

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

☒ Angela DeOtis	☒ Marlene Kittock
☒ Ann Bajari	☐ Melissa Gasper (Absent)
☒ Christine Misati	☒ Melissa Pribyl
☒ David Nelson	☐ Michelle Otto (Absent)
☒ Dr. Eric Bailey	☐ Mona Volden (Excused)
☒ Jason Franzen (Vice Chair)	☐ Nick O'Rourke (Absent)
☒ Jenna Kopp	☐ Sue Eull (Absent)
☒ Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader	☐ Teresa McNamee (Resigned)
☒ Joshua Ryder	☒ Toni Seroshek (Chair)
☒ Linda Carlson	☐ Tony Onnen (Absent)
☒ Mark Daleiden	

HHS Staff Attendees:

Greg Wise	Patty Larson
Jacob Anson	Sarah Grosshuesch
Kelsey Collier	

Guests/Other:

Ben Byker	Julia Ashley
Dr. Kim Tjaden	

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the June Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Jason Franzen, second by Ann Bajari.
 - b. Motion to approve June Minutes by Jason Franzen, second by Ann Bajari.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. 2019 Disease Report Summary-*Kelsey Collier*
 - In 2020 Wright County had 10 cases of Pertussis, and this year we haven't seen any yet. The state has also seen a decline. They went from 160 in 2020 to 25 cases this year.
 - For Varicella we're seeing the same decrease. In 2020 we had 2 cases and this year 1 case. The state saw 122 in 2020 and 44 this year.
 - For active TB we've seen an increase in our county but a decrease in the state. We had none last year and this year we have 4, 2 from our county and then 2 transferred from Hennepin County. All of these cases were born out of the United States. For the state, last year there were 117 and this year there has been 44 as of June 30th. During the past decade the proportion of non-US born persons among TB cases reported in MN has averaged 83%, ranging from 73% in 2014 to 90% in 2016. The average non-US born percentage during this time period among cases reported nationally was 66% but has been increasing steadily. In 2019 88% of TB cases in MN were born outside of the US compared to 71% of TB cases reported nationally. The percentage of TB cases born outside of the US in MN has been consistently higher than the national average.

- Document “TB Disease by County of Residence Minnesota, 2015-2019/TB Cases with Other Medical Risk Factors* by Type of Risk Factor Minnesota, 2015-2019” was shared.
 - Catherine Main is our Disease Prevention and Control Lead. Her role is to ensure active TB patients are taking their medications, so she goes out and meets with them just to ensure they are doing what they need to get better.
 - Sarah shared the Annual Counts of Reportable Disease-Wright County, MN 2014-2019
- b. Dental Center Update-*Greg Wise*
- The Community Dental Care Wright County Clinic, they need another \$60,000 before the bonding funds are released so they are still in the private phase of the funding raising. Once they get that they move onto the public funding phase. They are talking about opening in June of 2022.
 - In February there is a Give Kids a Smile event where there is two days in the second week of February local dentists open up their clinics or go to other clinics and offer free services to children.
 - Wright County has submitted a request to become a dental professional shortage area. An application has been submitted to HRSA for that. This would open up some opportunities for grants for dental professionals that practice in the region or choice to practice in the Wright so they can get a significant amount of their student loan forgiven.
- c. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Update-*Jacob Anson*
- Wright County receives the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant each year from the state. This grant came about after 9/11 to help local public health be prepared for any sort of public health disaster that happen within the country. The funding stream goes from the CDC to MDH and then to us. We work in a regional basis. We are awarded our own grant but partner with neighboring counties. Currently we are working on some of through some of the deliverables for the grant but with the state of COVID right now we are still putting a lot of our grant and planning implementations for the grant on the back burning to respond to COVID.
 - Question on what sort of emergencies would we preparing for.
 - (a) Pandemic flu.
 - (b) Previously a lot of the planning for the PHEP grant across the nation was an Anthrax release where we would need to administer medication in a short period of time.
 - (c) We work really closely were our emergency management office so we support them in a lot of stuff that they do along with having a nuclear power plant near us we would help with that if something were to happen.
- d. COVID Update-*Jacob Anson*
- Currently we are working through planning for the administration of boosters and the 5–11-year-old Pfizer. So we are not administering any boosters as we do not have the Pfizer vaccine and we primarily vaccinated with Moderna when we did our first round of shots. We are pending approval on everything, so we are in the plan and wait phase. But we are hoping to see these approvals in the next month or so and start administering vaccine. We have heard from the state that our priority is unvaccinated individuals so if it comes down to it where there is a burden on the system, and we are filling the gaps we would focus on the 5-11-year-olds instead of administering boosters. We do know that there is a wide availability of boosters through pharmacies and through some of our other partners whereas the 5-11-year-old area may be an area that when it gets approved would have a larger gap.
 - Our clinics will be similar to how we have done in the past, which is a drive through clinic at the Highway department and seemed to work very well.

- They are seeking approval for Moderna and J&J boosters this week and then seeking approval next week for 5-11-year-olds.
- Question on if Public Health works with schools for a potential outbreak and on masking in schools.
 - (a) Public Health has been meeting with the school superintendents pretty regularly since the beginning of the pandemic. The CDC and MDH came out with guidelines/recommendations around masking. The recommendation is to mask, social distancing, good ventilation, cleaning, and contact tracing. All of the districts have been following the guidelines. We continue to facilitate weekly calls as they troubleshoot where they are at. What makes it difficult is there is a spectrum of implementation across the school districts, some are doing some or all of the pieces depending on what is happen in their individual district. We have some districts are doing very little other than isolation of the positive individual. Then we have districts that have implemented selective masking in their buildings based on cases, they are waiting for cases to develop and then doing the masking and social distancing to help control the spread.
- Question on what is the direction on students that may have allergies, asthma, or other seasonal illness?
 - (b) These are handled by the school nurses. If the student doesn't have a medical form and/or doctor's note stating that the student has allergies, asthma, or another seasonal illness then they are being asked to take a test and/or getting a doctor's note.
- Multiple districts are going to be providing symptomatic kids with either take home tests or tests that can be done onsite that are rapid tests.

e. Opioid Settlement Funds-Sarah Grosshuesch

- There is an Opioid Epidemic Response Council that was establish by a very unique bill that Minnesota championed around charging additional fees and registration for licensing of opioids and distribution of opioids in the state of Minnesota that is managed by the Board of Pharmacy. Those fees are then pooled and distributed through this council. It is a council of people appointed by representatives from MDH and DHS. There are state agencies that are at the table as well as elective representatives, one from each party and in the house and senate. Sarah is the local Public Health representative and the only county person on the board.
- There were large settlements reached across the country. There is \$26 billion for the Johnson and Johnson and other distributor settlement as well as the Purdue bankruptcy plan. Each state was asked if they wanted to join that settlement. Minnesota joined August 20th. There are some terms to the settlement. This money needs to go into a special fund and more than 85% of this money must be spent on opioid remediation.
- Wright County is a county litigant. We joined our own lawsuit, and we have outside counsel supporting our county attorneys.
- There is a conversation happening now into the very beginning of November to determine the terms of the settlement. If we don't come up with settlement terms different from what is in the proposal, the default settlement terms are that 70% of the funds go to the state of Minnesota and 15% go to counties.

5. New Business

- a. None.

6. Old Business

- a. None.

7. Other

- a. None.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, November 8, 2021

- a. Dental Center Update
- b. Dental Coordinator
- c. Drug Free Communities Grant
- d. Opioid Settlement Funds
- e. COVID Vaccination Update

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jason Franzen, second by Melissa Pribyl.

Adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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