

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 2:30 – 4:00, Blueberry Room 2103 (2ndF Lobby), New Government Center

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| ☒ Nibbe, Vickie | ☒ Lundgren, Kelly |
| ☒ Antl, Linda | ☒ Marquez, Kimberly (Remote) |
| ☐ Dahlman, Tammi (Excused) | ☒ Carl Harju |
| ☒ Eskridge, Lashale | ☒ Ray-Mader, Jennifer, <i>Vice Chair</i> |
| ☒ Goodrum, Jami | ☐ Smith, Todd |
| ☒ Gangnon, Bradley | ☒ Tyler, Jeremy, <i>Chair</i> |
| ☐ Husom, Christine (Excused) | |

HHS Staff Attendees: Michelle Czech, Sarah Grosshuesch, Christine Partlow, Jill Pooler, Michelle Miller (remote)

1. Approve [2022-05-25 HHSAC Minutes](#)

ACTION: Antl moved, Gangnon second, to approve 2022-05-25 minutes. Motion carried.

2. Mental Health Update (Carl Harju, ~~Diane Erkens~~)

- a. Resignations and new members
- b. Suicide Prevention Training update from Health Promotion Coordinator Keith Bennett
- c. Unmet Needs assessment for next year's presentation to the HHS Board

3. Public Health Task Force Update (Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader, Sarah Grosshuesch)

- a. HHS invited its advisory committee members (HHSAC, PHTF, MHAC) yesterday to apply to join the newly formed Opioid Settlement Advisory Council – aiming for 25 members from different sectors
- b. Dental Clinic to open September 19 – ribbon cutting September 16; taking appointments late August
 - i. Community Dental Care launched a series of [fundraising events](#) at local businesses in Wright County. Community members can print or pick up their "Passport" to participate and win a prize
- c. Child & Teen Check-up Program presentation
- d. 2021 Deliverables and Strategic Plan Update
- e. Wright County awarded five applicants, out of 20 organizations, for the Community Wellbeing Request for Proposal through its SHIP grant
- f. The Wright County Environmental Workgroup Group met with Planning & Zoning and HHS to discuss priority responsibilities on environmental complaints and agreed to make recommendations to the Board on future roles and responsibilities

4. Open Forum:

- a. Update from 2022-05-25 Meeting: Percentage of Homeless Population in Wright County (Michelle Czech)
 - i. Presented [2021-01-27 Point in Time Survey](#) provided by Continuum of Care Program – this includes Wright County homeless populations
 - ii. As of 2022-07-27 Maxis report, 129 households in Wright County reported as homeless in their Financial Assistance Applications:
 - 1. Temporarily sharing housing of other persons due to loss of housing
 - 2. Residing in a shelter
 - 3. Residing in a hotel or motel due to lack of permanent residence
 - 4. Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation
 - 5. Residing in a place without utilities that can be restored
 - iii. Question if Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clients – who are mostly chronically homeless – in facilities are counted under Emergency Shelter
 - iv. Question on the disparity of Demographic Summary by Race (Emergency Shelter) – contended that BIPOC populations were over-represented in the homeless counts as compared to white population; would like to see how to use resources to reflect fair counting and bring down the Black/African American number
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a. The survey does not reflect the homelessness-to-population-by-race ratio of each race, instead, was random and voluntary at the time of the survey
 - b. Kimberly Marquez stated that Hispanics tend not to respond to surveys and if they do, many identify as White
 - v. Suggestion to pull monthly report from Financial Assistance applications for the total number of clients served who are reporting homelessness, including those who use New Beginnings of Waverly address, etc.
- b. 2023 Budget (Jami Goodrum)
 - i. HHS has a projected budget of \$34,205M in 2023 –\$1.7M higher than 2022's budget
 - ii. Six HHS staff positions moved to Finance & Taxpayer's Services Department due to County centralization planning
 - iii. HHS is requesting 2.5 FTE new staff positions
 - 1. 1FT Social Services Supervisor
 - 2. 1FT Adult Mental Health Social Worker
 - 3. .5FT MnCHOICES Assessment Social Worker
- c. Financial Report (Christine Partlow)
 - i. The budget is at 50 percent of the year, with revenues at 47 percent and expenditures at 45 percent

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m. – moved to close by Antl, Gangnon second. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Noami Blomberg, Administrative Specialist