



To: Mayor and Council

Agenda Item #: VIII.B.

From: Jeff Brown, Community Health Administrator

Action

Discussion

Date: March 4, 2014

Information

Subject: Edina Community Health Board seat on the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee.

Action Requested:

Determine appropriate representative to serve as the City of Edina voting member on the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee.

Information / Background:

The City of Edina is one of only four cities (Bloomington, Richfield, and Minneapolis) designated as a community health board (CHB) according to Minnesota Statute 145A. Minnesota's remaining community health boards are made up of a county, or group of counties, acting as a single CHB. The State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) is an advisory group made up of one representative from each of the 52 community health boards in Minnesota. SCHSAC (pronounced 'shack') members attend quarterly meetings with the Minnesota Commissioner of Health to discuss and vote on a wide range of public health issues common throughout the state.

The majority of SCHSAC voting members are elected officials, such as county commissioners or city council members, with a staff person serving as an alternate. Currently, the City of Bloomington designates a council person as a representative, while the City of Richfield designates a member of the Richfield Advisory Board of Health. In recent years, the Edina Community Health Services Administrator has been designated as the City's representative. The purpose of this report is to solicit either participation in SCHSAC from a Council Member, or guidance regarding who would be an appropriate representative from the Edina Community Health Board.

The State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)

WHAT IS SCHSAC?

In Minnesota, public health responsibilities are shared between state and local governments. To function effectively, strong communication and coordination is needed between the Minnesota Department of Health and local governments, as well as with federal government entities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The SCHSAC has been a unique aspect of Minnesota's state and local public health partnership since 1976. It is a statutorily defined advisory group, comprised of one representative from each of Minnesota's 52 community health boards. About two-thirds of the members are local elected officials, and about one-third of members are local public health directors and administrators. The SCHSAC has regular, face-to-face meetings with the health commissioner to discuss public health issues of mutual interest.

PURPOSE

SCHSAC is advisory to the health commissioner and provides guidance on the development, maintenance, financing and evaluation of community health services.

Each year, through work groups, regular communications, and an annual conference – and because of the commitment of state and local public health professionals and local elected officials – the SCHSAC identifies, develops, and responds to critical public health issues.

The influence of this committee is felt in every Minnesota community, as the recommendations of the SCHSAC are not only submitted to the commissioner of health, but are also adopted by community health boards, implemented statewide through guidelines, and used as the basis for developing policy.

FACTORS LEADING TO SUCCESS

The SCHSAC plays a key role in supporting a strong and effective public health partnership between state and local governments.

- The SCHSAC is a useful and effective problem-solving and policy-development group.
- It serves as a means for state and local government to identify and discuss shared goals to protect, maintain and improve the health of the public statewide, as well as develop agreed-upon methods to achieve those goals.
- It contributes to improved state-local communication, informed policy development, positive state-local relationships, and strong support for public health among local elected officials.
- The effectiveness of the SCHSAC is due to the commitment and active participation of the health commissioner and other leaders in the work of the SCHSAC, a governing statute and process for continuity, regular updates on issues and resources, active participation of local elected officials, and focused study on key issues for statewide improvement.



STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, March 7, 2014
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Hampton Inn ~ Shoreview
1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview, Minnesota 55126
Hotel Phone: 1-651-482-0402
Grand Ballroom

Preliminary Agenda

Wireless Internet Instructions:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONSLarry Kittelson, Chair
Horizon CHB
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2014 AGENDA*.....Larry Kittelson
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2013 MTG. SUMMARY*Larry Kittelson
- IV. CHAIR’S REMARKSLarry Kittelson
- V. COMMISSIONER’S REMARKS AND DISCUSSIONEdward P. Ehlinger, MD, MSPH
Commissioner of Health, MDH
- VI. ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY: What Creates Health?Jeannette Raymond
Dorothy Bliss
Office of Performance Improvement, MDH

~Lunch~

- VII. SCHSAC 2014 WORK PLAN AND 2013 ANNUAL REPORT..... Deb Burns
Office of Performance Improvement, MDH

VIII. MDH DIRECTOR UPDATES Maggie Diebel
Community and Family Health
 Kris Ehresmann
Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control
 Darcy Miner
Compliance Monitoring
 Julie Myhre
Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives
 Diane Rydrych
Health Policy

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee Larry Kittelson
- B. General Reports– *written reports only* Larry Kittelson
- C. Performance Improvement Steering Committee..... Allie Friedrichs, Chair
Meeker-McLeod-Sibley CHB
- D. Conference Planning Workgroup..... Karen Ahmann, Chair
Polk-Norman-Mahnomen CHB
- E. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Susan Morris, Co-Chair
Isanti-Mille Lacs CHB
 Pete Giesen, Co-Chair
Olmsted CHB

X. ADJOURN Larry Kittelson
 *Materials included in the pre-meeting email

Three Simple Rules of the State-Local Public Health Partnership

- 1. Seek First to Understand*
- 2. Make Expectations Explicit*
- 3. Think about the Part and the Whole*

If you have any special requests, please call Liz Arita at (651) 201-3890.



