

Attendees:

Members (marked box indicates Present):

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| ☒ Ann Gonderinger | ☒ Dr. Kim Tjaden |
| ☒ Bonita Bryant (Chair) | ☒ Marlene Kittock |
| ☐ Emmanuel Ngabire (Absent) | ☒ Mona Volden |
| ☒ Jacquelyn Bergo | ☒ Nicole Klanderud |
| ☐ Jamie Stang (Excused) | ☒ Toni Seroshek (Vice Chair) |
| ☒ Jeanne Holland | |

HHS Staff Attendees:

Abby Wacker	Mike MacMillan
Jon Young	Patty Malecek
Megan Coleman	Sarah Grosshuesch

Guests/Other:

Michelle Wiebe

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Bonita Bryant
2. Introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda and the January minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda and January minutes by Jeanne Holland, second by Toni Seroshek.
 - b. Vote-All members approve of Agenda and January minutes.
4. Presentation and Discussion Items
 - a. Sexual and Reproductive Health Services—*Abby Wacker*
 - The Connected Spaces program is funded through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health and it's called the Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Grant. Here are some statistics from 2025:
 - (a) 4,550 people were reached through 1:1 meetings and group activities.
 - (b) 51 people accessed a birth control method.
 - (c) 1,002 students attended group education focused on sexual violence prevention.
 - (d) 168 people received family planning counseling.
 - Every quarter we are to submit highlights to MDH and a recent program highlight involved supporting a young client in accessing birth control and reproductive health care through her private insurance while navigating concerns about family communication. The client wanted to pursue care independently but felt anxious about disclosing her sexual activity to her mother. Through one-on-one support with the PHN, the client prepared for this conversation by planning possible approaches and role playing how to express her needs

and concerns clearly and confidently. Following the discussion, the client shared that the conversation went very well and that she felt relieved and empowered having had it. This experience reflects the program's role in promoting informed decision making, healthy communication, and youth autonomy while strengthening family relationships.

- Many high school students reported that they experienced sexual violence and that they legally tried to pursue prosecution but were not able to and ended up wondering why they went to the trouble of having a SANE/forensic nurse exam.
- Many people of color who access services through this program are staying home due to fear of being racially profiled. As a result, they are experiencing loss of income and social isolation. They are also not accessing medical care.

b. Cannabis/Hemp Licensing and Compliance—*Megan Coleman*

- CSUP=Cannabis Substance Use Prevention grant.
- The CSUP grant must focus on initiatives that exemplify best practices for substance use prevention. Prevention activities may focus on wide range of substances, but cannabis must be included.
- All Funding must support primary prevention of substance use/misuse. These funds may not be used for treatment and recovery service provision, but they may be used to promote linkage to services.
- For Wright County Public Health, the CSUP project coordinator will focus on licensing.
- Cannabis Communication Campaign
 - (a) "Lock it Up" campaign with Townsquare Media across multiple counties in central MN, including all of 7W.
- Cannabis & Retailer Registration & Education Pilot Project
 - (a) Wright County has registered 2 cannabis retail businesses (colloquially known as "dispensaries") & 4 lower-potency hemp edible retailers. Both retail business sell THC products, however only "dispensaries" can sell the plant and higher potency products.
- Cannabis Education & Prevention Presentations
 - (a) In partnership with MEADA, the Fall '25 semester reach was 402 youth. Hoping for more outreach numbers this Spring '26! Renewal of subcontract with MN Prevention Resource Alliance to continue their Know the Truth Program at Wright County public schools.
- Environmental Scans of Retailers
 - (a) With the help of SCSU nursing students and our temporary compliance workers, we are gathering data on retail businesses and their products for sale in the county for targeted intervention on potential any point-of-sale activities.
- Funded an event with MEADA. It was a movie event called "Can't Look Away". It's about the harms of unregulated social media and parenting, talking about suicide. 80 individuals attended. A lot of positive feedback.

c. Membership/Bylaw Discussion—*All*

- Discussion of reworking the language and the membership representation.
- **ACTION:** Sarah will work with legal on this and bring it back to the group.

5. New Business
 - a. New Urgent Care in Albertville.
6. Old Business
 - a. 2026 Agenda Calendar
7. Other
 - a. None.
8. Agenda Items for the next meeting, March 9, 2026
 - a. Injury Prevention Update
 - b. Annual & Performance Management System Development
 - c. Bylaws Update
9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Toni Sershek, second by Jeanne Holland.
 - b. Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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