

**Saint Paul – Ramsey County Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Leadership Team
 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Action Team
 Meeting Minutes
 November 1, 2017**

Members Present/Representation

DeDee Varner | Health Partners
 Eugene Nichols | County at Large
 Rima Chakroborty | County at Large
 David Muhovich | Mayor Appt
 Mee Cheng | Mayor Appt
 Regina Rippel | Mayor Appt
 Thomas Kottke | Mayor Appt
 Sarah Osman | Mayor Appt
 Jill Stewart | County at Large
 Madonna McDermott | Mayor Appt
 Shona Ramchandani | County District 5
 Christine Iserman | County at Large
 Carrie Dickson | County District 7

SPRCPH Staff:

Carissa Glatt | SHIP Grant Coordinator
 Kim Klose | Planning Specialist
 William Moore | Health Educator
 Cathy St. Michel | Administrative Support
 Pa Shasky | Health Educator
 Julia Wolfe | Planning Specialist

Guests:

Julie Reiter | Union Park District
 Darius Gray | ReConnect Rondo
 Grace Miller | Century College
 Carly Connors | Century College
 Annika Wichmann | Century College

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

A motion was made by Thomas Kottke and seconded by Gene Nichols to approve the minutes as written for August 2, 2017. The motion was passed by affirmation of the committee.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
Mini-grant Award Presentation, Julie Reiter (Executive Director), Union Park District	Union Park District recently adopted a 10-year plan for land use. The Mini-grant funded a project to enhance the visibility and use of the Aldine pedestrian bridge that crosses Interstate 94. The intersection at Snelling Avenue is not friendly to pedestrians, but overgrowth and access from a dead-end street make the bridge difficult to locate. A local artist created a mural on the bridge, and engaged community members to extend the mural into the neighborhood around the bridge. Signage was created on several streets in the area to direct pedestrians and bicyclists to the bridge. One of the planners spoke to residents at the library and discovered that some residents did not know the bridge exists. Feedback after the project was completed indicated that residents now notice and use the bridge. One long-term goal is to have the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) improve the bridge, but there is no timetable yet for when this might happen.
Rondo Land Bridge Health Impact Assessment Update, Darius Gray (Organizing Director), ReConnect Rondo	The Rondo Land Bridge project is a partnership with Statewide Health Improvement Partnership and Environmental Health. A land bridge creates land at the street grade of the crossing streets, and the highway travels under it. Land bridges can integrate so well with the environment that many would not realize that it is a bridge. Land bridges are sometimes split into sections to reduce the cost of ventilation by improving air flow. Friendly Streets Initiative (FSI) looked at a number of streets that go under the highway, and ways to eliminate the physical barriers that bridges create. FSI held workshops on the land bridge concepts to which people have responded positively. Rondo Ave Inc (RAI) is working on a Rondo Commemorative Plaza across from the

