

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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

HHS Staff Attendees:

Jon Young	Megan Coleman
Kai Sin	Patty Larson
Keith Bennett	Patty Malecek
Kelsey Collier	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.
 - a. Welcomed new member, Jamie Stang.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the November minutes
 - a. Motion to approve November minutes by Dr. Ray-Mader, second by Mark Daleiden.
 - b. Change to agenda item 4e: Patty Malecek will present instead of Sarah Grosshuesch.
 - c. Motion to approve agenda with change mentioned above by Melissa Pribyl, second by Mark Daleiden.
 - d. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. SHIP Team-*Keith Bennett*
 - This year we have a story map. Initiatives focus on four context areas aimed at increasing access to healthy food (MN Eats), improving access and opportunities for physical activity (MN Moves), creating commercial tobacco-free communities (MN Breathes), and strengthening well-being of Minnesotans (MN Well-being). This work is done in five settings: community, childcare, health care, schools, and work sites.

- In 2023 we had 19 SHIP projects and reached over 82,000 people across Wright County. We had 43 partners engaged with 25 unique projects. Also, we had over \$123,000 leveraged and in-kind funds and we also awarded over \$97,000 to community partners. That's not to say that every project or partnership we award funds, a lot of our partnerships we give guidance, resources, just continuation of partnership to hopefully improve whatever their project is.
- Key Featured Initiative to mention:
 - (a) Otsego Wayfinding Plan. We worked with Otsego to help develop these trails and signs to have better access as well as help to know where these trails are. The hope is this will get people using these trails and being outside more.
- Also in 2023:
 - (a) MN Eats: Wright County Community Action was recognized as a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace by the Minnesota Department of Health.
 - (b) MN Breathes: High schools in Annandale, Buffalo, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, Rockford, and St. Michael were provided vape disposal buckets.
 - (c) MN Moves: City of Otsego developed and began implementing a new Parks and Trails Wayfinding plan.
 - (d) MN Well-being:
 - ◆ Wright County Public Health developed an Asthma Program that provides support to clients with an asthma diagnosis.
 - ◆ The Opioid Settlement Advisory Council awarded their first round of funding totaling \$500,000 to seven partners working on opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies.
 - ◆ Allina Health, City of Buffalo, City of Otsego, and Pellco Machine Inc. are participating in a SHIP-led Workplace Wellness Collaborative aimed at creating sustainable workplace wellness initiatives. They will choose and accomplish specific projects in the coming year.
- CLT (Community Leadership Team): The Public Health Task Force is our CLT. The Community Leadership Team meets to discuss how to improve the health of Wright County.
 - (a) Provides direction and support for the work of SHIP.
 - (b) Ground and advance the work of SHIP in their communities.
 - (c) Create vital connections between SHIP and other work in the community.
 - (d) Assure accountability to the community and help make sure that SHIP activities are making a difference in the community.
- An email will be sent to the group with the following questions and hoping for a response on these.
 - (a) What geographic areas could be better reached and how do we reach them?
 - (b) What populations or partnerships could SHIP work focus on?
 - (c) What gaps could SHIP cover?
 - (d) Does the annual report/project guide/etc. spark any project ideas?