State Community Health Services Advisory Committee

December 6, 2013

Draft Summary

Members/Alternates Present:

Anoka

Laurel Hoff (alt)

Bloomington

Karen Nordstrom
Karen Zeleznak (alt)

Brown-Nicollet

Jim Berg
Karen Moritz (alt)

Carver

Marcee Shaughnessy

Cass

Jamie Richter (alt)

Chisago

Deb Schuhmacher

Dakota

Bonnie Brueshoff (alt)

Dodge-Steele

Peggy Espey (alt)

Faribault-Martin

Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

Freeborn

Susan Yost (alt)

Hennepin

Susan Palchick (alt)

Horizon

Larry Kittelson

Isanti-Mille Lacs

Susan Morris

Kanabec-Pine

Wendy Thompson

LeSueur-Waseca

Amy Roggenbuck

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley

Joy Cohrs
Alethea Freidrichs (alt)

Minneapolis

Becky McIntosh (alt)

Morrison-Todd-Wadena

Bonnie Paulsen (alt)

Mower

Lisa Kocer

North Country

Helene Kahlstorf

Olmsted

Sheila Kiscaden
Pete Giesen (alt)

Otter Tail

Douglas Huebsch
Diane Thorson (alt)

Polk-Norman-Mahnomen

Karen Ahmann

Ramsey (St. Paul)

Marina McManus (alt)

Rice

Debra Purfeerst

Richfield

Rose Jost

Scott

Merrilee Brown (alt)

Sherburne

Ewald Petersen

SWHHS

Marvin Tinklenberg (alt)

Wabasha

Judy Barton

Washington

Lowell Johnson

Winona

Marcia Ward

Wright

Carol Schefers (alt)

Members Not Present:

Aitkin-Itasca-Koochiching

Laurie Westerlund (alt)

Becker

Don Skarie
Ronda Stock (alt)

Benton

Warren Peschl
Diana Graning (alt)

Blue Earth

Mark Piepho
Robert Meyer (alt)

Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis

Peter Wash
Julie Myhre (alt)

Clay-Wilkin

Neal Folstad
Grant Weyland (alt)

Cottonwood-Jackson

Rosemary Schultz
Pat Stewart (alt)

Countryside

Jeanne Krueger
Elizabeth Auch (alt)

Crow Wing

Rachel Reabe-Nystrom
Paul Thiede (alt)

Edina

Cheryl Engelman

Fillmore-Houston

Thomas Kaase
Justin Zmyewski (alt)

Goodhue

Ted Seifert
Nina Arneson (alt)

Kandiyohi-Renville

Harlan Madsen
LaMont Jacobson (alt)

Nobles

Matthew Widboom
Terri Janssen (alt)

Quin

Rachel Green
Betty Younggren (alt)

Stearns

Renee Frauendienst (alt)

Watowan

Kathleen Svalland
Richard Collins (alt)

Others in Attendance:

Jeanne Ayers, Linda Bauck-Todd, Becky Buhler, Deb Burns, Amanda Diehl, Ed Ehlinger, Melissa Finnegan, Lee Ho, Tom Hogan, Jim Koppel, Aggie Leitheiser, Peggy Malinowski, Mary Manning, Kathy Minkler, Manny Munson-Regala, Abbie Mosher, Britta Orr, Dave Orren, Sarah Reese, Mike Schommer, Janelle Schroeder, Allison Thrash, Rochelle Westlund

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Bill Groskreutz, Faribault-Martin CHB, called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. He welcomed the guests in attendance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2013 AGENDA

Ewald Petersen, Sherburne CHB, made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 6th meeting. Marcia Ward, Winona CHB, seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2013, MEETING SUMMARY

Larry Kittelson, Horizon CHB, made a motion to approve the summary for the September SCHSAC meeting. Karen Ahmann, Polk-Norman-Mahnomen CHB, seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the motion was approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

