Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee

SHIP Community Leadership Team

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012 5:00pm – 6:30pm Plato Conference Room 90 W. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN, 55107

Members Present: Bob Tracy (Chair), Kathryn Campion, Liz McIoone Dybvig, Julie Gagne, Thomas Kottke, David Muhovich, Regina Ripple, Sylvia Robinson, Jack Rossbach, Karla Sand, Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer, Nancy Shier, Jill Stewart, Esther Tatley, Mayblia Yangso,

Health Care/Health Plan Partners: Carol Berg, Joan Pennington, Heather Peterson, DeDee Varner

Guests: Kelly Hughes

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

Welcome Chair Report (Bob Tracy, Chair)

Director's Report

Director of Public Health Rina McManus gave an update on the upcoming Operation Medicine Delivery which will take place Sunday, May 6th. She stated that the U.S. Postal Service will deliver an empty pill bottle to selected Twin Cities neighborhoods to see how fast postal teams can deliver medicine to homes in an emergency. Director McManus also cited an article which announced that Ramsey County received an "F" for air quality and stated that the American Lung Association and the MPCA will meet next week to discuss the report, the findings, and how to take corrective actions.

SHIP Update and Evaluation

Julie Seiber of Public Health gave a progress report on the Ramsey County SHIP Initiatives. She noted that highlights include the Wellness Programs at Saint Paul Public Schools and that the Food and Nutrition Commission will submit reports to the City Council and County Board during the month of May, 2012. Marijo Wunderlich, the SHIP evaluator, detailed the evaluation plan for the SHIP initiatives. She explained how both qualitative and quantitative data must be captured and interpreted, and an interim report is due in November, followed by a final report in August. Ms. Wunderlich asked the committee to review the reports prior to the deadlines.

Health Plan/Health Care Partner Introductions

The Health Plan/Health Care Partners presented on their work as it relates to SHIP activities. Each partner detailed a series of activities, including working with schools to increase consumption of health foods (Health Partners, DeDee Varner) and providing Free Bikes for Kids (Allina, Heather Peterson). Director McManus stressed the importance of collaboration to accomplish the goals of SHIP.

The committee adjourned at 6:45pm.

Next meeting: June 6th (as Community Health Services Advisory Committee)