



Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting

April 12, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

Attendees:

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| Angela DeOtis | Jenna Kopp | Marlene Kittock |
| Ann Bajari | Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader | Melissa Pribyl |
| Bryden Giving | Jon Young | Mona Volden |
| Christine Misati | Joshua Ryder | Patty Larson |
| Eric Bailey | Julia Ashley | Sarah Grosshuesch |
| Greg Wise | Kristie Rathmanner | Teresa McNamee |
| Jason Franzen | Mark Daleiden | Toni Seroshek |
| Jay Weatherford | | |

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made, welcoming new member Eric Bailey.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the January Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Jay Weatherford and second by Mark Daleiden.
 - b. Motion to approve March Minutes by Mark Daleiden and second by Christine Misati.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Dental Center Updates-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - The county has hired a project manager, Elizabeth, to handle this project. There was a meeting with the board and Community Dental Care and took the opportunity to reset on the architect piece and closing this week is an invitation request for proposals from architects who have a history of doing dental centers. There was the establishment of a steering community of county board members and members from Community Dental Care to kind of shepherd any kind of decision points that must be made across the way including choosing the selectee from this RFP process. Commissioner Daleiden and Commissioner Wetter are the two the commission representatives on that steering committee.
 - At the last Dental Task Force meeting we were able to see the presentation from Community Dental Care on their fundraising campaign.
 - b. New Dental Coordinator-*Greg Wise*
 - A workplan has been developed for this position and three of main priorities are:
 - (a) Developing partnerships with schools and getting dental services in school base form.
 - ◆ Trying to find dental champions in each district to work with and push forward to provide education pieces, dental services or a dental sealant program, whatever fits their needs.
 - ◆ Schools are a bit overwhelmed at the moment, there are a lot of changes going on, so it has been a hands-off approach.
 - (b) Community education on oral health care.
 - ◆ Connecting with community organizations such as the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center. Connecting them with services as a lot of their clients are seeking dental care as well. Started to talk about possibly bringing a mobile dental center to their location so they can one place to go that is familiar to them.

- ◆ Have been giving out goodie bags to community organizations, to foster care, and Child & Teen Checkup.
- (c) Increasing access and helping residents find dental providers who are on a Minnesota healthcare plan.
- ◆ Has been receiving about a call a week from residents that are on a Minnesota healthcare plan seeking a provider.
 - Been reaching out to dental providers on a continuous basis. These providers may or may not be accepting new patients at this time. Trying to keep up to date on this status so he can direct residents who are seeking a dental home.
 - Started to update the dental infographic hoping to help along community education.
- c. Immunization Program Update-*Kristie Rathmanner*
- Focused mainly on COVID vaccinations right now. Have given just under 10,000 vaccines. Vaccine of choice is Moderna right now. We did receive some Johnson & Johnson last week. It all depends on what the state has available. Typically, 1st dose clinics are held on Thursdays and 2nd dose clinics are on Tuesdays. The Governor has approved individuals 16 years and older to be vaccinated. Since we only have Moderna we can only vaccinate individuals 18 years and older. This was our first week of being able to open it up to those individuals. Moving forward we are going to continue looking at the 18 years and old and also trying to do some planning for special populations that may need different accommodations versus coming to us. Looking at possibly some onsite clinics and different hard to reach populations.
 - Immunization Program Non COVID: The state and the CDC have a Vaccines for Children Program, so we are able to provide vaccinations to children who are on state health plans, who are under insured or uninsured, American Indian or Alaskan natives. We received the vaccine from the state and then we ask for a \$10 administration fee from the client if they are able to do so. We can also bill Medical Assistance or state health plans for that if they have that. We are typically busy around back to school time. We do a lot of flu shots. We also have the underinsured and uninsured adult program, which is a state program where we receive vaccine through the state and that is used for under insured and uninsured adults. We cannot bill Medical Assistance for that at this time. We are also busy around flu time. We do have private flu vaccine as well as the state funded vaccine.
- d. COVID-19 Response Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Situational Update: Our response has been primarily focused on vaccinations however with rising case rates in the state we have been focused on supporting primarily our schools and worksites. We still do outbreak assistance. There are multiple variants that MDH is tracking. The estimates now are that about 60% of the cases that are being tested for are probably the B117 variant. Most school staff in Wright County have been vaccinated but most students have not been due to not being eligible. The students that are eligible, very few have had access to the Pfizer vaccine. B117 is estimated to be 50% more infectious and can make you sicker. Because most of our older population is vaccinated, this variant is impacting more of our younger population, so we are seeing younger people being hospitalized. We are now having conversations with schools about possibly changing learning models. Some of the activities that were considered safer back in the fall are now not as safe as they were because it takes fewer viral particles to spread this variant.
 - Information from the CDC website was shared.
 - Clinics are filling up quickly. Struggling to get enough vaccine. Our 3-day goal is 90% of vaccine is administered in 72 hours. We are at 99%. Our 7-day goal is 100% and we are at 100%.
5. New Business
- a. None.

6. Old Business
 - a. None.
7. Other
 - a. None.
8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, April 12, 2021
 - a. Dental Center Updates
 - b. Home Visiting Program Updates
 - c. COVID-19 Response
 - d. Pictures of new building
9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Mark Daleiden, second by Jason Franzen.
 - Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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