectors, fire extinguishers, pillow and bed encasements to help mitigate environmental hazards. We are also in the beginning stages of starting an asthma program within Healthy Homes, they kind of coincide with each other. With this we would focus on asthma triggers within the home and provide education on how someone can reduce triggers and supplies as needed. With that we are working closely with Dakota County as a mentor.
- **General:** Throughout the pandemic we had to step away from some of our responsibilities. We did not step away from nuisances, but we had some other instances come up, particularly around drinking water where there were not adequate resources to do the education and information in our community. One such example is the report of manganese in drinking water from community wells. We have three communities in Wright County that have higher than recommended levels of manganese in their drinking water. It was quite a big deal in Montrose, but we have two other municipalities as well that have received notification from the Minnesota Department of Health about being outside the health limits. This hadn't been tested for before, so this is a new measure that MDH is taking. With different staff turnover we have gaps in filling these different environmental needs. Sarah proposed to the county board that they make an environmental health workgroup to address these community gaps and figure out what expectations are. Some counties have a specific job class for an Environmental Health Specialist. This will need to be researched to see if it is something appropriate for Wright County. Right now, any nuisances will be handled by Health Promotion Supervisor, Jon Young, or Public Health Director, Sarah Grosshuesch. This workgroup will be working with Julia Ashley, from MDH as well as other Wright County staff. Sarah asked if anyone on the Task Force interested in being part of the workgroup, Ann Bajari volunteered.

5. New Business

a. Move to the New Building-*Sarah Grosshuesch*

- We will be moving this week and next. Most staff will not be in the building Friday, March 18. If there are walk-ins we will serve them. Starting next Monday, March 21st staff will be in the new building and the location behind Walgreens will be shutdown.
- There will be a new check-in system where they can use a kiosk to check-in but they still have the option of going to the front desk to check-in.

6. Old Business

a. None.

7. Other

a. April Meeting-*Sarah Grosshuesch*

- The April meeting is schedule to be on the same day as the Community Health Needs Assessment meeting. So, in leu of the Public Health Task Force meeting, we are encouraging you to attend the Community Health Needs Assessment meeting. We will have a sign-in sheet so you can get your stipend for attending this meeting. Patty Larson will send an invitation to PHTF members for this.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, May 9, 2022

- a. Scorecard
 - b. Dental Center
 - c. Home Visiting Program
 - d. Family Planning
9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mark Daleiden, second by Bonita Bryant.

Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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