

**Community Health Services Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2016**

Members Present/Representation

Maridee Bain | County at Large
 Jill Stewart | County at Large
 Thomas Kottke | City of Saint Paul
 Mee Cheng | City of Saint Paul
 Madonna McDermott | City of Saint Paul
 David Muhovich | City of Saint Paul
 Regina Rippel (Chair) | City of Saint Paul
 Mary Yackley | City of Saint Paul

SPRCPH Staff:

Rina McManus | Director
 Cheryl Armstrong | Policy Analyst
 Zack Hansen | Division Manager, Environmental Health
 Robert Einweck | Division Manager, Health Protection
 Terese Bordeau | Environmental Health Specialist
 Kaye Ward | Administration Support

Guests:

Hally Turner | Washington County Public Works

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for March 2, 2016.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
<p>HiAP Discussion: Health Impact Assessment – Gateway Corridor Project, Final Review and Comment</p> <p>Hally Turner (Planner), Washington County Public Works.</p>	<p>Hally Turner provided a review of the Health Impact Assessment for the Gateway Corridor Project (see 2016 04 06 CHSAC presentation). Members were reminded that this is a bus rapid transit system with opportunity to connect to local businesses. The project is focused on developing tools that help inform land use decisions from a public health perspective and is being really intentional on bringing in Health in All Policies. During the March 2015 meeting, committee members were asked to choose the top 5 land use elements to look at as a part of the project. Through this work with the Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC) and other committees, 4 key elements for creating healthier communities were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity • Housing • Jobs • Safety <p>This is the 5th presentation for the CHSAC committee with today’s focus being about the deliverables. Prior to this meeting members were asked to review the document 160328 CutSheetPackage (see attached) and to provide feedback. Members asked how the discussion with the CHSAC compared to that of other counties. We were advised that it was thoughtful, members were really engaged and critical feedback had been incorporated. The observations had been mirrored by other counties. In addition Eugene Nichols had granted access to the African American Leadership and the feedback from this particular meeting had been elevated.</p>

	<p>Jill had a question regarding the connectivity and if the HIA had discovered any pockets of need where a transportation bridge would be necessary. No pockets of need had been found.</p> <p>Madonna had a question on parking and whether any negative pushback was expected with this project. Members were advised that this was not included in the health conversation but it is a concern and an area where some outreach would be necessary.</p> <p>Dave works with students who generally have a blank look when talking about built environment. He suggested that the use of plain language would be beneficial. Dave found the document to be helpful as an example for HiAP. He also felt that economics in all polices has been around for a long time and we are slow coming to the game. It is hard to talk about end of life care as a part of well-being.</p> <p>Members liked the layout of the CutSheet; however, felt that the saturation of the sub titles to be a little light and hard to read. Green and blue can often be difficult for the older generation.</p> <p>Hally thought that planning and public health had come together to work on HiAP. Both have the same goals but had come at it from a different perspective when we spoke about the work that we do. This has been a great opportunity to share ideas.</p> <p>At the end of the presentation, members were asked to do an evaluation as to how they saw this project and to provide recommendations/areas of improvement. There had been lots of questions, all of which had been answered; however, it would be beneficial to send a framework of the process ahead of time in order to see the bigger picture before it is broken down in to the smaller pieces.</p> <p>Rina noted that how we get the richness of information from all members of the community is going to be a concern. People disenfranchise, and it is not easy for people to attend city council meeting. We need to look at how we can do this better for our processes.</p> <p>Tom noted the populations most likely to have disparities are the least likely to respond which is a huge problem of giving people voice. How do we do this? Rina stated that we have to think about the way in which we ask what we need to know, starting with community leaders so they need to tell us. There is a need to understand the health piece in the conversation so that we can impact future programs.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to provide any additional feedback to Hally via email Hally.Turner@co.washington.mn.us.</p>
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<p>Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment</p> <p>Zack Hansen (Division Manager), Environmental Health, Robert Einweck (Division Manager) Health Protection, Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health</p>	<p>Robert and Zack provided a presentation on the Ramsey County – Public Health Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment which has been completed (see attached PowerPoint). This is a part of the departments Strategic Plan. The next step was to promote adaptation around public health. Staff had an opportunity to attend a presentation by Mark. W Seeley, climatologist and meteorologist at the University of Minnesota.</p> <p>CHSAC members were provided a copy of Mark Seeley’s book Minnesota Weather Almanac, Second Edition and a copy of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment which serves as an informational resource and internal tool for the department. This is one of the 5 goals of the department’s Strategic Plan. Ramsey County is the only county that has come this far and identify trends and the impact (direct and indirect) on health. There is discussion within the department about focusing on adaptation and mitigation strategies. The report recognizes that there are hazards with the climate change events. There is a need to look at individuals who may be vulnerable, due to poverty, lack of access to health care, ability to understand English, pregnancy, chronic disease, etc. The data presented is a snapshot in time and will be updated as additional data become available. The next steps will be to begin work preparing the community, department staff, and partner agencies. As advisors to the Board and city, we need to be prepared for if/when something happens and also to reduce vulnerability and keep HiAP in mind as we move ahead. Committee members suggested education of the community with a focus on the negative consequences and think about the issue more along the lines of emergency preparedness.</p> <p>Public Health staff are on track with other parts of the county when defining vulnerability. Terese Bordeau, Environmental Health Specialist, was commended for her work on the report. Zack Hansen and Robert Einweck completed a presentation to the Department Leadership Team, now CHSAC, and will also be presenting to the County Board of Commissioners.</p>
<p>Director Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation • Public Health Awards <p>Rina McManus, Director Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health</p>	<p>Rina McManus provided an update on the accreditation process. The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) report was received. The report asked that the department submit additional documentation for consideration as a part of an action plan. Once the action plan is finalized and submitted to PHAB, we will hear within a few weeks whether the plan is approved or not. Once approved, staff will complete various activities in fulfillment of the plan, and we will be submitting documentation of those activities as soon as possible (currently slated for late Summer or early Fall).</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p>	

Minutes taken by: Kaye Ward

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

Next meeting: May 4, 2016 SHIP Community Leadership Team/CHIP Action Team