

Community Health Services Advisory Committee
CHIP | Health in All Policies Action Team
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2025

Members Present/Representation

- ☒ Hongyi Lan | Co District 1
- ☐ Alyssa SkarHorst | Co District 3
- ☐ Nicole Muzzy | Co District 4
- ☒ Margaret Treichel | Co District 4
- ☒ Ogden Rogers | Co District 5
- ☒ David Muhovich | City of Saint Paul
- ☒ Regina Rippel | City of Saint Paul

SPRCPH Staff:

Amy Caron | Director
Diane Holmgren | Deputy Director
Cathy St. Michel | Support Staff

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ogden Rogers. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

A motion was made by David Muhovich and seconded by Margaret Treichel to approve the minutes as written for March 5, 2025. Motion to approve passed by affirmation of the committee.

<p>LPHA Day at the Capitol Debrief, Amy Caron, Director</p>	<p>Our Environmental Center (EC) opened yesterday. There was a media event last week that went well. Cathy S will send out a link to the EC webpage. It is centrally located within 15 minutes by car from anywhere in the county. Fixit Clinics will be hosted at the new location. There is a re-use-it room, with products offered free-of-charge. There is drive-thru drop-off for household hazardous waste, as well as collection containers for recycling, scrap metal and food scraps. An open house is planned for April 24, 6 – 8 p.m.</p> <p>Federal grant funds for the COVID-19 vaccine implementation grant were rescinded on March 24. This grant was 25% of MDH's budget. MDH issued layoff notices to 150 people. A stop work notice arrived at SPRCPH on March 25 from MDH for work tied to this grant. The funding loss is around \$578K. We had no staff impacted, but the work that was stopped includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$210K to support M Health Fairview hosting community-based vaccine clinics. • \$10K for production of an educational video around the measles vaccine. • \$100K for Personal Protective Equipment.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200K for 10 contracts for Trusted Messenger organizations to support recovery work in the community. • \$20K to support Back-To-School vaccination events. • Smaller amounts for trauma-informed leadership training to support staff post-pandemic. <p>We are closely following what happens with Title X funds, which support reproductive health. Many Clinic 555 staff are connected to Title X funds.</p> <p>SAMHSA's grant review season is open. Nobody in the review process has been touched by funding changes at this point. The SAMHSA grant process is legislative.</p> <p>Amy presented highlights from the state legislative update. See the PDF attached to these minutes. The situation at the federal level is very fluid at this time. Discussion around how to prepare an 'all hazards plan' to be resilient in the face of uncertainty.</p> <p>Minnesota had issues at the state legislative level, so they were three weeks into the new session before any work was started.</p> <p>Many state workers have been required to work on-site three days a week starting in June. There is a concern that there is no longer enough office space for people to return to.</p>
Announcements, All	<p>Ogden challenged committee members to reach out to someone they do not know well and ask their thoughts on the role that Public Health (PH) would take in their community. Diane and Amy offered a goal of reaching out to the city councils in Ramsey County to present on PH priorities.</p> <p>When you meet with people, what issues come to mind as to what their public health needs might be?</p>

Minutes taken by Cathy St. Michel.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. passed by affirmation of the committee.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025