

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| ☒ Nibbe, Vickie | ☒ Marquez, Kimberly (<i>remote</i>) |
| ☐ Antl, Linda (<i>EXCUSED</i>) | ☐ Nyanyuki, Geoffrey |
| ☒ Dahlman, Tammi (<i>remote</i>) | ☒ Nagel, Eric |
| ☒ Goodrum Schwartz, Jami | ☒ Ray-Mader, Jennifer (Vice Chair) |
| ☐ Gueneau, Tracy | ☒ Smith, Todd (<i>remote</i>) |
| ☒ Husom, Christine (<i>remote</i>) | ☒ Tyler, Jeremy (Chair) |
| ☐ Koopmeiners, Katie | ☒ Wenzler, Jennifer |

HHS Staff Attendees: Jill Pooler, Tarynn Anderson, Kim Johnson, Kelsey Collier

1. Welcome and Introduction – New Members
 - a. Kimberly Marquez
 - b. Todd Smith
2. Approve [2021-07-28 Minutes](#)
 - a. ACTION: Dahlman moved, Nibbe second, to approve the July 7, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.
 - b. ACTION: Removed Koopmeiners, Wenzler, Gueneau
3. Mental Health Update (Eric Nagel, ~~Diane Erkens~~)
 - a. Overview on *In Other Words – Destigmatizing Substance Use Disorders* – cosponsored by MEADA Coalition of Wright County and WCHHS
 - b. Three New members and one member resignation
 - c. Press Release for new applicants
 - d. Update on Public Health Suicide Prevention Grant awarded to Wright County
4. Public Health Task Force Update (Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader, Sarah Grosshuesch)
 - a. Anticipating approval of Moderna booster, tentatively second week of October, for certain age groups
 - b. Increase in funding for PH positions
 - c. In planning phase on logistics for potential rollout when vaccines for children will be approved
5. American Rescue/Relief Plan Update (Commissioner Husom)
 - a. To date, the Board approved 13 applications
 - b. Total 36 programs requests; totaled approximately \$30M
 - c. Broadband project garnered 5,600 responses
 - d. Project Administrator: Elizabeth.Karels@co.wright.mn.us
6. Open Forum:
 - a. Building Update

- i. January 10, 2022 – Key hand-over for HHS
 - ii. Sign and communication coming out soon
 - iii. Building tour for HHSAC – November 17, 2:30 – 4:00
- b. [2022 Budget Narrative](#)
 - i. Board preliminary approval Monday, September 27. HHS is at 12.8% levy increase or \$1.69M – preliminary approval on Monday
 - ii. HHS asked for two new social worker positions
 - iii. \$160K grant awarded through PH – will use for Fiscal position
 - iv. Enumerated HHS goals for 2022:
 - 1. Maximize areas of reimbursement, maintain expenses, and provide service delivery
 - 2. Make data-driven decision to boost customer satisfaction and improve performance
- c. Other
 - i. Member feedback on contract provider, Thomas Allen, assigning new case managers “every four months.” Social Service Manager Jill Pooler referenced reports from Minnesota Association of County Social Service Association (MACSSA) the challenges on staff longevity due to staffing shortages, resulting in shifting caseloads. Wright County Community Action (WCCA) representative Eric Nagel corroborated Pooler’s statement, having experienced similar situations at WCCA.
- d. Housekeeping (member absence) – discussed at the start of the meeting – removal of three members from the committee

Nagel moved, Nibbe second, to adjourn. Carried – meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist