

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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

HHS Staff Attendees: Kim Johnson, Tarynn Anderson, Michelle Miller, Sarah Grosshuesch, Joel Torkelson, Jill Pooler, Diane Erkens, James O'Dell

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.
2. Approve 2023-05-24 Minutes
ACTION: Gangnon moved, Tyler second, to approve the minutes. Motion carries.
3. Quarterly Financial Report & Proposed 2024 Budget (Jim O'Dell, Jami Goodrum)
 - a. Waiver - Contracted Case Management (CCM) providers struggling with staffing and increased cases. Added a new provider, Dungarvin, to CCM companies used by HHS. Anticipating more cases coming back from CCMs to in-house case management
 - b. Targeted Case Management (TCM) reimbursement rates increased for Children's Mental Health and Child Welfare while rates for Adult Mental Health, Vulnerable Adult and DD decreased
 - c. Out of Home Placement (OHP) – the number of children in placement is at its all-time low but costs are trending up due to high cost of children placed in residential treatment facilities
 - d. Income Maintenance Random Moment Study (IMRMS) – trending down; staff are spending bulk of time processing renewals from the MA unwinding
 - e. Public Health Revenue – trending down; in the process of dollar recapture/billing
 - f. 2024Bbudget
 - i. Met with commissioners for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) today
 - ii. Overall, the budget is in line with other departments
 - iii. Centralization in Finance and Technology in 2023 resulted to loss of staff however, new positions were added in other Divisions throughout the year
 - iv. Requesting two new staff and one reclassification for 2024
4. Mental Health Update (Carl Harju, Diane Erkens, Tarynn Anderson)
 - a. Decision to move back to hybrid meeting starting September

- b. Suicide Prevention grant update from Keith Bennett
 - c. Homelessness Taskforce Members:
 - i. Tarynn Anderson (HHS)
 - ii. Tom Feddema (Wright County Probation)
 - iii. Kaylee Knight
 - iv. Brad Gangnon
 - v. Mark Daleiden
 - d. Update from PMAP providers: Blue Cross, Medica
5. Public Health Task Force Update (Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader, Sarah Grosshuesch)
- a. Overview on Child & Teen Checkup
 - i. New coordinator – Patty Malecek
 - b. Strategic Plan update
 - c. Homelessness Task Force Members:
 - i. Melissa Pribyl
 - ii. Toni Seroshek
 - iii. Jeanne Holland
 - d. Legislative Update, i.e., cannabis bill, additional Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant from the State
6. Open Forum:
- a. Homelessness Task Force – New Funding
 - i. Information
 - 1. <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2023-07/2023-local-homeless-prevention-aid-recertified-amounts-counties.pdf>
 - 2. <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/local-homeless-prevention-aid#>
 - 3. Joel Torkelson to co-chair with Sarah Grosshuesch and Kim Johnson in facilitating the Homelessness Task Force
 - 4. Next step – identify members from each task force
 - 5. Potential funding coming from legislature – no parameters yet on type of population for allocation
 - ii. Define homelessness and its criteria before moving forward with concrete plans
 - 1. Is funding for prevention, or for currently occurring?
 - iii. HHS group can independently meet/plan outside of the Task Force group to keep the project moving
 - b. Opioid Allocation for Co-Responder (Jill Pooler)
 - i. Requested to hire one Social Worker II position upon receipt of Opioid grant money as a co-responder with Law Enforcement (LE) for chemical and mental health support during LE calls
 - c. Update on Medical Assistance Unwinding State Funding (Kim Johnson)
 - i. The Department of Human Services (DHS) allocated \$640K in July for assistance to counties in processing Medical Assistance renewals due to the MA unwinding in July when the public health emergency ended

- ii. Additionally, Health Partners donated \$100K to Wright County HHS for the MA unwinding, which HHS will use to hire a support staff position to scan documents and alleviate incoming calls
 - iii. Suggestion by an HHSAC member if the funding could be applied to the medical industry to hire/train interns or on-the-job graduates coming into the health care field
 - 1. Kim Johnson stressed that this funding is restricted to people who receive MA services
 - d. Family Resource Center Grant Update (Sarah Grosshuesch, Michelle Miller)
 - i. In follow-up to the March 22 HHSAC meeting presentation, HHS and Wright County Community Action (WCCA) will be presenting to the County Board August 2, the WCCA Board August 8, and the All-County Safe Schools meeting August 9, to get the word out and solicit input from communities regarding the need and benefit of Family Resource Centers
 - ii. The grant through [Sauer Family Foundation](#) is due for submission September 29, anticipating release in November; WCCA acts as the grantee, to hire one facilitator of the program
 - iii. Legislation also approved \$7.1M for Community/Family Resource Centers but no definite allocation on funding yet
7. Items for Next Meeting
- a. Fraud Investigator Position
 - b. Homelessness Task Force

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist