

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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| ☐ Angela DeOtis (Absent) | ☒ Dr. Jennifer Ray-Mader |
| ☒ Ann Bajari | ☒ Dr. Kim Tjaden |
| ☒ Bonita Bryant (Vice Chair) | ☒ Linda Carlson |
| ☐ Brad Gangnon (Absent) | ☒ Mark Daleiden |
| ☒ David Nelson | ☐ Marlene Kittock (Absent) |
| ☐ Emanuel Ngabire (Absent) | ☒ Melissa Pribyl |
| ☒ Jacquelyn Bergo | ☒ Mona Volden |
| ☒ Jeanne Holland | ☒ Toni Seroshek (Chair) |
| ☒ Jim Schnackenberg | |

HHS Staff Attendees:

Alison Dudek	Jon Young
Greg Wise	Kristie Rathmanner
Jacob Anson	Patty Larson
Joel Torkelson	Sarah Grosshuesch

Guests/Other:

Michelle Wiebe

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the August minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda and the August minutes by Mona Volden, second by Melissa Pribyl.
 - b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. *Vaccinations-Kristie Rathmanner & Alison Dudek*
 - Flu: Flu season is now. Anyone 6 months of age and older should get their flu shot. Quadrivalent which is 4 strains of the flu vaccine are in there, 2 A and 2 B. Then there is high dose for those over the age of 65, which has 4 times the amount of antigen in it. There will also be the flu mist, which Public Health will not have been you can get at your doctor's office or pharmacy. We will accept everyone, insured, uninsured, underinsured and for kids on MA.
 - Covid: In September the FDA authorized an updated monovalent Covid-19 vaccine both Pfizer and Moderna and end of last week Novavax approved their updated formulation. Novavax doesn't have any CDC recommendations yet.
 - RSV: There is a lot of new products. The first one is for infants for their first season. Infants under 8 months should get the monoclonal antibody. There are two other vaccines, one from Pfizer and one from GSK for adults 60 years and older to prevent RSV with them. The Pfizer one is also approved for pregnant woman to get it between the 32–36-week range.

This would be an either-or situation, either the mom gets it while pregnant or the infant gets it after birth. We will have these for uninsured, underinsured and kids on MA.

b. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)-*Jacob Anson*

- The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program funding comes through two federal pass-through grants from the CDC to Wright County Public Health. Those grants include:
 - (a) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) Grant
 - ◆ The PHEP Grant is the larger of the two grants and the broader of the two. The PHEP Grant came about originally in 2002 in response to 9/11 and the subsequent anthrax attacks. This grant focuses on supporting local jurisdictions in planning for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies. The PHEP Grant is governed by 15 preparedness and response capabilities. We operate the PHEP Grant in partnership with other local emergency preparedness and emergency management organizations, as well as at a regional level with the central region. To learn more please see the link below:

- (i) <https://www.cdc.gov/orr/readiness/phep/index.htm>

- (b) Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant

- ◆ The Cities Initiative Grant is our second funding stream. This grant focuses primarily on mass dispensing or mass vaccination in response to bioterrorism (anthrax attack for example) or a disease outbreak. We receive this grant due to our proximity to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Due to the focus of this grant, it is more narrowly focused on its goals and objectives. Some things we do with this grant are plan for points of dispensing that would be activated in the case of bioterrorism or an outbreak. Due to the metropolitan area focus of this grant we often are partnering with the counties and cities within the Twin Cities Metro. To learn more please see the link below:

- (i) <https://www.cec.gov/orr/readiness/phep/cri.htm>

- Upcoming Grants

- (a) With the recent legislative session, the State legislative passed into law a new set of funding for public health emergency preparedness. This will be the first time Minnesota has invested in emergency preparedness. Due to this increase in funding, we were able to expand our emergency preparedness team with a second emergency preparedness coordinator. At this time, we are still waiting to see what the grant deliverables will be for this grant but do anticipate that it will come with an increase in grant deliverables.

c. Community Conversations-*Joel Torkelson & Greg Wise*

- We finalized our Community Health Improvement Plan and during that process we realized qualitative data would be really nice and give us a little bit more in depth information on why we are seeing some of the health data that we are on the Community Health Survey. We developed a plan with a couple goals in mind: 1. To provide a better and more in depth understanding of the quantitative data that we gathered from the last Community Health Assessment. 2. Help forecast emergency health priorities in the community for the upcoming Community Health Assessment. Trying to predict some health topics/questions that we should be asking on the assessment. We will be conducting about 3-4 community discussions throughout the county with 5-8 people per conversation. Currently we are in conversations with Head Start as well as our Family Home Visiting program so getting participants through those two programs but are open to suggestions on other groups or

places that we could get participants for these conversations. We did identify this in our Strategic Plan to conduct at least two focus groups by the end of 2024 so this is one way we can meet this objective. We are developing a list of questions. We are thinking this conversation should last about an hour and have about 8-10 questions. We would like to have these conversations sometime in February and March and have things wrapped up by June 2024.

5. New Business

- a. Kudos to Keith Bennett for his presentation for Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services on suicide prevention and mental health. In the future there might be a presentation for veterans.
- b. Resources shared about a presentation on sex trafficking at Buffalo Covenant by Exodus Row. Terebinth Refuge is a sex trafficking rescue in St. Cloud. There are three houses, one for those who are just coming in. Another house for transition and the third is a business where clients learn how to make products for sale and how a business is run.

6. Old Business

7. Other

8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, November 13, 2023

- a. Welcome New Staff
- b. Dental Coordinator
- c. Drug Free Communities Grant

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Holland, second by Mark Daleiden.
- b. Adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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