

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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| ☐ Ann Bajari (Excused) | ☐ Dr. Kim Tjaden (Excused) |
| ☒ Ann Gonderinger (Remote) | ☒ Linda Carlson |
| ☒ Bonita Bryant (Vice Chair) | ☐ Marlene Kittock (Absent) |
| ☒ Emmanuel Ngabire | ☒ Melissa Pribyl |
| ☒ Jacquelyn Bergo (Remote) | ☒ Mona Volden |
| ☒ Jamie Stang (Remote) | ☒ Toni Seroshek (Chair) |
| ☒ Jeanne Holland | |

HHS Staff Attendees:

Jon Young	Megan Coleman
Kelsey Collier	Patty Larson
Laura Walter	Sarah Grosshuesch

Guests/Other:

Michelle Wiebe

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. Correction on 4. c. Injury Prevention Update
 - b. Motion to approve Agenda and March minutes by Melissa Pribyl, second by Mona Volden.
 - c. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and March minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Environmental Health—*Laura Walter*
 - Healthy Homes
 - (a) This is a voluntary service that offers free guidance and education on reducing environmental hazards in the home.
 - (b) This is a self-referred program and is free.
 - (c) The goal is to assist residents of Wright County in making their home environments as healthy as possible by providing education and offering resources.
 - (d) Referrals in 2024 – 23
 - (e) Referrals in 2025 – 8
 - (f) We do community events where we bring a model home to show people the possible hazards that could be in the home.

- (g) We have cleaning kits and other cleaning equipment for people that may need these.
- Lead
 - (a) For children with an elevated blood lead level greater than or equal to 3.5 ug/dL will automatically trigger involvement from local public health.
 - (b) An elevated blood lead level on a venous result greater than or equal to 5.0 ug/dL in a child will also ensure an environmental investigation (risk assessment).
 - (c) 6 cases currently being followed by Wright County.
 - (d) 1 Lead risk assessment performed so far in 2025.
- Asthma Program
 - (a) Free voluntary service that will provide an opportunity for a Public Health nurse to meet with clients who have a diagnosis of asthma or asthma-like symptoms in their own home.
 - (b) The goal of an asthma home visit is to help a child, and their caregivers understand and better manage their asthma. Learning ways to reduce or eliminate conditions in the environment can help mitigate asthma flareups.
 - (c) This program is for any child 0-18 who has a diagnosis of asthma or asthma-like symptoms and resides in Wright County.
 - (d) Referrals come from clinics, hospitals, schools and public for self-referrals.
 - (e) This is a fairly new program, opening in 2023. We had one referral in 2023 which a case was opened. In 2024 we had two referrals and so far in 2025 we had two referrals with one case being opened.
 - (f) How to refer: input referral through public website under environmental health page or by calling our main public health line.
- Well Water Testing
 - (a) Wright County offers accredited testing for Coliform Bacteria and Nitrate.
 - ◆ Common contaminates in well water.
 - ◆ Required for annual licensing renewal (foster care and daycare).
 - ◆ MDH recommends annual testing for all wells.
 - (b) Partnering with Wright County Parks and Rec to analyze quantitative E. coli samples for weekly beach monitoring of county run beaches.
 - (c) Accreditation was renewed in December.
 - (d) Continuing to complete required proficiency testing.
 - (e) Around 30 water testing clients so far in 2025.
 - ◆ Expected to increase.
 - (i) Recommending new testers test for all 5 MDH recommended analytes.
 - (ii) Licensing clients test annually.
 - (f) For kits you can come to the reception desk at Wright County Health & Human Services, and it is \$30 for each test (Coliform and Nitrate).
- Radon

- (a) Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer for non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Your risk for lung cancer increases with higher levels of radon and longer periods of exposure. If you smoke, the combined risk of smoking and radon exposure is much higher.
 - (b) Sold 58 Radon test kits so far in 2025
 - (c) Majority were in Radon Action Month.
 - (d) Continue to promote radon throughout summer events.
 - (e) New construction is radon resistant but can still have high radon.
 - ◆ Close to ¼ of new builds have high radon.
 - ◆ Young families are more likely to live in new builds.
 - (f) In Wright County almost 2 in 4 homes (47%) have high radon.
- b. Cannabis Prevention Grant—*Megan Coleman*
- CSUP=Cannabis Substance Use Prevention
 - Cannabis and marijuana are two different words used to refer to the same plant. Cannabis is preferred over the word marijuana in the professional fields of law, medicine, and public health because it's the plant's scientific name. Also, cannabis doesn't have the negative history in regard to racism and stigma that the term marijuana does.
 - Cannabis Terms and Definitions:
 - (a) Cannabis-commonly called marijuana (but may also refer to hemp), is a flowering plant that may be used as a drug for both recreational and entheogenic purposes in various traditional medicines for centuries.
 - (b) Cannabinoids-a group of chemical compounds found naturally or synthetically in cannabis (hemp & marijuana). The most common cannabinoids are THC & CBD.
 - (c) Hemp-a cannabis plant with 0.3% THC or less and a fairly high concentration of CBD, often used for industrial and textiles.
 - (d) Lower-Potency Hemp Edibles-synthetically derived THC products, made in a lab by converting the natural high concentration of CBD in hemp to THC, so that edibles like gummies or beverages have intoxicating effects.
 - (e) Marijuana-a cannabis plant with more than 0.3 THC and fairly low amounts of CBD.
 - The CSUP grant dollars were distributed (Wright County \$141,770) across the state to provide funding and guidance to local public health on best practices for substance use prevention. These funds are to create prevention, education, and recovery programs focusing on substance misuse prevention and treatment options. The programs must include specific cannabis-related initiatives.
 - Current Projects:
 - (a) Partnering with our Drug Free Communities (MEADA) coalition on primary prevention initiatives.
 - (b) 6th-12th grade prevention education on substance use/misuse.
 - (c) Delano School District: Vape prevention initiative plus open housing planning for fall 2025.

(d) Head Start Health Fair, parent education on cannabis use and exposure to young children.

(e) Compliance checks of registered businesses (Friday, 4/18).

(f) Community Education: Buffalo Rotary Club and City of Buffalo podcast guest.

(g) Licensing & Registration of cannabis and lower-potency hemp retailers.

- Cannabis Retail Businesses (aka “dispensaries”)-There are three sizes to them, Micro=1 location, Mezzo=3 locations, and Retailer=5 locations.
- Cannabis Retail Business License Caps-1: 12,500 residents.
- Cannabidiol (CBD) – of the most common cannabinoid derivatives, use does not have any psychoactive, or intoxicating effects.
- Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) – another common cannabinoid derivative, use does have psychoactive, or intoxicating effects.

c. Legislative Update—*Sarah Grosshuesch*

- We were notified on March 25 that we were to immediately stop work on our two COVID grants. One is a vaccine associated grant which we had less than \$100,000 and it was set to end the end of June. We also had something that is called COVID Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity. We call it our COVID recovery fund. We can work with staff and the community. We had completed a request for proposal for our community and started some grants in August for 10 organizations to do recovery work. There were a range of organizations doing mental health support, doing some learning recovery for some students, socialization work for seniors, some emergency assistance for people who are still affected by it. We were left with three that weren’t able to spend the majority of their funds.

5. New Business

6. Old Business

7. Other

a. Commissioner is the alternate to the SCHSAC executive.

8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, May 12, 2025

a. DP&C/Refugee Health

b. Suicide Prevention

c. Community Health Improvement Plan

9. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Holland second by Bonita Bryant.

b. Adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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