SCHSAC Chair Bill Groskreutz thanked SCHSAC members for the opportunity to serve as chair for the past year. He also thanked Commissioner Ehlinger and MDH staff. He wished everyone happy times during the holiday season and safe travels. He also noted the upcoming retirements of Cheryl Schneider, Public Health Director Todd County and past CHS Administrator for Morrison-Todd-Wadena CHB; Sue Erzar, Public Health Director, Itasca County; and Karen Zeleznak, CHS Administrator and Public Health Director, Bloomington CHB. He noted that it was the last SCHSAC meeting for past chair Karen Nordstrom, Bloomington CHB. Retiring City Council Member Karen Nordstrom briefly addressed SCHSAC, noting that she will miss this group of dedicated people and was pleased to have been a part of SCHSAC for many years. Karen Zeleznak also spoke to those in attendance. She acknowledged the public health leadership provided by SCHSAC and its participants, especially the elected local officials. Lastly, Commissioner Groskreutz reminded everyone to complete the SCHSAC Customer Satisfaction Survey in their packets. The survey will be conducted annually to ensure continuous improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

On behalf of Nominating and Awards Workgroup Chair Bev Bales, Horizon CHB, who was unable to attend the meeting, Chair Bill Groskreutz led members through the process to select the 2014 Chair-Elect/2015 Chair. County Commissioner Karen Ahmann, Polk-Norman-Mahnomen CHB, was listed on the ballot. After asking three times for any other nominations from the floor and getting none, Chair Groskreutz asked Karen Ahmann to address SCHSAC members. She told them about her 15 years as a county commissioner and her roles as a business owner, public health advocate, and hospital board

member in her community. She wants to help public health “blow its own horn” more to let others know of its value. Before moving on, Bill noted that there was a Call for Volunteers for both the Nominating and Awards Workgroup and the Conference Planning Workgroup in the meeting materials. Staff collected the ballots for tallying.

COMMISSIONER’S REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ed Ehlinger, Minnesota Department of Health, updated SCHSAC on his participation at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) meeting in North Carolina that ended the day before. He noted that Assistant Commissioner Ellen Benavides is leaving MDH to go back to her consulting and documentarian work. The Compliance Monitoring Division will temporarily report to Assistant Commissioner Aggie Leitheiser. The Health Policy Division will temporarily report to Deputy Commissioner Jim Koppel. Proposed work with the Department of Human Services on mental health issues is currently on hold. Assistant Commissioner Jeanne Ayers announced that Julie Myhre, current CHS Administrator for Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis CHB, will be joining MDH in January as the new director of the Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives. Interim director Michelle Larson was lauded for her leadership during the roll-out of SHIP 3.0. He also noted that legislative policy director Matthew Collie left MDH. He introduced Melissa Finnegan, legislative liaison for MDH.

The Minnesota Department of Health recently had its two-day site visit from the Public Health Accreditation Board as part of its application for national accreditation. MDH expects to hear the results in February or March of 2014. Commissioner Ehlinger said that the process of preparing and applying for accreditation has been good for the department. He noted there were some things MDH wasn’t doing to meet the standards, but is doing now. He hopes to publicize accreditation during Public Health Week in April. Bonnie Brueshoff, Dakota CHB, commented that MDH is leading the way for local public health in demonstrating the value of accreditation. He thanked Deb Burns and LuAnne McNichols from the Office of Performance Improvement for heading up MDH’s process and noted that OPI staff is available to assist local agencies prepare for accreditation. He also thanked local public health partners for participating in the community partners meeting during the site visit.

Commissioner Ehlinger noted some of the significant public health achievements that occurred this year. They included: raising the Tobacco Tax; conversations from Pitch the Commissioner informing the Governor’s silica sand policy; childhood obesity decreasing; SHIP3.0. He noted that he is using the United Health Foundation’s state health rankings to measure his outcomes as commissioner. Learn more about the rankings at <http://www.americashealthrankings.org/Rankings>.

Manny Munson-Regala provided an update on MNsure, the state’s health insurance exchange. The revised deadline for January 1st coverage is December 23rd. Mr. Munson-Regala noted that people applying for MinnesotaCare and Medicare need to apply before the end of the year, but have more time to make their January payment. There was a question about the role of counties in collecting these payments. MDH staff verified that the counties are not collecting any premiums for DHS. Visit the MNsure website at <http://www.mnsure.org/>.

Assistant Commissioner Aggie Leitheiser provided information about MDH’s involvement in the environmental investigation of the General Mills site in the Como Neighborhood of Minneapolis. The

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is leading the effort looking for underground vapors that may be entering homes and buildings. More information, including maps, can be found on the PCA website, <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-news/featured-stories/draft-se-como-vapor-intrusion.html>.

