

**Ramsey County
Community Health Services Advisory Committee**

SHIP Community Leadership Team

Wednesday, April 4th, 2012

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Plato Conference Room

90 W. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN, 55107

Members Present Maridee Bain, Kathryn Campion, Julie Gagne, Thomas Kottke, David Muhovich, Sylvia Robinson, Carmen Robles, Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer, Nancy Shier, Jill Stewart, Esther Tatley, Bob Tracy, Mayblia Yangsao

Member excused: Liz Mcloone Dybvig, Colleen Quesnell

Members absent: Regina Rippel, Jack Rossbach,

Guests: DeDee Varner, Carol Berg, Joan Pennington, Heather Peterson

Staff: Julie Seiber, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Rina McManus, Richard Ragan

Welcome/Chair Report (Bob Tracy, Chair)

Chair Bob Tracy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the health plan representatives. He announced that Luna Cooper, the new Clinic Director at Open Cities, will be replacing Dorii Gbolo on the Committee.

Director's Report

Director of Public Health Rina McManus announced that April 1-7 is National Public Health Week and read a resolution from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. She detailed Operation Medicine Delivery on May 5 and 6 and stated that input from the CHSAC committee discussion helped Emergency Preparedness consider additional open dispensing sites and how to communicate with the public.

Working Session

Julie Seiber of Public Health discussed the Ramsey County Healthy Meals Coalition, a coalition of emergency meal programs and feeding sites. She detailed the Baseline report and explained the current work of the coalition which involves site visits to help each other achieve their goals of healthy meal production. Ms. Seiber then gave an update on the Saint Paul – Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission. She announced that the Commission's Food System Recommendations will be going to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and Saint Paul City Council in May to be accepted as a report. Chair Tracy encouraged members to reach out to their elected officials and tell them how important the recommendations are and also the work of the Commission. Nancy Hoyt Taff briefly described the expansion of Electronic Benefits Transfers at the Farmers Market and she said she will give a more in-depth update at the next meeting.

The committee adjourned at 6:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Committee is May 2nd from 5:00-6:30 at Plato.