



SAINT PAUL – RAMSEY COUNTY
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL AND THE RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

MEETING LOCATION

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Department of Public Health
555 Cedar Street – Saint Paul
2nd Floor Library
Parking Available Behind the Building

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Health Teen Parent Program Update – Sharon Cross, PHN Clinician
(See Recommendation from 2006 – next page.)
3. Chair's Report
4. Director's Report
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

CHSAC Public Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING May 6, 2009

**** Attention CHS Advisory Committee Members ****
Please contact Richard Ragan if you will not be attending the meeting:

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**Recommendations of the Saint Paul – Ramsey County
Community Health Services Advisory Committee
June 2006**

Recommendation #1 – Promote the health and well being of teen parents and their children by emphasizing the importance of research-based, coordinated services that are accessible to all pregnant and parenting teens. Support the continuation of the Public Health Teen Parent Program that works in conjunction with Ramsey County Departments of Human Services and Workforce Solutions, along with schools, and community agencies to reach the following goals:

- promote teen and child health
- promote effective parent-child interaction and attachment, and positive parenting skills
- promote healthy child spacing and prevention of subsequent teen pregnancies
- promote high school graduation or GED completion to increase the long-term self-sufficiency potential of pregnant and/or parenting teens

Challenge/Opportunity - Children born to teen mothers are more likely to experience: lower birth weights and related health problems, inadequate parenting, abuse and neglect, and poor school performance. More than 70% of teen parents receive TANF assistance. Over 50% of families receiving MFIP began with a birth to a teen mother. Females whose highest education level was grades 9-11 earn 27% less than females with a high school diploma or GED. The Ramsey County program has achieved success in the following areas:

- enrollment of teens and their children in health insurance programs
- increasing the percentage of vaccinated children and well-child examinations
- promoting child-spacing and reducing additional births to teens