

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| ☐ Nibbe, Vickie (Excused) | ☐ Lundgren, Kelly |
| ☒ Besse, Kelsey (Remote) | ☐ Murray, Vanessa |
| ☒ Antl, Linda (Chair) | ☒ Ray-Mader, Jennifer (Remote) |
| ☐ Dahlman, Tammi (Excused) | ☒ Tyler, Jeremy |
| ☐ Eskridge, Lashale (Excused) | ☐ White, Lisa |
| ☒ Goodrum, Jami (Remote) | |
| ☒ Gangnon, Bradley (Vice Chair) | |
| ☒ Harju, Carl | |
| ☐ Holland, Jeanne (Excused) | |

HHS Staff Attendees: Sarah Grosshuesch, Sarah Dearhamer, Joel Torkelson, Kimberly Johnson

1. Approve 2023-03-22 Minutes

ACTION: Quorum was met at 2:48 p.m. Gangnon moved, Tyler second, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

- a. May 9 meeting - Update from Keith Bennett on the Suicide Prevention Grant, which ends June 30, 2023
 - i. Two training courses in May
 1. QPR Training on May 24, Wright County Government Center
 2. Counseling on Access to Legal Means via Zoom
- b. Homelessness presentation by Sarah Dearhamer

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

- a. May 8 meeting - Presentation by Kelly Ball, First Steps Central MN, on Home Visiting Program – in partnership with Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright County for pregnant and parenting families
- b. Project with Geographic Information System (GIS) on tobacco licensing mapping to ensure that licensed facilities have at least 1000 feet setback from any youth-oriented facilities
- c. Overview on the Family Planning Program
- d. Legislative update on the Marijuana bill and the HHS Omnibus Budget Bill

4. Open Forum:

a. Housing Update: Homelessness Task Force

- i. CONSENSUS to name the new group as a Task Force or a Focus Group
- ii. CONSENSUS on group composition:
 1. Two representatives from each committee (MHAC/PHTF/HHSAC) and from HHS
 - a. HHSAC representation – Gangnon
 - b. HHS – Joel Torkelson as Facilitator/Planner (Per Grosshuesch's recommendation)
 2. Add as a standing item to the HHSAC Agenda
- iii. Sarah Dearhamer presented the Housing Task Force proposal to the Mental Health Advisory Council and the Public Health Task Force – not sure how expansive the new group will be
 1. Kim Johnson: decide on things that we want to tackle, pick primary projects to focus on
 2. Public Health applied for a \$10K grant with Medica – Laundry Relief Program for the homeless population; working on how to pull the program together and roll out to the community
 3. If we develop a group, a few things to consider:
 - a. Get the number of homeless persons; gather data
 - b. Different community groups may work in tandem with us; come together and decide
 - c. Characterize the demand. Quantify the number of homeless and housing-insecure individuals/families (ideally by age cohort if available)
 - d. What about hotel vouchers?
 - i. A few hotels offer weekly versus daily rate
 - e. Shared information: Aggregated data through the enrollment process
 - i. For baseline data many of the health care systems are screening for housing needs. For example, here is some data from Allina that mentions Buffalo
 - ii. From June 2018 through January 2022, more than 166,000 patients completed an AHC screening with 28 percent identifying at least one need (Wright County: 31 percent). The most frequently identified needs were food insecurity and housing instability.
 - iii. <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/27002/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment-Summary-2023--2025>

5. HHS Update

- a. 202-05-09 Personnel Committee – Staffing recommendation
 - i. The county board on May 16 approved additional personnel requests
 1. 4 Waiver Social Workers
 2. 1 Fraud Investigator
- b. New HHS Board Meeting Dates

- i. The HHS Board meeting moved its schedule from second Monday, 2:30 p.m. to first Tuesday, 9:45 a.m., during the county board regular session

6. Items for Next Meeting

- a. Housing Updates
- b. 2024 Budget?
- c. \$662K Medical Assistance Renewals

Adjourned at 3:52, at Tyler's motion, seconded by Harju.