

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE
CITY HALL MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 17, 2012 6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doscotch welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were members Kumar Belani, Jeff Bartleson, Matt Doscotch, Jan Johnson, Mary Jo Kingston, Nancy Ott-Pinckers, Carolyn Peterson, Adnan Qureshi

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Member Peterson and second by member Kingston to approve the meeting agenda. All voted aye.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Member Peterson and second by Member Kingston to approve consent agenda item IV.A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting May 15, 2012. All voted aye.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None presented.

VI. REPORTS /RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Dr. Jeff Ho, Edina Medical Consultant, discussed his role as a medical consultant to the City of Edina. Since Edina provides their own paramedic service, they are required to have a medical consultant. Dr. Ho, an emergency room doctor at Hennepin County Medical Center, has been Edina's medical director since 1997. His responsibility as medical director is to work with fire fighters and law enforcement regarding public safety and emergency response. He conducts monthly paramedic training, remedies dispatched emergencies over the phone and works with police officers on basic emergency medical training. He applauded Edina's "top notch" paramedics and strong emergency services, saying the emergency response time average is 3 ½ minutes from time of 911 call. The ratio of medical to fire calls is 8/1 in Edina and new ultrasound equipment is now being used in the ambulances. Dr. Ho worked with police and fire to stockpile personal protective equipment for pandemic flu and during the H1N1 outbreak; he ensured staff was protected with vaccinations, personal protective equipment and personal hygiene reminders.

With regard to unmet needs or gaps, Dr. Ho identified non-emergency social issues as a growing concern and also bariatric equipment/ambulance design for individuals greater than 500 lbs.

Marty Scheerer, Edina Fire Chief, praised Dr. Ho for the exceptional service he provides to the City of Edina as the medical consultant. Chief Scheerer works directly with Dr. Ho on many emergency situations as they arise. Edina employs 26 paramedics and operates three fully equipped ambulances. Grant money covers some equipment and technology costs for the ambulances. Of approximately 4500 emergency calls per year, 3600 are medical response calls. Patients are transported to several hospitals, predominately Fairview Southdale Hospital, Abbott Northwest Hospital, Methodist Hospital and Hennepin County Medical Center. Mutual aid is provided by other ambulance services with Hennepin County and North Memorial Ambulance Services being used most frequently.

B. Sara Maaske, do.town, gave an update on current do.town activities and initiatives in Edina. Included are an upcoming survey regarding concession choices users want at VanValkenberg Park, research and community interest in community gardens, possibility of an Edina code change to allow a farmers market at Fairview Hospital, healthy cooking demos at Centennial Lakes Farmers Market, and a youth program organizing a do.town Walk To the Farmers Market. In addition, a consultant is coming on board to evaluate Richfield and Edina regarding Safe Routes to School and possible state funding, Parklawn study to address trails and playground equipment in Lake Edina Park, Walking audits to determine which intersections are difficult to walk – these audits will be shared with

the Transportation Commission. Safe Routes to School and Bike Safety will be promoted August 7 at Rosland Park for Nite To Unite.

Members recommended that do.town develop a complete list of bike routes in Edina. A suggestion was made to develop winter activity walking programs and opportunities for seniors by using the YMCA, school gyms and Southdale Mall with available transportation options.

Member Johnson reported on a meeting she had with Janice Cox, Lunds Byerlys Registered Dietitian, to link them with the Edina do.town initiative. Lunds Byerlys is very interested in participating, especially with their new nutrition promo, wellness classes and farmers market cooking demos and will coordinate with do.town staff.

C. A written report from Ruth Tripp, SHIP Grant Coordinator, on current Edina SHIP activities was reviewed. Current projects include a Community Food Partnership and Community Food Assessment & Taskforce to determine food access/affordability needs of low-income residents. Tom Shirley, Centennial Lakes Park Manager, is serving on the Community Food Partnership and the group

D. Two template resolutions 1) Healthy Eating Active Living and 2) Community Gardens and a letter of support for Food Procurement were discussed.

Committee members support the do.town initiative and a healthy eating active living concept. They agreed the Healthy Eating Active Living template was too lengthy and would support a shorter, more specific resolution. Staff will look into other resolution options for Healthy Eating Active Living. Liaison Engelman indicated that several department budgets and staffing levels would be affected by a Healthy Eating Active Living Resolution and that department input should be collected prior to any recommendation from the Community Health Committee to City Council on Healthy Eating Active Living.

Following a discussion on community gardens, the committee decided further review was needed to determine resident interest in community gardens in Edina, to include concerns and comments from the Parks Department, Park Board and Energy & Environment Commission. Edina Garden Club and Hennepin County Master Gardeners may also have valuable comments on community gardens. All members were supportive of school based gardens with incorporated curriculums.

Committee members supported the letter of recommendation to Council on Food Procurement with removing the phrase of adopting a policy restricting marketing of "unhealthy foods". Current menu boards offer healthier choices in addition to some unhealthy choices. A motion was made by Member Kingston and seconded by Member Ott-Pinckers to finalize the letter of recommendation with such corrections and send to Council. Chair Doscotch will discuss the letter with Parks Director John Keprios, make corrections and finalize the letter to City Council.

E. Chair Doscotch gave a review of the Community Health Committee work session with the City Council regarding the draft 2013 work plan. Members Doscotch, Kingston, Peterson and Ott-Pickers and Liaison Engelman attended the meeting. Suggestions Council members made for workplan consideration included participating with do.town, more active committee work, option for a baseline community health survey, and additional meetings throughout the year.

F. Chair Doscotch discussed the June 26 joint meeting at Richfield City Hall with the Bloomington and Richfield advisory health boards. Chair Doscotch, Members Johnson and Ott-Pinckers attended the meeting. Bloomington Public Health led the discussion. Each advisory board shared their yearly workplans and discussed common themes. A presentation was given by Bloomington Public Health regarding community diversity.

G. Chair Doscotch highlighted his draft CHC 2012-13 Report & Recommendation and asked that members take time to review the draft document and offer suggestions at the next meeting. Chair Doscotch expressed desire for developing this as a yearly report to City Council as another avenue to share Community Health Committee activities, involvement and accomplishments.

H. 2013 CHC Workplan
The Community Health Committee annually reviews:

- Community Health Services
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Services
- Edina Medical Consultant & Emergency & Paramedic Services
- Edina Chemical Health Services
- Edina Public Schools Health Services
- Edina Public Schools Food Services
- Edina Resource Center Services

Additional responsibilities are:

- Member Orientation
- do.town initiative
- Work session with the City Council
- Statewide Health Improvement Program
- Public Health Accreditation
- Community Health Improvement Program Assessment
- Joint meeting with the Bloomington & Richfield Advisory Boards of Health

Added to the 2013 workplan are 1) develop a health vision for the city, and 2) continue research work of subgroups on youth health, seniors and aging health, and general health for gaps in our system.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

None presented.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None presented.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

Liaison Engelman informed members that the regularly scheduled meeting for September was changed from September 18 to September 11 to accommodate the new religious holiday observance policy. Members were also informed that the Community Health Committee chair or representative is required to attend the City Council work session September 19 to present the Community Health Committee 2013 Workplan.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Kingston and seconded by Member Johnson to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Engelman

Next Meeting: September 11, 2012

2012 Meeting Dates: March 19 March 20 May 15 June 19 June 26 July 17 September 11 October 17