

## Community Health Services Advisory Committee Summary Meeting Minutes December 3, 2014

## **Members Present**

Maridee Bain Kathy Campion Linda Kudee Michelle Lichtia Madonna McDermott Liz McLoone Dybvig Der Moua Dave Muhovich **Eugene Nichols** Caitlyn Nystedt Regina Rippel Sylvia Robinson Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer Jill Stewart **Bob Tracy** Mary Yackley

## **Staff and Guests:**

Rina McManus Emily Huemann Darleen Simmons Kaye Ward

The meeting was called to Order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Kathy Campion. Kathy and Rina welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made that included two new members.

A motion was made by Eugene Nichols and seconded by Sylvia Robinson to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting.

Agenda item:	Speaker/Discussion:
Sexual Exploitation and Violence Prevention	Emily Huemann, SOS Program Supervisor with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health provided information from Minnesota Department of Health surrounding "Minnesota Safe Harbor". See attached copy of PowerPoint presentation.
	<ul> <li>Ramsey county:         <ul> <li>Leads the way in looking at sex trafficking and youth involvement</li> <li>Is the leader in the State whereby youth are no longer viewed as perpetrators but victims</li> <li>Have been involved in rape crisis response and violence prevention for a long time with Sexual Offence Services (SOS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Sexual Offence Services (SOS) team have a close working relation relationship with Ramsey County Attorney's office, Rape Crisis Response Teams and victims. All have a wide range of knowledge and expertise.</li> </ul>



	Earlier this year, Saint Paul – Ramsey County staff including Director
	Rina MCManus, Clinic Services Manager Diane Haugen and SOS Supervisor Emily Huemann attended a 2 day workshop sponsored by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) to learn about sex trafficking in Minnesota and what can be done statewide to address this issue.
	Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health sponsored a workshop on sex trafficking for the Metro Area Public Health Departments and gathered information on the role and responsibilities of local public health to address this issue.
	The Community Health Services Advisory Committee proposed activities and action for violence prevention. Darlene Simmons, Chair of the Violence Prevention Action Team will utilize recommendations for the work plan.
	Bring this issue to the attention of the community
	Identify youth-focused resources
	Reframe discussions to focus on perpetrators
	Address stigma with youth involved
	Promote comprehensive sex education in schools
	Committee members will identify future opportunities for information and education on sex trafficking.
Discussion of meeting agenda topics for 2015	Communication will be sent to committee members requesting input about the topics for discussion in 2015.
Updates	The Family Health Division utilizes specific evidence-based models and tools in providing home visiting services to clients. We have already been accredited for use of the Nurse-Family Partnership model and have sought certification for use of the Healthy Families America model. The accreditation review team conducted their assessment the last week of Nov, 2014.
	Healthy Families America Certification:
	Members of the Healthy Families Home Visiting Community Council were asked to participate in interviews with the Accreditation Review Team. Eugene Nichols and Der Moua volunteered to be a part of this Site Visit. As a part of preparation for the visit, Eugene reviewed policies and procedures and provided his input in order to meet accreditation requirements. Community Council meetings are held quarterly to review, provide input into, and discuss the required elements of the HFA model. Additionally, as part of the meetings, various members of the



	home visiting staff participated to share their work experiences with their families.
	Der worked more with the cultural sensitivity review for families that are not English speaking and needed a translator. She looked for simplicity in surveys and paperwork to ensure that they were understandable yet still meet required terms. It is essential that these families have access to the resources made available to them.
	Both Eugene and Der felt that everyone is very passionate about what they do and feel positive about the accreditation.
	Rina provided an update on leadership of the Action Teams. Eugene Nichols has agreed to be chair of Healthcare Access Action Team.  Darleen Simmons will lead the Violence Prevention Action Team connecting what has been discussed today into the existing work that is already taking place.
Outgoing Chair's remarks	Kathy Campion expressed her gratitude to committee members and encouraged everyone to sign up for the various Action Groups.

Minutes taken by: Kaye Ward

Motion to adjourn (7:40 PM) passed by affirmation of the committee.

Next meeting: January 7, 2015