

**Community Health Services Advisory Committee
CHIP | Health in All Policies Action Team
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022**

Members Present/Representation

- ☐ Hannah Fairman | Co District 1
- ☐ Alyssa Fritz | Co District 2
- ☐ Georgie Kinsman | Co District 3
- ☐ Ayah Mohammed | Co District 4
- ☒ Manoj Doss | Co District 5
- ☐ Pa Vang | Co District 6
- ☐ Jennifer Arnold | Co District 7
- ☐ Lucy Arias | County at Large
- ☐ Brady Johnson | County at Large
- ☒ Hongyi Lan | County at Large
- ☒ John Larkin | County at Large
- ☐ Erica Morris | County at Large
- ☒ Steve Nelson | County at Large
- ☐ Rajaram Swaminathan | County at Large
- ☒ Carol Thunstrom | County at Large
- ☒ Mark Traynor | County at Large
- ☒ Christiaan Van Lierop | County at Large
- ☒ Thomas Kottke | City of Saint Paul
- ☐ Hanna Getachew-Kreusser | City of Saint Paul
- ☒ David Muhovich | City of Saint Paul
- ☐ Sarah Osman | City of Saint Paul
- ☒ Regina Rippel | City of Saint Paul
- ☐ Kerri Elizabeth Sawyer | City of Saint Paul

SPRCPH Staff:

Sara Hollie | Director
Diane Holmgren | interim Deputy Director
Abi Phillips | Climate and Health Planner
Rachel E Frank | interim Environmental Health Manager
Cathy St. Michel | Support Staff

Guests:

Helen Goeden | Senior Toxicologist / Risk Assessor

The meeting was called to Order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Carol Thunstrom. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

A motion was made by Thomas Kottke and seconded by Manoj Doss to approve the minutes for August 3, 2022. Motion passed by affirmation of the committee.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
<p>Climate Change, Abi Phillips</p>	<p>Abi described her role within EH. Please see Abi's presentation slides attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Question: How does noise pollution affect people – sirens, state fair chaos, etc.?</p> <p>Noise is an environmental pollutant. Heat agitates people and results in higher crime rates. Abi has had casual conversations with the Opioid Prevention Coordinator and response team on how to work with people affected by heat. At this time there is no specific program, but it is on the radar.</p> <p>Question: Has there been a study on the effects of environmental racism?</p> <p>The Met Council has a good brief on environmental racism. It does not describe the affects. This is an example of what Abi wanted to learn from this committee – the concerns of the community.</p> <p>Question: What are some policies that the county can enact to affect climate change?</p> <p>Abi has some ideas, but she is here tonight because she is looking for ideas from community.</p> <p>Question: Seeing the picture on Abi's closing slide brings to mind children and climate justice. What are the children saying at this protest?</p> <p>This pic was inspired by Greta Thunberg. It was chosen for a positive vibe. Younger people have more motivation to navigate climate issues. It would be great if youth were more knowledgeable about the climate issues we have so that they can be more active in initiating change. Most children follow their parents' actions. More education would help youth know what they can do to make an impact.</p> <p>Question: Adaptation and mitigation goes hand in hand. How can change be incentivized? The county as an opportunity with the new bill - low-income residents can get assistance installing heat pump water heaters and heat pump heating systems. Renters are not the ones who would purchase these systems.</p> <p>There are ways to make homes more resilient and reduce carbon footprint. The actions the county takes are led by requests from residents. If people do not know what to ask, the county cannot react to it. Roseville is taking the lead offering incentives to people for making their homes more 'green.'</p>

	<p>Question: The book <i>Drawdown</i> by Paul Hawken has some great ideas.</p> <p>Abi has this book and has read it.</p> <p>Sara appreciated the terms and levelling what things mean to individual residents and the population as a whole.</p> <p>Question: We all will be affected by climate change. Little things make a big difference – plastic packaging, one-time-use plastic containers in hotels and takeout containers are some examples. The Great Plains Institute is working with Hennepin County, and the Recycling & Energy Board (R&E) is working with Ramsey & Washington Counties to reduce plastic packaging.</p> <p>How do we provide climate literacy to youth now?</p> <p>How do we implement behavior change?</p> <p>We must educate around reuse. Educate youth to habituate new behaviors starting in kindergarten. Maryland just passed legislation to educate children as young as Pre-K on climate. Many eyes will be waiting to see how this turns out.</p> <p>Question: One member commented that he now has a different view of the environment, including the effects of the Minnesota Department of Transportation working on roads every summer.</p> <p>The implications of health and transportation systems is an interesting concept.</p> <p>Abi commented that it would be great to have this group tour the R&E facility.</p>
<p>Potential Human Health Impacts of PFAS</p> <p>Helen Goeden</p>	<p>Helen was asked to speak on this topic, and she is happy to be here tonight. This area of research is very active, and guidance may change as we learn more. Please see Helen’s presentation slides attached to these minutes.</p> <p>A limited amount of sampling was performed in Oakdale, Minnesota on long-term residents impacted by 3M disposal sites. Follow-up testing indicated that long-term resident levels were similar to that of short-term residents, indicating that blood serum levels were affected by drinking water.</p> <p>Question: What is the treatment for high levels of PFAS in the blood?</p> <p>There are two things that reduce blood serum levels. One is routinely donating blood. Another is medications that affect excretion of bile acids.</p> <p>If these chemicals are designated as hazardous waste, it increases the responsibility to clean it up. Municipal landfills will have a lot of PFAS.</p>

Announcements	In October we will return to a two-hour format.
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Minutes taken by Cathy St. Michel.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. passed by affirmation of the committee.

Next meeting: October 3, 2022.