

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates *Present*):

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

HHS Staff Attendees: Odell, Erkens, Grosshuesch, Tarynn Anderson, Kim Johnson

Tyler called the regular meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Introductions
 - a. Consensus on needing more representation from other districts; District 5 is overrepresented
2. Approve 2025-03-10 Minutes
 - a. ACTION: Harju moved, Dahlman second, to approve the minutes. Motion carries
3. Review and Approval of Agenda
 - a. ACTION: Dahlman moved, Nibbe second, to approve the agenda. Motion carries
4. Mental Health Advisory Council Overview & Update (Carl Harju, ~~Diane Erkens, Tarynn Anderson~~)
 - a. MHAC meets tomorrow, 2025-05-13
 - b. Reviewed the [2024-2025 Unmet Needs Report](#) presented to the County Board on 2025-05-06
 - c. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Resources are available at the Government Center lobby and on Facebook
 - d. Newly formed Youth Coalition, in collaboration with Public Health, first off-ground meeting. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Keith Bennett coordinates the group. Public Health has a flyer to send out for more members. College students may also join
5. Public Health Task Force Update (Sarah Grosshuesch, 5 Minutes)
 - a. Keith Bennett gave update on the Suicide Prevention Grant
 - b. Backfilling the Health Promotion Coordinator role coordinating the MEADA (Mentorship, Education and Drug Awareness) program
 - c. SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) program update
 - i. New project announcement coming soon – will bring to the Board for approval
 - d. Gave session update from NACCHO conference in San Antonio, Texas last week, feedback on FEMA and CDC funding
 - e. Pediatric Tabletop Exercise event held in Duluth
6. Open Forum:

- a. Federal & State Budget Cuts – Impact on Wright County
 - i. Federal level (outside of Public Health) – not a lot of local impact currently; biggest concern will be Medicaid (nursing homes, disabilities) – counties are monitoring
 - ii. State level – legislation still meeting and talking about significant moving/shifting costs to counties
 - 1. Potential increase in property taxes
 - 2. The Senate pulled back some cost shifts; will go to the House – still in negotiation
 - a. AMC (Association of MN Counties) this morning called out to counties to identify representatives; outlined three approaches for talking points:
 - i. **Property tax burden** - these shifts don't change what the Senate mandates, simply who pays. It's not right to push the State's budget woes on to counties. Our county cannot absorb these shifts without serious pain
 - ii. **Service/Client impact** - in addition to property tax shifts, the size of these shifts will absolutely impact residents and clients with our county having to assess what – of the few – non-mandated services we need to pull back on or eliminate. Many of these programs impacted constituencies who need help, may cost more dollars down the road, and are constituents we mutually care about
 - iii. **Federal impact** – the federal government is already discussing significant cuts to programs that will trickle down to counties. Don't set us up to fail twice
 - ACTION:** Email the talking points list to HHSAC as a guide when contacting district representatives
- iii. Social Services
 - 1. Outreach positions for children and adult social services area – impact in providing resources/services; reduces needs for case management services, which requires less staff
 - 2. Will potentially look at certain positions that may be affected
- iv. Public Health
 - 1. Abrupt termination of COVID funds on March 25 – notice from the State received March 24, leaving a very short window to notify contracted providers
 - a. Significant funds are RFPs for recovery from impact of the pandemic
 - i. Had six months left to spend the funds; funds were pulled prematurely
 - ii. Out of ten grantees, two completed their projects
 - 1. Worked with the other eight to get what they could but three ultimately missed out
 - 2. \$30K awards each
 - 2. We currently have money now, but cannot go back into a contract – uncertain when money will end
 - 3. There was another round of contract elimination

4. Pilot and long-term grants were cut
 - a. While we lost grant funds, we did not lose staff; already anticipated ending of grants in July
 - b. 2025 1st Quarter Financial Report (Jim O'Dell, 5 Minutes)
 - i. Income Maintenance Random Moment Study (IMRMS) – has a satisfactory 57 percent rate of return; same as first quarter of last year
 - ii. Social Service Time Study (SSTS) – Q4 of 2024 is at 13.44 percent rate of return over last year's 13.30
 - iii. Out of Home Placement (OHP) – Q4 expenditures at \$398K compared to last year's \$410K
 - iv. Targeted Case Management (TCM) – Slightly ahead than last year's, at \$251,133 over \$215,604
 - v. Waiver – lower than last year's, reporting at \$538,842 over \$680,923
 - vi. Public Health Revenue – comparative to last year's, at \$678, 255
 1. Grant monies exceed the number of current staff – having more staff is an opportunity for more grants
 2. The Family Planning Grant came out of the house budget with a cut
 3. PH is working closely with the Sheriff's office in implementation Tobacco licensing; cannabis licensing will be added
 - c. 2025-04-08 Committee of the Whole Presentation Social Services Presentation to the County Board (Michelle Miller)
 - i. Overview of Social Services programs, funding and budget allocations
7. Other
 - a. Opioid Requests for Proposal is out
8. Items for Next Meeting
 - a. 2025-05-20 COTW Financial Services Presentation to the County Board (Kim Johnson)
 - b. Budget Breakdown and Impact to HHS

Harju moved, Dahlman second, to close the meeting. Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist