

# Community Health Services Advisory Committee CHIP | Health in All Policies Action Team Meeting Minutes June 6, 2018

#### **Members Present/Representation**

Richard Ragan | Co District 1
Joseph Adamji (Chair) | Co District 5
Carrie Dickson | Co District 7
Jill Stewart | County at Large
Amy Harding | County at Large
Amy Lafrance | County at Large
Rima Chakraborty | County at Large
David Muhovich | City of Saint Paul
Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer | City of Saint Paul
Mary Yackley | City of Saint Paul
Mee Cheng (Vice Chair) | City of Saint Paul
Regina Rippel | City of Saint Paul
Thomas Kottke | City of Saint Paul

#### **SPRCPH Staff:**

Anne Barry | Director
Diane Holmgren | Administration Division Manager
Kathy Hedin | Healthy Communities Division Manager
Jocelyn Ancheta | Planning Specialist
Kathy Filbert | Family Health Division Manager
Cathy St. Michel | Administrative Support
Jamila Pickett | Intern

### **Guests:**

Max Holdhusen | Policy Analyst

The meeting was called to Order at 5:30 pm by Chair Joseph Adamji. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

A motion was made by Richard Ragan and seconded by Jill Stewart to approve the minutes for April 4, 2018 as written. Motion was passed by affirmation.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
Welcome, Introductions and Ice breaker Joseph Adamji, Chair	Joseph led a kinetic ice breaker introduction activity.
Community Health Assessment Qualitative Survey, Jocelyn Ancheta (Planning Specialist), Jamila Pickett (Intern), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health	Jamila described how over 2,000 surveys were collected and locations where the team went. These included apartments, colleges, churches, community centers, libraries, markets, non-profit organizations, schools and other county programs. She presented the very preliminary trends: most people mentioned healthy food and exercise as factors that help them, their family and community stay healthy. Factors that get in the way of health include junk food, fast food, not having access/expensive food, lack of resources (including health care or education), crime and violence. There was a question about affordable housing, but it was not as frequently mentioned at other factors. The qualitative data team is planning to return to the community during June and July to report back the results. There will be a chance to review the survey data and distill the stories. There are 18 locations identified to report back findings. The team will also present the data to this committee. Committee members were asked to complete a survey if they have not already done so. Jocelyn will add the data to her results.

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Clarifying our Collective Purpose, Joseph Adamji, Chair Using a four-part facilitated discussion Joseph asked each member to reflect on why they serve on this committee, break into small groups and craft a purpose statement describing what they want to see this committee accomplish. Below are the resulting purpose statements.

- To explore and evaluate existing programs and offer our perspectives on continuous improvement.
- To use our collective voice and partnerships to improve and promote health across and within groups in the community.
- To provide advice representing our neighbors and communities to inform health, wellness and policy-making in Saint Paul and Ramsey County.
- We can add value and further understanding about health in Ramsey County through our expertise and networking.
- Advocate for and promote wellbeing and racial equity in Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

The next steps are to set some measurable, tangible goals that follow suggestions of committee members, then put together an annual plan to outline what Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health (SPRCPH) can present to the Board of Commissioners with the message that this is what the committee advised us to do. This committee assists SPRCPH with creating presentations for the board, and providing input on what is workable or what has not worked in the past. After playing a key role in bringing a proclamation to the board that restricted menthol tobacco products in Saint Paul, this committee started a chain of similar legislation in other cities in Ramsey County. We could have a goal to use the same idea for supporting food programs in schools, or to choose our role in how to support the land bridge as part of the Interstate 94 construction to redevelop the Rondo neighborhood.

Member suggested that the website be updated after we set our future goals.

Ramsey County Comprehensive Plan,

Max Holdhusen (Policy Analyst), Ramsey County Policy & Planning

One area that we may want to advise on is the Ramsey County 2040 plan. Every city and county is required to create a new comprehensive plan every ten years that looks 20 years into the future. This process crosses every department. Ramsey County's plan includes topics beyond the required chapters. The entire document is on the Ramsey County website with links to individual chapters. There are three key areas in the plan: Health in All Policies (HiAP), resilience, racial equity. All chapters should touch these three topics. At the end of May the public review process started, and the planning office is now performing outreach and engagement to ask residents, 'What do you want your community to look/feel/be like in 2040?' They have worked with councils and commissions to reach the community. Each chapter has a feedback form for comments that are emailed directly to Max. He presented to the Food & Nutrition Commission last week, and will work with Anne Barry and Kathy Hedin to know when community events are happening where he could potentially present the plan. Public comments will be collected until late November. The goals are self-measured by the county. Max is specifically looking for feedback on the chapter related to Public Health and Resiliency, topics most closely tied to Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health. The next step is to present the key themes to the commissioners and County Manager. Goals from the plan will be assigned to Public Health or multiple departments including Public Health.

Ramsey County Performance Measures,

Anne M. Barry (Director), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health, Diane Holmgren (Administration Division Manager), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health, Kathy Hedin (Healthy Communities Division Manager), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health (SPRCPH) was asked to put together performance measures that align with the goals of Ramsey County. The goals will be more about outcomes, not measures. The leadership team is getting ready for submission to the Board of Commissioners. Kathy Hedin took on a role across departments to align the service team for measures like workforce development and promoting diversity in the workforce that are common across the service team. Ramsey County takes equity into account when contracting with vendors. Some practices align across the Health & Wellness Service Team and eventually across the county. SPRCPH received positive feedback on how our goals were put together. The areas that Anne Barry mentioned are just a small part of what we measure and report. This year is focused on outcomes.

Diane distributed a handout and explains the four goals on which SPRCPH is focusing.

Goal 1: Well-being. SPRCPH chose to focus on Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Child & Teen Checkups (CTC) to improve outcomes. Language and culture are critical to WIC. A new effort at engagement this year is Baby Café. CTC is focused on community outreach and working with clinic providers. Their focus is on African-American and Hmong mothers where percentages are typically lower. Some goals look to the future and include 2040 goals. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) collects target rates and we should see if SPRCPH goals align with CDC targets.

Goal 2: Prosperity. Focus on lead in homes. Some of the heavier lead concentrations are in poorer areas. Environmental Health added measures on recycling and solid waste. The focus on lead connects to economics and prosperity in that the housing is more valuable when the lead is removed, medical costs are less, cognitive function in children is not affected by lead poisoning so they can grow into healthy, productive adults.

Goal 3: Opportunity. Focused on the teen parent program and increasing diversity of staff and managers. A lot of information from public health crosses over to Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP). There is a concerted effort in the current federal administration to reduce access to sexual education and birth control, which results in families remaining in poverty. Lisa Behr can present this topic and other changes in Title X grant requirements to this committee at a future date. SPRCPH tracks birth spacing. One suggestion from the committee is to include a goal to reduce unplanned pregnancy until education is completed. Diane will see if the mother's age at first pregnancy has been tracked.

Goal 4: Accountability. Focused on Sexual Offense Services (SOS) and increasing health data that we make available on the data portal. John Choi released a report on what happens when an act of violence is committed and only a small percentage of perpetrators are ever held accountable. One thing that needs to happen is that victims need to stay in the system. Currently there is no connection for the victim in the criminal justice program. SPRCPH and SOS need to connect more people to services. We are working with the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) and providing education and connections there. SPRCPH just entered a memo of understanding that we will be notified by SPPD when a SOS crime is committed. SOS is looking to train staff and get more data on the portal. CDC data is now ported to Gap Minder. Ramsey County data might be able to be ported to Gap Minder as well. If Ramsey County does not have the data we will refer people to other sources. City Health Minder is another place to look for data – it has data for the 500 largest United States cities, which includes Saint Paul. An interesting future topic would be the doula program and exploring the low birth weight and infant mortality among African American mothers, and what is paid for by third party payors.

Announcements and Updates	The Science Museum of Minnesota is hiring four full-time positions to work with
All	students. They are seeking candidates with a background or interest in Science-
	Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) and community engagement.

Minutes taken by: Cathy St. Michel

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

## **Upcoming meetings:**

August 1, 2018, SHIP Community Leadership Team/ Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Action Team September 5, 2018, Community Health Services Advisory Committee