



Minutes

Public Health Task Force Meeting

August 9, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoom

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela DeOtis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Bajari <input type="checkbox"/> Christine Misati (Absent) <input type="checkbox"/> David Nelson (Excused) <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eric Bailey (Excused) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Franzen (Vice Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Weatherford (Absent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Kopp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joshua Ryder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Daleiden	<input type="checkbox"/> Marlene Kittock (Absent) <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Gasper (Absent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pribyl (Excused) <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Otto (Absent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mona Volden <input type="checkbox"/> Nick O'Rourke (Absent) <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Eull (Absent) <input type="checkbox"/> Teresa McNamee (Excused) <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Seroshek (Chair)(Excused) <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Onnen (Absent)
HHS Staff Attendees:	
Anna Olsen Greg Wise Jon Young Keith Bennett	Patty Larson Samantha Hausladen Sarah Grosshuesch
Guests/Other:	
Ben Byker Dr. Kim Tjaden	Julia Ashley

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Vice Chairperson, Jason Franzen.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the June Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve June Minutes by Mona Volden, second by Ann Bajari.
 - b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. New Health Promotion Coordinator-*Keith Bennett*
 - Keith will be working on Mental Wellbeing as well as Suicide Prevention.
 - b. Child & Teen Checkup (CTC) Update-*Sam Hausladen*
 - About the Program:
 - (a) A federal program required in every state to provide comprehensive health care and dental services for children under the age of 21 who are eligible for Medicaid (Blue Plus, UCare, Health Partners, or straight MA).
 - (b) Screening includes: Physical growth, hearing & vision, immunizations, lab tests (hemoglobin, lead), developmental and behavior checks, dental referral, fluoride application, physical exam, guidance on health education, and referral to specialists as needed.
 - (c) Assistance with transportation, interpreters, or finding a provider.
 - (d) Promote regular medical and dental checkups to help children grow to their full healthy potential.

- Wright County does outreach in the form of:
 - (a) Introduction letters and phone calls to new families in Wright County that are added to the C&TC program.
 - (b) Mail reminder letters to families to schedule their child's checkup.
 - (c) Each age contains different information (ex: Why blood lead testing is important by 24 months of age)
 - (d) Yearly clinic outreach by public health nurse on C&TC updates.
 - (e) Referral follow-up by a public health nurse.
 - (f) Letter inserts include: Imagination Library, local dental/medical providers, healthy activities, poison control inserts, what to expect at their visit, insurance gift card incentives, county contacts to offer any assistance as needed.
- Latest CMS-416 Report, which is a federal requirement for Minnesota's annual reporting to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), was shared.
- Special Focus now:
 - (a) Blood lead testing.
 - (b) Coordinating efforts with WIC to promote C&TC visits.
 - (c) Public promotion (Wright Co. Fair, bike rodeo, community events).
 - (d) Dental Innovations Coordinator to help assist families find in-network and specialty dental care.
- c. Legislative Session Update-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Nearly \$800 million in federal COVID-19 relief dollars will be spent in the next four years on health and human services.
 - Budget year so they are working on that.
 - MDH Appropriations
 - (a) Added some money to the response.
 - (b) Changed the licensing fee for asbestos.
 - (c) Quite a bit of fee adjustment that happened.
 - (d) Worked with the medical cannabis program.
 - (e) Recreational cannabis did not pass however many at local public health anticipate that passing in the coming years and planning for it.
 - There was an increase to Home Visiting Grants. We currently received one of these grants for our evidence-based home visiting program.
 - Supporting Healthy Babies Grants.
 - Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth.
 - Increase funding for local public health grants.
 - There is dedicated money for tobacco and vaping prevention.
 - There are new appropriations for an enhanced asthma benefit, and we are interested in seeing how we might apply that into our Healthy Homes program.
 - Extension of MA postpartum coverage to 12 months.
 - See full update [here](#).
- d. Dental Center Update-*Greg Wise*

- The design portion is on schedule and the predesign was just submitted. The project manager has said that they are in a very good place and hopefully can start construction in January. It will take about three months to do the construction and then there is training and set up of equipment. Community Dental Care is in their fundraising portion to raise about \$1.2 million to get the clinic up and running; that is on top of the \$1.2 million that we got in the bonding.
- Question of when the doors will be open
 - (a) The hope is June is when they will be taking patients.
- e. Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Update-*Anna Olsen*
 - Anna is the Wright County SHIP Coordinator. There are seven individuals on the team.
 - What is SHIP?
 - (a) Community-driven solutions.
 - (b) Creating opportunities.
 - (c) \$17.5 million in funding per year (statewide), about \$314,000 for Wright County.
 - Where does SHIP work?
 - (a) Communities.
 - (b) Workplaces.
 - (c) Health Care.
 - (d) Schools.
 - SHIP tries to do PSE Change (Policy, Systems, Environmental Change) versus events or program change. Differences of these are:

Event/Program vs. PSE Change	
Characteristics of Event or Program	Characteristics of PSE Change
One time	Ongoing
Additive: often results in short-term behavioral change	Foundational: often produces behavior change over time
Individual level	Community/population level
Not part of ongoing plan	Part of ongoing plan
Short term	Long term
Non-sustaining	Sustaining

5. New Business

- a. Attendance Language to Bylaws-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Bylaws were updated about a year and a half ago, but we did not touch on the attendance as far as documenting who was absence and who was excused. Starting this meeting, attendance will be documented with attendees, absence and excused. Please reach out to Patty Larson at patricia.larson@co.wright.mn.us to let her know if you will be unable to attend a meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. COVID-19 Response-*Sarah Grosshuesch*
 - Wright County Public Health had a press release last week letting the community know that our current data is at “substantial.” The CDC came out with updated information and guidance for the community (vaccinated or not) if there is increased community spread in your area or if you are visiting somewhere, you should consider masking in public places, as well as following some the

other regularly promoted prevention tactics such as social distancing, frequent handwashing, etc. Find the CDC COVID data tracker [here](#).

- Our ICS has decreased and most of our vaccinations are being done through the WOW van team. We are utilizing some of the increased public health funding to fund a previously board approved COVID position so we can continue to maintain support with community partners such as Long-Term Care facilities and local schools. The position was filled by an existing staff person/nurse, Shelley Layer.

7. Other

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, October 11, 2021

- a. Dental Center Update
- b. PHEP

Looking at an in-person meeting for this. Details to come.

9. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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