	<p>highway. FSI and RAI combined forces to create suggested plans for the land bridge. The recommendation from the workshop is to create a land bridge from Chatsworth Street to Grotto Street. More community engagement is needed to decide what solution would serve the community best. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) held a design challenge workshop to continue the push for the land bridge project. ReConnect Rondo has been working with Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health (SPRCPH) on the land bridge project since January 2017. People are finally acknowledging the harm that happened to Rondo since the creation of I-94, and a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) may be the best tool to measure the impact. This is a unique opportunity to get many different groups together and gain exposure to other organizations and opportunities, especially since Minnesota Department of Transportation is leading a Rethinking I-94 study, thus giving a perfect time to create the HIA document. Greenspace, physical activity access and local business economy were the top three community concerns. ReConnect Rondo is working with the City of Saint Paul Stormwater Management and Planning and Economic Development to measure air quality and pollution. Cross streets will be integrated into the new land bridge. The design process will begin in January and will create a better picture of the end design. The land bridge is a vehicle in which to achieve the objectives of public safety, economic opportunity and investment in the neighborhood. The planning team will look at affordable housing models, work with representatives in the legislature who supported policies such as rent caps, and housing models that worked in other areas that have land bridges to avoid gentrifying the area. Economic stimulus will come from housing, mixed use development, construction jobs and source hiring related to the project so that the workers gain marketable skills. The overall project could include reestablishing businesses that may have been destroyed during the Interstate 94 construction. ReConnect Rondo will work with the city to provide subsidies and attract the right workers to the job. People who wish to become involved can contact Darius by email at darius@reconnectrondo.org.</p>
<p>Food & Nutrition Commission Listening Session Summary, Carissa Glatt (SHIP Grant Coordinator), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health</p>	<p>The Food & Nutrition Commission (FNC) is a joint commission of the city council and county board that meets once a month. One goal of the FNC is to have members hear from the community. FNC held a listening session to help them set goals. Attendees were surveyed to get demographic data. There were 60 attendees and 41 surveys were completed. The attendees were diverse between ethnicities, age groups and income levels. A lot of people represented themselves. The survey explored what healthy food means, barriers to getting access to healthy food, and possible solutions. Healthy can mean different things to different cultures. ‘Good’ food is not always ‘healthy’ food. Online grocery stores are starting to accept SNAP, but may not deliver to certain neighborhoods. FNC needs to be mindful of what projects to enact to reach the most people in the most beneficial way. A project is underway to design food shelves that display foods in a way that makes them more attractive to shoppers. Barriers to prepping food are time, money and knowledge. Possible solutions were discussed. Carissa will publish the executive summary.</p>
<p>Community Health Assessment Research Team Verification, Julia Wolfe (Planning Specialist), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health</p>	<p>Julia is a member of the quantitative data team researching data for the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Julia asked members to review selected indicators and provide feedback as to whether the research team is missing any big stories. She distributed four indicators to validate as to whether data sources are complete and up-to-date. Please send any feedback regarding the indicators to Carissa Glatt Carissa.glatt@ramseycounty.us by Friday, November 10. The formatting used with the</p>

	indicators is based on using the Salt Lake City, Utah CHA as a model. Cathy St. Michel will email the indicators to members as an action item.
Community Leadership Team Bylaws and Membership Update, Carissa Glatt (SHIP Grant Coordinator), Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health	At this time each year the bylaws and membership roster are reviewed and updated. The meeting schedule is going to stay consistent. A roster was distributed and members were asked to verify and update their contact information. Carissa will send the Community Leadership Team (CLT) member roster to Minnesota Department of Health. Results from the member survey that was taken last spring will be presented at the February CLT meeting.
Announcements and Updates	<p>The city council voted to limit the sale of menthol tobacco to liquor stores and tobacco stores. Members were thanked for their efforts to pass this resolution.</p> <p>Health Partners is applying for a grant from the Foundation of Agricultural Research to research an indicator population focus on 18-49-year-old women on Medicaid and their children. Primary focus will be to answer the questions, ‘What is healthy food, good food, and available food?’ and ‘What comes up as barriers?’</p> <p>The SHIP team will begin accepting applications for mini-grants soon. Will have funding to open applications in mid-November with a four-week window to submit. It is anticipated that grants will be awarded by February 1, 2018, and projects must be completed by June 30, 2018. Mini-grant amounts are between \$1,000 and \$3,000, and must support healthy eating, active living, and tobacco-free living. If you previously received a mini-grant, you can apply again. Carissa will consider having a workshop for how to apply for mini-grants.</p> <p>November 29, 7:30-10:30 a.m. – Health Partners will hold its second annual Bright Futures Begin at Birth event. DeDee will forward the flyer to members.</p>

Minutes taken by: Cathy St. Michel

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

Upcoming meetings: December 6, 2017, Community Health Services Advisory Committee

January 3, 2018, Community Health Services Advisory Committee

February 7, 2018, SHIP Community Leadership Team/ Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Action Team