

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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| ☐ Adan, Shirwa (excused) | ☐ Nibbe, Vickie (Vice Chair) (excused) |
| ☐ Antl, Linda E (excused) | ☐ Ray Mader, Jennifer |
| ☒ Bobrowske, Dennis | ☒ Schaefer, Karin |
| ☐ Dahlman, Tammi (excused) | ☐ Schugel, Maria (excused) |
| ☐ Eskridge, Lashale (excused) | ☒ Schmitz, Nicki |
| ☒ Goodrum, Jami | ☒ Tyler, Jeremy (Chair) |
| ☒ Harju, Carl | ☒ Williams, Shane |
| ☒ Moynagh, Kirby | |

HHS Staff Attendees: Michelle Miller, Kim Johnson, Jill Pooler, Sarah Grosshuesch, James O'Dell

Tyler called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. Approve 2024-11-20 Minutes

ACTION: Harju moved, Goodrum second, to approve the minutes. Motion carries. Motion carries

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

3. Welcome New Members:

- a. Kirby Moynagh, Commissioner, District 5
- b. Shane Williams, District 1
- c. Shirwa Adan, District 4 (absent)
- d. Karin Schaefer, District 5
- e. Maria Schugel, District 5 (absent)
- f. Nicki Schmitz, District 5
- g. Dennis Bobrowske, District 5

4. Annual Review of HHSAC Procedures and Bylaws (Jami Goodrum)

- a. Goodrum highlighted the purpose of the committee, member roles and expectations
- b. The committee has a good member representation across the five districts
- c. Outlined the budget process, HHSAC meeting schedule, other HHS areas
- d. **ACTION:** Admin Specialist to send the Strategic Imperatives/2023 Annual report to HHSAC

5. Mental Health Advisory Council Update (Carl Harju, ~~Diane Erkens, Tarynn Anderson~~)

- a. No update since its last meeting in November. Next meeting – March 11
- b. Gave overview on MHAC

6. Public Health Task Force Update (~~Dr. Jennifer Ray Mader~~, Sarah Grosshuesch)

- a. Gave overview on PHTF and statutory requirements

- b. Recognized Dr. Ray Mader's membership and service to PHTF and as the Agency's medical consultant
 - c. Reminder on the upcoming Point in Time Homeless Count on January 22
 - d. Radon update
 - e. Dental Center update by Health Promotion Coordinator Megan Coleman; the dental clinic in Buffalo received 15K visits in 2024; 1,965 emergency/urgent care visits
7. Open Forum:
- a. Congratulations to Jeremy Tyler for his membership appointment to the Governor's Council on Disabilities
 - b. [Point in Time \(PIT\) Count](#) overview (4th Wednesday of January)
 - i. This year's PIT count is on January 22
 - ii. The PIT count is a nationwide initiative to track homeless individuals as a tool to allocate program funding and identify housing solutions
 - iii. Anyone who knows a homeless individual can participate as an interviewer or as an observer using the [Observation Tool](#) and be counted
 - iv. Schools, Wright County Community Action, the Salvation Army, Wright County HHS work together in getting the word out for maximum count
 - v. There are challenges to participation from schools:
 - 1. Broad definition of homelessness
 - 2. Redundant participation in other surveys
 - 3. Short timeline when establishing the PIT count date
8. Items for Next Meeting
- a. HHS will solicit items from HHSAC members
 - i. Big items if needing more information on:
 - 1. Medical Assistance (MA) Unwinding; post-COVID policy on MA
 - 2. MnCHOICES Assessments – tool used not conducive; MnCHOICES waitlist
 - 3. Cannabis legislation
 - b. MA & Access: MNBenefits process and impact to staff capacity/taxpayer funds
 - c. **CONSENSUS:**
 - i. Provide an overview of HHS and its operations during HHSAC meetings
 - ii. Bring presentations from Board Committee of the Whole (COTW) back to HHSAC
 - 1. February 18 Committee of the Whole presentation (Public Health) will be on the March 10 HHSAC agenda
 - d. **ACTION:** Admin Specialist to email County and HHS Board meeting information to HHSAC
 - e. Cannabis (non-medicinal side) – licensed foster care provider perspective/guidance for residents who want to use

Schaefer moved, Schmitz second, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist