

**Community Health Services Advisory Committee  
 CHIP | Health in All Policies Action Team  
 Meeting Minutes  
 May 3, 2017**

**Members Present/Representation**

Jill Stewart | Ramsey County at Large  
 Joseph Adamji | Ramsey County District 5  
 Eugene Nichols | Ramsey County at Large  
 Tom Kottke M.D. | City of Saint Paul  
 Madonna McDermott | City of Saint Paul  
 David Muhovich | City of Saint Paul  
 Regina Rippel | City of Saint Paul  
 Marie Sundaram | City of Saint Paul  
 Mary Yackley | City of Saint Paul  
 Carrie Dickson | Ramsey County District 7

**SPRCPH Staff:**

Anne M. Barry | Director  
 Robert Einweck | Health Protection Manager  
 Cathy St. Michel | Administrative Support

**Guests:**

Jackie Cooper | African American Leadership Forum

The meeting was called to Order at 5:40 pm by Chair Jill Stewart. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

A motion was made by Thomas Kottke and seconded by Eugene Nichols to approve the minutes for April 5, 2017.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
Overview of Health Protection Division, Emergency Management Topics, Mental Health First Aid Training Robert Einweck (Health Protection Division Manager) Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health	The Health Protection Division (HP) has responsibility for Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health’s (SPRCPH) emergency preparedness response planning. HP has created very robust plans to prepare for events such as disease outbreak or bioterrorism. Members watched a video of the mock drill that was successfully performed at White Bear Lake High School’s South Campus. HP conducts a variety of trainings to prepare for a wide spectrum of possible public health emergencies. One such training is Psychological First Aid, which is designed to build the capacity of SPRCPH staff to be first responders. HP needs to be included in planning meetings with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in order to be prepared for biologic threats. The CDC provides grants to build capacity around potential biologic threats, such as the H1N1 pandemic in 2009. Effective HP response minimized the impact of the H1N1 virus in Ramsey County. HP’s epidemiologists speak with school nurses weekly, and work in collaboration with clinics and hospitals creating early notifications. They work with fire departments, the sheriff’s office and Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) response to provide health risk communications. Minnesota Department of Health’s (MDH) state-of-the-art lab is located in Saint Paul and has the capacity to analyze and detect biologic threats. MDH’s system of early warning detectors are constantly screening for bioterrorist materials. HP and our partner organizations need the capacity to respond to those threats.  There are many staff to train in a variety of roles in order to have a successful response to a public health emergency. HP plans to partner with Saint Paul Public Schools and Saint Paul magnet schools to plan a mass dispensing site drill similar to the event at South Campus. The video showcased the work of HP and wonderful cooperation with White Bear Lake. Partners across the metro can use what we learned to build their own response.

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	<p>HP addresses incidents of disease outbreaks. Response to outbreaks can be complicated, and HP works with provider community for outreach, education and screening in the affected communities. HP can leverage additional resources when the command center is activated. Outreach in the community can be very effective through marketplaces, churches and healthcare coalitions where there is already a trusted relationship.</p> <p>HP plans to reach out to five community clinics to create a closed point of dispensing during an emergency. The community clinics would be best able to dispense medications in a culturally competent manner. HP also plans to work with drug stores to have medications on hand and available by prescription for immediate response.</p> <p>Anne thanked Robert for his years of hard work and commitment to Public Health. Robert has skillfully built relationships with many community partners over the course of his career. We will miss him and wish him well.</p> <p>The Division Manager position has been posted on the Ramsey County website. If any member would like to be involved in selection process, they would be welcome to join the selection team.</p>
<p>Menthol Tobacco – Update            Eugene Nichols &amp; Jackie Cooper, African American Leadership Forum</p>	<p>Jackie began working as a change agent in early 2017 to change the behaviors and attitudes to recognize the harm that has been done to the community. Her work uncovers the deliberate methods the tobacco industry uses to target the African American community in the way it markets menthol and tobacco. The campaign Beautiful Lie Ugly Truth is aimed at educating people to see the motive behind the advertising and prevent young people from starting to smoke. A larger percentage of African Americans use menthol more than any other ethnic group. SPRCPH could best serve the African American community by identifying resources for cessation programs.</p> <p>As part of his work with the State Health Improvement Partnership grant Gene is conducting surveys among United States-born African American tobacco users because this demographic would be influenced by the tobacco industry’s targeted advertising campaigns. The survey information will be used to gather ideas for the best way to implement cessation and prevention programs.</p> <p>Gene has partnered with Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center (KAYSC) and Jackie to educate middle school students. Based on survey responses, younger people would quit smoking if menthol cigarettes were no longer sold in stores, so laws to restrict sale of menthol would be impactful. Current quit plans are not culturally relevant, and funding should be directed toward quit plans that appeal to African American communities. KAYSC can assist in researching the science of addiction and suggest an acceptable substitute for menthol and tobacco. Cessation and prevention should be the focus for the last half of the grant’s time period. Suggested ways to help with cessation are creating support groups, restricting the sale of cigarettes to those 21 and older, identifying triggers, and labeling menthol cigarettes as flavored.</p> <p>Understanding how marketing is directed at our children is one key to prevention. Tom Kottke made a motion and David Muhovich seconded that CHSAC would endorse the regulation that menthol cigarettes be labeled as flavored cigarettes. The motion passed by affirmation of the committee. CHSAC will approach the board to support any city in Ramsey County that will advance these type of laws. Current regulations do not require menthol to be labeled as a flavored cigarette, and only one city in Minnesota restricts sales to people under the age of 21. Two additional</p>

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	grants have been awarded to further this project. Education and outreach can be extended to other communities with this additional funding.
Announcements and Updates	Save the Date – The Colors of ACEs conference will take place on June 15 and 16, 2017. Ramsey County will have grant funds available to send people to this conference. The conference flyer will be sent to CHSAC members via email.

Minutes taken by: Cathy St. Michel

Motion to adjourn (7:30PM) passed by affirmation of the committee.

**Next meeting:** June 7, 2017 SHIP Community Leadership Team/ Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Action Team