



# Minutes

## Public Health Task Force Meeting

June 14, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

### Attendees:

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| Angela DeOtis   | Jacob Anson            | Melissa Pribyl    |
| Ann Bajari      | Jenna Kopp             | Mona Volden       |
| Ben Byker       | Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader | Patty Larson      |
| David Nelson    | Dr. Kim Tjaden         | Sarah Grosshuesch |
| Dr. Eric Bailey | Marlene Kittock        | Toni Seroshek     |

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1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Approval of the Agenda and the May Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Ann Bajari, second by Mona Volden.
    - Deletion of CTC presentation
    - Addition of Minnesota Student Survey and New Building Update
  - b. Motion to approve May Minutes by Mona Volden, second by Dr. Kim Tjaden.
  - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
3. Presentation and Discussion Items
  - a. Minnesota Student Survey-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
    - Administered every three years since 1989 to students in public, charter and tribal schools.
      - (a) 1989-2010: 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades
      - (b) 2013 to present: 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grades
    - State partnership: MDE, MDH, DHS & Public Safety.
    - The Minnesota Student Survey is optional for school districts (81% of districts in 2019).
    - Next survey will occur in the spring of 2022.
    - Survey is primarily offered electronically.
    - The Minnesota Student Survey includes a wide variety of questions on your behaviors
      - (a) Including risk behaviors; Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, suicidal ideation, violence, etc.
      - (b) Positive behaviors: connections to family, school and community, involvement in activities, church, etc.
    - Anonymous survey, no names or identifying code numbers are collected. Survey answers cannot be traced to any individual.
    - Students can decline to take the survey and can skip any question or stop at any point.
    - Some partners across the county rely upon the Minnesota Student Survey data to:
      - (a) Provide needed resources and support were identified.
      - (b) Access grant funding from local, state and federal partners.
      - (c) Helps to address different needs in different geographic locations (would the data gathered be different for students in HLWW compared to STMA? Maybe, and if so, we have an opportunity to learn the why)
      - (d) Track health behaviors over time, measure impact of work in improving health of our youth.

- School districts who have participated:
    - (a) 2019: Annandale, Delano, Maple Lake, Monticello, St. Michael-Albertville
    - (b) 2016: Annandale, Dassel-Cokato, Maple Lake, Monticello, St. Michael-Albertville
    - (c) 2013: Annandale, Dassel-Cokato, Delano, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, Maple Lake, Monticello, Rockford, St. Michael-Albertville
  - Sarah shared data with the group.
- b. Dental Center Updates-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Auomira is the architect for the new dental clinic. The building will be open in January 2022 and the dental clinic should be open in April 2022. We have a project coordinator named Elizabeth Clow and she has been compiling reports of the progress for the steering committee of all the steps that the architect has taken. The anticipated application for the bonded grant is sometime in September/October. We were awarded \$100,000 grant from UCARE. The project cost that was proposed by Auomira was \$84,500. So, all the architectural fees are covered by the grant. We were then able to cover some legal fees that are being incurred with grant money from UCARE. Flaherty and Hood are helping with the application process to make sure everything is taken care. The other pieces that are still being worked on are the lease agreement and what needs to be in the lease and how much that lease amount will be. One of the things that will be turned in as part of the approval for the grant will be the proposed budget for the dental center when it's up and running.
  - Wright County is working on helping Children's Dental Services, who have been providing services out of the Human Services Center for the last 5-6 years, to find space to continue the work they do.
- c. COVID-19 Response Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- We are officially winding down our incident response. Many staff are being redirected to their regular duties. We are still accepting community events, so communities can go through the MDH and submit a request to have vaccine come out. Then it will be decided if it is better for Wright County Public Health or Minnesota Department of Health to provide this resource. There will be vaccinations going on throughout the summer in the community. Having some conversations now about whether we will be providing vaccinations at the county fair. MDH will be providing vaccines on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Delano. We will be providing vaccinations this week at a mobile home park that had requested it. The rest of the vaccine will be provided through our WOW program. They are getting ready to go out into the community again. We will still have some staff working in a Planning, Logistic and Operational role for our incident command structure but the majority of the staff are returning to their regular roles.
  - We are currently at 57% vaccination rate.
- d. New Emergency Preparedness Coordinator-*Jacob Anson*
- Jacob Anson is the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. He has been with Wright County Public Health for four years and previously was a Health Promotion Coordinator and primarily worked on substance use and mental health and wellbeing. He will now be working on the PHEP and CRI grants and updating some of our preparedness plans and continuing some of the response.
- e. New Building Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
- Sarah shared a PowerPoint presentation of the progress of the new building is going.
4. New Business
- a. None.
5. Old Business
- a. None.

6. Other
  - a. We have another position open as Mary Nesseth, Family Health Supervisor, has retired on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, August 2021
  - a. Legislative Session Update
  - b. Dental Center Update
  - c. SHIP/CLT
8. Adjourn
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Marlene Kittock, second by Jenna Kopp at 10.27 a.m.

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