

Ramsey County
Community Health Services Advisory Committee
SHIP Community Leadership Team
Wednesday, February 1st, 2012
5:00pm – 6:30pm
2nd Floor Public Health Star Room
90 W. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN, 55107

Members Present: Bob Tracy (Chair), Maridee Bain, Dorii Gbolo, Thomas Kottke, Liz McLoone Dybvig, Colleen Quesnell, Regina Rippel, Sylvia Robinson, Karla Sand, Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer

Members Excused: David Muhovich, Jack Rossbach, Nancy Shier, Esther Tatley

Guests: Mary Yackley

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

Welcome and Introductions (Bob Tracy, Chair)

History and Purpose of SHIP (Julie Seiber)

Julie Seiber, SHIP Coordinator, explained that Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health originally participated in the STEPS program, the success of which led MDH and the legislature to begin the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) in 2009. She stated that the purpose of SHIP is to help Minnesotans live healthier lives by enacting policy, systems and environmental changes. Chair Tracy gathered feedback from the group on what questions may have arisen from the readings that should be addressed in future conversations. Committee members expressed uncertainty over the scope of the committee's power in policy changes, concern with the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program, and the measurement of outcomes. Chair Tracy stated that the next meeting will focus on outcomes and evaluation of the SHIP projects.

Key Outcomes and Achievements from Previous SHIP Grant (Julie Seiber)

The key outcomes and achievements were outlined on the materials sent with the agenda. Ms. Seiber compared and contrasted the first and second rounds of SHIP. She stated in the first round, the legislature provided \$47 million of which Ramsey County received \$3.5 million over the two years. Ms. Seiber then explained that there is only \$15 million from the general fund for the current round of funding and Ramsey County will conduct a more focused program with \$917,000.

Major interventions, partners and expected outcomes in current SHIP grant (Julie Seiber)

Ms. Seiber detailed the three main strategies of the Ramsey County SHIP program as *School Setting: Healthy School Food Options and Active School Day, Tobacco-Free Post-Secondary Campuses*, and *Community Setting: Healthy Food Environment and Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing* (refer to Strategy Overview handout) and an additional strategy involving work with the *African American Leadership Forum and predominantly African-American churches in Ramsey County* addressing obesity reduction and exposure to tobacco. Ms. Seiber described each intervention, including partnerships with St. Paul and Roseville Public Schools, the Association for Non-Smokers (ANSR) and the Public Housing Agency. Donald Gault stated that the evaluation plan is due from the Minnesota Department of Health on March 1, 2012.

Discussion re: Role(s) of CHSAC with SHIP grant efforts (Donald Gault)

Mr. Gault discussed the role of the CHSAC as the Community Leadership Team (CLT) for the SHIP grant. He identified these roles as providing community accountability by remaining aware of progress in achievement of SHIP goals and outcomes throughout grant cycle; improving implementation and impacts by promoting complementary initiatives throughout our community to enhance community ownership and participation in efforts to increase physical activity and availability/consumption of healthy foods and reduction in tobacco exposure; and promoting awareness of SHIP accomplishments with MDH, the County Board, City Councils and other systems and organizations (schools, faith communities, etc.) throughout Ramsey County. The committee expressed interest in establishing a recognition program for monthly “SHIP” stars.

The community adjourned at 6:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Community Health Services Advisory Committee is March 7, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 at Plato. There will be an orientation to Community Health Services in MN beginning at 4:30 PM.