

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nibbe, Vickie (remote) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lundgren, Kelly (remote) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Besse, Kelsey (excused) | <input type="checkbox"/> Murray, Vanessa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antl, Linda (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marquez, Kimberly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dahlman, Tammi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Harju |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eskridge, Lashale (remote) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray-Mader, Jennifer (remote) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goodrum, Jami | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler, Jeremy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gangnon, Bradley (Vice Chair) (remote) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White, Lisa (remote) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holland, Jeanne | |

HHS Staff Attendees: Sarah Dearhamer, James O'Dell, Diane Erkens (remote), Michelle Miller (remote), Sarah Grosshuesch (remote)

1. Welcome new members:
 - a. Commissioner Jeanne Holland
 - b. Lisa White
2. Approve [2022-01-25 HHSAC Minutes](#)

ACTION: Nibbe moved, Tyler second, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
3. Mental Health Update (Carl Harju, Diane Erkens)
 - a. Welcomed new members
 - b. Upcoming training, handout:
 - i. safeTALK Suicide Prevention – Agricultural Community, March 27, Wright County Government Center
 - ii. Angst – Awareness Around Anxiety, May 15, Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud
 - iii. Stress Management and Resiliency Training, April 10, Sherburne County Gov't Center; April 20, Sauk Rapids Gov't Center
 - iv. Mental Health Awareness Month Training, May 10, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud
 - c. Presentation on the Wright County HHS and the Sheriff's Office Co-responder Program
4. Initiating Family Resource Centers (Sarah Grosshuesch, Michelle Miller)
 - a. HHS, in partnership with the Wright County Community Action (WCCA), is looking to implement at least one Family Resource Center in Wright County – a community-based, family-focused network of family support using existing local programs designed to support parents with young children through resources and services
 - b. Most common service areas:
 - i. Parenting support

- ii. Access to resources
 - iii. Child development activities
 - iv. Parent leadership development
 - c. Next steps
 - i. Meet with [Sauer Family Foundation](#)
 - ii. Submit a Letter of Interest
 - iii. Submit a one-year Planning Grant
 - iv. Hire a facilitator if approved for funding and through Personnel Committee
 - v. Engage Community Partners
 - d. Asking the HHSAC Committee to reach out to community partners to support said initiative
 - i. <https://www.startribune.com/scott-county-family-resource-centers-connect-families-to-social-services-community-and-fun-shakopee/600260721/?refresh=true>
- 5. Public Health Task Force Update (Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader, Sarah Grosshuesch)
 - a. Suicide Prevention Grant finalized
 - b. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) approved by the HHS Board in March
 - c. Presentation of Environmental Health Programs and outreach initiatives
- 6. Task Force for Homelessness in Wright County (Kim Johnson, Sarah Grosshuesch)
 - a. Background and challenges:
 - i. Sharp increase in homelessness in Wright County
 - 1. 2023 Point in Time survey recorded 88 compared to 8 in 2022
 - 2. 32 children in Monticello district alone, are homeless
 - ii. Wright County has no homeless shelter/transitional housing
 - iii. Low-income apartments managed by the 13-county member Continuum of Care (COC) makes the admittance decision based on priority of need and not which county the individual is in
 - iv. New legislative proposal delegating counties to be financially responsible to provide housing for clients (to date, the bill was pulled)
 - b. HHSAC Bylaws Article VI - allows committee to establish task forces or ad hoc task forces
 - c. Proposal: HHSAC to lead an ad hoc housing task force with the Mental Health Advisory Council (MHAC) and the Public Health Task Force (PHTF) –
 - i. Task Force will work with HHS staff, identify resources, provide a direction/identify the goal of the task force
 - 1. Explore membership requirement – use the Dental Access Workgroup model to include non-HHS staff as members?
 - a. Faith-based organizations, churches?
 - b. LOVE Inc., Salvation Army, WCCA, etc.?
 - 2. Explore funding sources
 - 3. Identify target population and at-risk groups
 - a. Who are these individuals, how to serve, how quickly to respond?
 - b. What is the scope of the task force

- c. How to get buy-in, approach community, move forward with identified needs

ACTION: Harju moved, Gangnon second, to establish a housing task force. Begin discussion with PHTF and MHAC, bring feedback to HHSAC. Motion passed.

7. Open Forum:

- a. Crisis Funding – discussed various crisis funding administered by HHS: MFIP Consolidated Fund, County Crisis Fund, Emergency General Assistance, ARP, Local Homelessness Prevention Funding

ACTION: Tyler moved, Holland second, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist