

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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

HHS Staff Attendees: Sarah Grosshuesch, James O'Dell, Diane Erkens, Joel Torkelson, Michelle Miller (remote)

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

Approve 2023-07-26 and 2023-11-15 Minutes

ACTION: At 2:38 p.m. quorum, Dahlman moved, Tyler second, to approve the July and November minutes. Motion passed

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

- a. Update from the Homelessness Task Force
- b. Flyer distribution - Community Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) training events
- c. Update from Blue Plus and Health Partners
- d. Discussed scope of responsibilities of the Co-responder program

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

- a. Welcomed new member
- b. The Public Health Community Leadership Team presented the [2023 Annual Report](#)
 - i. Fill out the [Project Interest Form](#) if interested to partner with SHIP. See [SHIP Project Guide](#) for more information
- c. Public Health is currently hosting nursing students from St. Cloud University to work on different projects – they will be involved with the 65Plus Program, fall prevention, approach to vaccine hesitancy in the migrant population
- d. Dental Center update
- e. Injury Prevention update:
 - i. Fall prevention – Minnesota is second state with highest report of falls for seniors; lowest is Illinois
 - ii. Car seat safety – performed 280 car seat checks from January to December 2023
 - iii. Radon test– January is Radon Action Month. Remediation can be costly if retrofitted; MDHS has a [low income mitigation assistance program](#) for low-income homeowners

4. Proposal to Reschedule HHSAC Meetings 2024-07-24 & 2024-09-25

- a. July (Fri)12, (Fri)26, (Mon)29 or (Tue)30 – 2:30-4:00
 - i. **ACTION:** Antl moved, Dahlman second, to reschedule the July 24 meeting to Tuesday, July 30, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Motion passed.
- b. September (Mon)16, ((Fri)27, or (Mon)30 – 2:30-4:00
 - i. **ACTION:** Mader moved, Tyler second, to reschedule the September 25 meeting to Monday, September 30. Motion passed.

5. Open Forum:

- a. Homelessness Task Force (Joel Torkelson)
 - i. Meets monthly – first Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; consists of members from HHS Advisory, PH Task Force, Mental Health Advisory, HHS staff
 - ii. Outlined goals for 2024
 - 1. Encourage school district participation in the annual Point in Time (PIT) count
 - a. Today is annual PIT count day – 11 homelessness count in Wright County so far; PIT counts are not usually accurate counts of actual homelessness due to certain HUD criteria such as:
 - i. Double-up counting such as staying in someone’s house/couch
 - ii. Hotel stays that are paid by the individual
 - iii. School surveys not being reported to the PIT count
 - 2. Reduce barriers for residents who have convictions or previous evictions that prevent them from accessing housing
 - 3. Secure a Wright County HHS Housing Coordinator position
 - iii. HHSAC suggestion:
 - 1. Promote PIT Count Day in community boards, alert HHS advisories in advance, i.e. include in November calendar invites, etc.
 - 2. Hold a one-day public event at the Government Center (similar to Law Day)
 - iv. Continuing to compile data related to homelessness, funding opportunities and strengthening partnerships with organizations
 - 1. WCHHS supports CAMHI’s grant application for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
 - 2. State legislation allocated funding for Homelessness Prevention for Statewide Housing Aid – Wright County is working with other counties how \$204K allocation will be spent
- b. 2024 Budget Update (Jim O’Dell)
 - i. Overview of the 2024 Budget as shown:

HHS 2024 Budget Introduction

		2023 Budget	2024 Budget	
Public Health	LPH	\$356,400.00	\$481,400.00	35.07%
	PHEP	\$224,000.00	\$521,474.00	132.80%
	Dental Initiative	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	0.00%
	Family Planning	\$322,650.00	\$337,530.00	4.61%
	C&TC	\$488,600.00	\$392,782.00	-19.61%
	Family Home Visiting/TANF	\$750,220.00	\$728,500.00	-2.90%
	Drug Free Community	\$248,192.00	\$261,185.00	5.24%
	Tobacco Compliance	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	0.00%
	Alcohol Compliance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
	SHIP	\$612,150.00	\$598,089.00	-2.30%
	OHP	\$2,735,000.00	\$3,115,000.00	13.89%
	Targeted Case Management	\$1,192,800.00	\$1,092,900.00	-8.38%
	Waiver	\$1,221,400.00	\$1,488,900.00	21.90%
Financial Services MFIP		\$820,200.00	\$741,104.00	-9.64%

Tyler moved, Harju second, to close the meeting. Adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist