Minutes

Wright County Public Health

Public Health Task Force

November 13, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | GC 3103/Zoom

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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

HHS Staff Attendees:

Bobbie Farnum
Jon Young
Kelsey Collier
Lena Preugschas
Megan Coleman
Melanie Klimes
Rachel Nelson
Sarah Grosshuesch

Guests/Other:

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
    a. Welcoming new Public Health staff Bobbie Farnum, Lena Preugschas, Megan Coleman, and Melanie Klimes.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the October minutes
    a. Motion to approve Agenda and the October minutes by Jeanne Holland, second by Bonita Bryant.
    b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
    a. Dental Coordinator-*Jon Young*
        - Megan Coleman is the new Dental Coordinator/Health Promotion Coordinator. She will also work on our substance use prevention programs.
    b. Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant-*Rachel Nelson*
        - MEADA stands for Mentorship, Education and Drug Awareness. MEADA was originally created by law enforcement and commissioners in Wright County to address the methamphetamine issues throughout the county. Originally the “M” stood for methamphetamine but was changed in 2019. Our main goal is to have youth mentors on

the coalition which is something we are still working towards. As a coalition we award mini grants throughout the community, primarily to schools for prevention and substance use with different projects and initiatives. We have elected to focus on three main substances and that is based off of the Minnesota Student Survey data as well as the Community Needs Assessment. Our three main substances we focus on are Alcohol, Tobacco & Vaping and Marijuana. Wright County was awarded the Drug Free Communities Grant in December 2020. The DFC grant is funded by the Center for Disease Control. The way that the grant works is it is 5 years increments with a maximum of 2 cycles. We applied for 5 years increments but we do have to apply yearly, so our reports are due at the end of September each year. We are awarded $125,000 per year and it is a 12-sector representation. The drug free coordinator's position is required. One of our goals is to increase community collaboration. We are always trying to work on building our relationships throughout the community. We are very heavily focused on community partnerships. Goal #2 is decreasing youth substance use. The way we do that is we have different campaigns. We have different community action groups working on things such as parent awareness and youth recruitments. We are also working on coming up with different projects and initiatives that are helping reduce youth substance abuse. Another part of the coordinator role is conducting alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. This consists of having a youth go into the establishment and try to purchase tobacco and alcohol using their real IDs. This has been a proven method to reduce youth from being sold tobacco and alcohol. Last year we had a 20% failure rate for alcohol and that did decrease this year. We had about 11 establishments that failed. Tobacco was about 15% this year. Some of the 12-sectors that represent the coalition are:

(a) Youth
(b) Parents
(c) Schools
(d) Youth serving organizations
(e) Law enforcement
(f) Civic volunteer organizations
(g) Religious organizations
(h) Healthcare professionals
(i) State and local tribal government

5. New Business
   a. 2024 calendar was sent out with the invite and remember we don't meet next month (December). Veterans Day falls on the normal November Task Force meeting day. We will reschedule this meeting for Monday, November 18th, same time as normal.
6. Old Business
   a. None.
7. Other
8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, January 8, 2024 (going off the 2023 schedule)
   a. Dental Center
   b. Injury Prevention Update

c. Radon

9. Adjourn

   a. Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Holland, second by Dave Nelson.

   b. Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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