

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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

HHS Staff Attendees:

Joel Torkelson	Marina Eggink
Jon Young	Patty Larson
Kelsey Collier	Sarah Grosshuesch
Laura Walter	

Guests/Other:

Nate Stoebe	Rose Riveness
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1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair, Toni Seroshek.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the March minutes
 - a. Motion to approve November minutes and the agenda by Jamie Stang, second by Melissa Pribyl.
 - b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and Minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Environmental Health-*Laura Walter and Marina Eggink*
 - Radon & Well Water Testing:
 - (a) January was radon awareness month. We sell short term radon test kits at the Health & Human Services front desk for \$5. We sold 140 so far this year.
 - (b) Radon and Well Water Testing rack cards were shared with the group.
 - (c) We have had about 20 clients come in for water testing so far this winter, which winter is the off season for well water testing, so we expect more in the summer.
 - Healthy Homes Program:
 - (a) Healthy Homes rack card was shared with the group.

- (b) It is a free voluntary service where the staff goes into a home to do an assessment and talk about the seven principles of a healthy home which are keeping it Dry, Clean, Pest-free, Ventilated, Safe, Contaminant-free, and Maintained. If we notice one of these could be a problem in the home, then we provide more education and resources on that specific issue on how the resident can solve that problem on their own or make it better. Referrals can be made by the owner or renter or a neighbor. These referrals can be made on our Public Health website under Environmental Health.
 - (c) Recently four staff had the chance to do a two-day Healthy Homes training that was sponsored by Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Asthma Program and hosted by the Sustainable Resource Center.
 - (d) Healthy Homes assessments have been going up in the last few years. For example, in 2020 we only had 8, 2021 we had 16, 2022 we had 18, and 2023 we had 31.
 - (e) Environmental Health webpage was shared with the group.
 - Asthma Program:
 - (a) The Asthma Program is a new program and overlaps with the Healthy Homes Program, it is embedded in the program. It is for families with children who have asthma. It is a free voluntary service. Anybody can make a referral, the parents can make a referral for the child, a doctor can make a referral, a school nurse can. The main goal is to educate the family. Some families need more one on one education when it comes medication administration or triggers, so we can go into the home and find things that could be a possible trigger for the child and let the family know about those, and it is done by a Public Health Nurse. We can also go over their current asthma action plan. We can really give that individual education that they may need. Depending on the client's needs and availability, they may be eligible for some trigger reducing supplies, such as a hepa vacuum cleaner, an air purifier, dehumidifier, and mattress and pillow encasements we can provide that to them.
 - (b) Asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases. In 2019-2020 for Wright County, emergency department visits were 541 and hospitalizations were 38. We have been working on outreach, going to school nurse meetings, reaching out to clinics and hospitals.
 - Lead Program:
 - (a) It is for any child that tests high for lead at their clinic visit. That result then goes to MDH and MDH disperses it per county. There have been a few changes in the last few years. Lead testing was never universal, so the biggest change from 2021 is that now lead testing is universal, so every child is being tested for lead at 1 and 2 years of age and then they reduced the threshold for lead risk assessments being done in homes for kids down to 5. In 2023, Minnesota decreased their threshold from 5 to 3.5 for what is considered an elevated level in a child.
 - (b) So far for this year we have had 5 and last year we had a total of 11.
 - (c) Lead based paint is the biggest risk factor. Homes built before 1978 are the biggest risk factor for lead-based paint. For Wright County 10.1% of housing was built before 1950 and 32.7% of housing was built before 1980.
- b. Legislative Update-Sarah Grosshuesch

- Some of the priorities of the county that fit well with social determinates of health.
 - (a) The county is supporting a bonding effort by Wright Tech. Wright Tech is the only co-op technical program left in the state. They can't ask for a bond from the community, so they have gone to the state asking for bonding.
 - (b) There was a favorable economic projection for the state's economy.
 - (c) The county is looking at an immunization bill that has been brought forward that would allow childcare providers to establish a policy not to exclude children who are not vaccinated or not up to date on their vaccines.
 - (d) There have been different bills brought forward around homelessness and around housing affordability and access to housing. There have been bills brought forward to allow for more duplexes and multiunit housing in certain cities. There have been some licensing things around smaller assisted living facilities.
 - (e) We are still working on processes here around cannabis. Administration and county attorney's office has been facilitating conversations with cities and county departments. There are simultaneously processes at the state happening. We are updating our tobacco processes and we expect to introduce updated tobacco ordinances in the summer in anticipation of having cannabis ordinance as well.
- c. Strategic Planning Discussion-Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results (SOAR) Organizational Assessment-*Joel Torkelson*
 - Background on Why Public Health Develops a Strategic Plan
 - (a) At the Public Health Task Force meeting in January, we spent some time providing background on our strategic planning process.
 - (b) At a recent all staff meeting we went through a SOAR organizational assessment, facilitated by MDH.
 - (c) Today we want to go through a similar exercise with you, gathering your perspective and thoughts.
 - Setting the Stage: Forces and Trends
 - (a) What forces and trends have affected our organization in the past few years?
 - ◆ Consider technological advancements, economic factors, social and cultural shifts, environmental concerns, political and legal landscape, globalization, and workforce dynamics.
 - Strengths
 - (a) What strengths can we build on?
 - ◆ What accomplishments has our organization made in the past few years?
 - ◆ What unique strengths do we have?
 - Opportunities
 - (a) What are the top three opportunities in which we should focus our efforts?
 - ◆ What trends, partnerships, community needs, etc. could we build on/respond to?
 - Aspirations
 - (a) What do we care deeply about?

(b) What do we hope to become?

- ◆ If you had three wishes for our organization, what would they be? Consider: Who are we/Who should we become? Where should we go in the future? What would we like to be known for?

- Results

(a) How do we know we are succeeding?

- ◆ How should we define success? What would it look like?

5. New Business

- a. We have open position for Disease Prevention & Control (DP&C). Please share this information.

6. Old Business

- a. The bonding dollars for the dental clinic was received by the county.

7. Other

- a. It was suggested that someone from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) team present to the Health & Human Services Advisory Community.

8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, May 13, 2024

- a. DP&C/Refugee Health
- b. SHIP
- c. Hennepin Data Website

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Melissa Pribyl, second by Linda Carlson
- b. Adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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