- SHIP Project Interest Form was shared.
- b. Nursing Students-*Kelsey Collier*
- Wright County Public Health partners with St. Cloud State University. Every semester we get a group of students. The students come every Tuesday and Wednesday in the morning for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. So, they get a variety of experience in Public Health. They also work on projects. This semester the students are working with both Wright and Sherburne counties. Usually, the students do 4 projects a semester, so Sherburne County is doing 2 projects and Wright County is doing 2 projects. Our projects the students will be working on is with our 60+ & Healthy Program, getting some education materials implemented into that program. We would like some educational pieces at those clinics. Also, potentially some more work on falls prevention. The second project is a continuation of the last 2 semesters, it is our migrant vaccine project. We have a higher hesitancy rate with our migrant population, so they have been working on reducing that hesitancy rate and eventually long-term goal is having a specific vaccine clinic for that population offering various vaccines.
 - If anybody has a project or an idea for a project, please let us know as the students do projects every semester.
- c. Dental Center/Coordinator-*Megan Coleman*
- The Scope of Dental Care in Minnesota & Wright County:
 - (a) According to the Minnesota Department of Health, 25.3% of Minnesotans are without dental insurance.
 - (b) On average, the Community Dental Clinic in Wright County sees 1 emergency patient each day.
 - (c) 2018 Wright County Community Health Assessment reported 59.1% of adults delayed dental care because “it costs too much”.
 - (d) 21% of Wright County 9th grade students had toothaches or pain in the 2022 MN Student Survey.
 - Wright County borders on a dental health professional shortage area.
 - Wright County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in MN.
 - 20,395 men, women, and children in Wright County receive their health insurance through Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP).
 - Only 6 of the 30 dental clinics in Wright County accept MHCP insurance and just 2 are taking new patients under this MN program.
 - 90% of Wright County dental providers stated that the biggest barrier to accepting clients who have medical assistance was inadequate funding and/or compensation for services.
 - This month did an informal questionnaire to gauge community opinion on their oral health; Spanish & English versions at the Wellness on Wheels as well as sent to the Family Home Visiting supervisor to disperse to Public Health Nurses.
 - This February is Children’s Dental Health Month. There will be a brushing competition with 11 Wright County elementary schools participating which works out to be approximately 1,343 First and Second grade students.

- February 2nd and February 3rd is Give Kids a Smile. Community Dental Clinic here in Wright County will be hosting Friday afternoon the 2nd. They have 8 slots available for under 17-year-olds. They are trying to get those that will be on the schedule to be on MHCP or maybe don't have insurance. This is free dental care.
- Another project that is being worked on is the Dental Health website/page.
- Been working with the Minnesota Oral Health Coalition. There are monthly Health Integration Community Conversations. The next one will be on April 3rd and Megan will be a guest speaker.
- Transportation can be an issue and has been brought up by Community Dental Clinic. There is a council, Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) for 7W (Benton, Sherburne, and Wright Counties). Megan has been invited to the next meeting to give her input on transportation.
- They have opened the Sealant Program Grant applications from the Minnesota Oral Health Coalition (MOHC) and Megan will be applying for that.
- The next Dental Access Workgroup will be February 6th from 2-3 p.m.

d. Injury Prevention Update-*Kai Sin*

- Falls Prevention: We have a Senior Health Coalition and with 12 stake holders which include Sheriff's office, EMS, CentraCare, and Allina to name a few. For our 2024 year we are focusing on transportation, food insecurity, housing, and advanced care plan for our aging population. Wright County Community Action did get funding through SHIP and put together a resource system for our home visit assessment. Any senior that you might know that are at risk of falling and are interested in having an assessment to find out what some of the hazards are in the house we do have a referral system. Handout given. Some of the disparities that we see are not many people are interested in having the county involved in visiting their home. They are afraid that they will be taken out of their home.
- Car Passenger Safety: From January to December 2023, we did 280 car seat checks. We also completed 56 car seat trainings. These are individuals who brought in their own car seats and had them looked at. Anyone who is on a state insurance program could qualify for a free seat. If there are people who are uninsured or underinsured, we do have a donation program where we have new donated seats that we can give to those people free of charge.

e. Radon-*Patty Malecek*

- January is Radon Action month. Handouts given. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. If you are not a smoker it is the leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is a radioactive gas that is formed naturally in the soil. It is caused by the breakdown of radium and uranium. They recommend you test for radon every four years. January is a good month to test because houses are closed up for the winter and you will get a more accurate reading. Kits are sold here at the Government Center. You can also order them and have them mailed to your home. They are also available at the WOW van.

5. New Business

- a. 2024 Agenda Schedule was given out.

6. Old Business

- a. None.

7. Other
 - a. None.
8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, February 12, 2024
 - a. Family Planning Grant
 - b. Strategic Plan Process Overview
9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Dave Nelson, second by Mark Daleiden.
 - b. Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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