

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda and the April Minutes
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
  - a. DP&C/Refugee Health—*Tina Prior*
  - b. Suicide Prevention—*Keith Bennett*
  - c. NACCHO Preparedness Conference—*Sarah Grosshuesch/Jeanne Holland*
  - d. SHIP Update on the 2024 Annual Report-*Megan Coleman*
5. New Business
6. Old Business
7. Other
8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, June 9, 2025
  - a. CTC (Child & Teen Checkup)
  - b. Community Health Improvement Plan
  - c. Legislative Overview
9. Adjourn

*Attendees:*

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**Members** (marked box indicates Present):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Bajari                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kim Tjaden (Remote) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gonderinger            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Carlson           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonita Bryant (Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marlene Kittock (Absent)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Ngabire (Absent)             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pribyl          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacquelyn Bergo (Remote)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mona Volden             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Stang (Absent)                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Seroshek (Chair)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Holland             |                                                             |

**HHS Staff Attendees:**

Emma Williamson  
Jon Young  
Keith Bennett  
Kelsey Collier

Megan Coleman  
Sarah Grosshuesch  
Tina Prior

**Guests/Other:**

Michelle Wiebe

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1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Toni Seroshek
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the April minutes
  - a. Motion to approve Agenda and April minutes by Jeanne Holland, second by Mona Volden.
  - b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and April minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
  - a. DP&C/Refugee Health—*Tina Prior & Emma Williamson*
    - Pertussis
      - (a) We have had a lot of pertussis over the last year or so. That has thankfully been slowing down now. Hennepin county had the most and then kind of bled out to the surrounding counties. Have done a lot of outreach to daycare and schools. The biggest age group in 2024 was 11-17-year olds.
    - Varicella
      - (a) Last year we had 19 cases and this year so far, we have had 2. We are trying to encourage people to test for it.
    - Influenza
      - (a) Total hospitalizations for influenza in 2024-2025 to date are 7,572.
      - (b) Deaths associated with influenza in 2024-2025 to date are 79.

- Measles
  - (a) As of May 8, 2025, a total of 1,001 confirmed measles cases.
  - (b) 14 outbreaks (3 or more related cases) 93% of confirmed cases are outbreak related.
    - ◆ For comparison, 16 outbreaks were reported during 2024 and 69% of cases (198 of 285) were outbreak-associated.
  - (c) 3 confirmed deaths.
  - (d) 13% of cases hospitalized (126 of 1,001).
  - (e) Percentage of Age Group Hospitalized
    - ◆ Under 5 years: 23% (69 of 299)
    - ◆ 5-19 years: 9% (32 of 376)
    - ◆ 20+ years: 7% (23 of 311)
    - ◆ Age unknown: 13% (2 of 15)
  - (f) Minnesota Cases in 2025 to date is 2 cases.
- Tuberculosis
  - (a) TB cases for Wright County are very low with 2023 being the highest in several years at 4.
  - (b) Minnesota had 194 cases in 2023 and 194 in 2024.
  - (c) Globally cases are in the millions.
- Refugee and Immigrant Health
  - (a) Refugees and Immigrants are newcomers to the states settling in Wright County.
  - (b) Refugees are sponsored by resettlement agencies; these include refugees from Afghanistan and Parolees from Ukraine.
  - (c) Immigrants come from many countries including African countries and the Philippines.
- Our Role
  - (a) Work with resettlement agencies to assist refugees and immigrants in the county to accessing health assessments.
  - (b) Work with providers in screening protocols.
  - (c) Provide medical and screening information to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).
- Goal
  - (a) To control communicable disease among refugees and immigrants.
  - (b) Establish medical care in the county.
- Updates
  - (a) U.S. Refugee Admission Program suspended for at least 90 days as of 1/22/25.
  - (b) Still seeing immigrants arriving.
  - (c) 2 new providers in the area providing Refugee Health Assessments
    - ◆ St. Michael Allina Clinic

- ◆ CentraCare Clearwater Clinic
- ◆ Refugee and Immigrant Helpline
  - (i) 1-800-814-4806
  - (ii) Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- b. Suicide Prevention—*Keith Bennett*
  - May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
  - Wright County was awarded the Suicide Prevention Grant in May of last year, so we are one year into the grant. It is a four-year grant worth \$400,000, so \$100,000 per year.
  - Community Grantees
    - (a) 988
    - (b) Training Coordination and Network
    - (c) Comprehensive Suicide Prevention
    - (d) Regional Suicide Prevention Coordination
  - The Public Health Approach
    - (a) Define and Monitor the Problem
    - (b) Identify Risk and Protective Factors
    - (c) Develop and Test Prevention Strategies
    - (d) Assure Widespread Adoption
  - We are establishing a youth coalition.
  - Trauma-Informed, Resilient Schools Training
    - (a) This is a two-day training that allows them to become certified. We have two schools that have signed up for this.
- c. NACCHO Preparedness Conference—*Sarah Grosshuesch/Jeanne Holland*
  - Several Wright County employees attended this conference in San Antonio, Texas.
  - We did receive our COVID funds back for the time being.
- d. SHIP Update on the 2024 Annual Report—*Megan Coleman*
  - Some highlights
    - (a) Partnered with 41 local organizations.
    - (b) Completed 17 community-focused projects.
    - (c) Bringing in \$60,050 in leveraged and in-kind resources.
    - (d) Even more impactful, we provided \$102,988 in funding directly to our community partners—all to support health and wellness in Wright County.
  - Featured Initiative
    - (a) Buffalo Supershelf: Their certification process transform the look by painting walls bright colors but reorganized the shelves and flow of the aisles which highlights nutritious and healthy items.
  - SHIP Staff

- (a) Keith Bennett
- (b) Ndaya Kisongo
- (c) Kai Sin
- (d) Megan Coleman
- Farewell to SHIP Staff
  - (a) Becky Graham
  - (b) Ellie Vanasse
  - (c) Megan Ward
- 5. New Business
  - a. None.
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Legislative Update
    - Possibility of the state shifting Department of Human Services funding to the counties, so that would be MnCHOICES as well as several other Human Services Programs. It could be upwards to \$14 million for Wright County.
    - This would be an increase in taxes.
- 7. Other
  - a. None.
- 8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, June 9, 2025
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- 9. Adjourn
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Jeanne Holland, second by Melissa Pribyl.
  - b. Adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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