Abigail Mosher, MDH's Chief Financial Officer, spoke about the recently released state budget forecast that projects a surplus. Governor Dayton will wait for the February budget forecast before proposing any legislative funding changes. Ms. Mosher also discussed the federal budget. She noted that MDH will share what it learns from the federal government with its local partners.

Jim Koppel, Deputy Commissioner, addressed SCHSAC about the upcoming "unsession" at the state capitol. MDH is waiting to hear from the Governor's Office about its several legislative proposals. Revisions to the Local Public Health Act, drafted by a SCHSAC workgroup, will be a major piece of MDH's legislative agenda, and is moving forward pending final approval. The first draft has been received from the Revisor's Office. Other topics of interest include e-cigarettes, the public health impact of raising the minimum wage, and laws related to the storage of testing materials and results for the newborn screening program. He noted that MDH will be developing talking points to share with local public health as needed. Commissioner Ehlinger referenced a report by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that looked at newborn screening processes around the country. Minnesota has high quality, rapid reporting, but is always looking to improve if people are aware of issues to address. A delay in testing and receiving results can be devastating for babies and their families.

He also shared that MDH is creating a Center for Health Equity to lead a department-wide effort to bring a health equity lens and intention to MDH's existing efforts and partnerships. The Center for Health Equity will be composed of several current work units including the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, the Center for Health Statistics and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. In addition, because external partners will be critical to MDH's efforts, the Center will create a more explicit cultural liaison function with communities experiencing health disparities. Staffing and financial details are still under development.

Commissioner Ehlinger commented on additional activities related to public health including: the Environmental Quality Board is looking at silica sand guidelines for air and water quality; the state's Olmstead Plan to provide better services to people with disabilities will be out soon and will likely have implications for local public health; and the statewide plan to end homelessness.

Tom Hogan, new director of MDH Environmental Health Division, addressed a question about how state agencies are working together on issues related to surface and ground water. Tom noted that many in MDH are connected to the work of other agencies on this topic. Efforts are focused on collecting data to identify underground water resources.

MDH HEALTH EQUITY REPORT: ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY

Next Commissioner Ehlinger and Assistant Commissioner Jeanne Ayers introduced the department's efforts around health equity. Jeannette Raymond, Office of Performance Improvement, provided background information and asked those in attendance to form small groups for discussion. SCHSAC's feedback was documented by note-takers and will be used to inform the legislative report due in February. More information is available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/healthequity/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2014 CHAIR-ELECT/2015 CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Bill Groskreutz announced that Mahnomens County Commissioner Karen Ahmann, representing Polk-Norman-Mahnomen CHB, was elected as the 2014 Chair-Elect/2015 Chair. He directed members and alternates to caucus by region to select representative members and alternates to the SCHSAC Executive Committee. After lunch, Lowell Johnson, Washington CHB, entertained the group with his original composition of “’Twas a Public Health Christmas.” After staff confirms the appointments, the listing for the 2014 Executive Committee will be posted to the SCHSAC website and shared with members.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Commissioner Ehlinger thanked Faribault County Commissioner Bill Groskreutz, (representing Faribault-Martin CHB), for his work as the 2013 SCHSAC Chair. He presented Commissioner Groskreutz with a plaque. Commissioner Ehlinger then welcomed the 2014 SCHSAC Chair, Pope County Commissioner Larry Kittelson, (representing Horizon CHB). Commissioner Kittelson was presented with his SCHSAC gavel.

MDH DIRECTOR UPDATES

Mary Manning, Director of the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division, spoke to SCHSAC about the Safe Harbor Minnesota initiative. Safe Harbor Minnesota is a statewide effort to provide shelter and services for Minnesota's sexually exploited youth and is the first most significant state investment in the country to end child sex trafficking. These youth will be treated as victims, not criminals, effective August 2014. Requests for proposals are due by February 3, 2014 for regional navigators. Navigators will serve as regional experts to coordinate victim-centered resources and services for sexually exploited youth and serve as a central resource for community members, service providers, law enforcement and youth themselves. More information is available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/safeharbor/>. Mary addressed a question about why the navigators will be hired through MDH instead of DHS. She and Jim Koppel commented that advocates requested MDH's involvement to strengthen the emphasis on prevention and that it was a part of the legislation.

Newly appointed Director Tom Hogan, Environmental Health Division, introduced himself to SCHSAC, provided a broad overview of environmental health, and spoke about the meetings with the Local Public Health Association to improve relationships around food, pools and lodging issues. A continuous improvement board, with SCHSAC representation, will be created with assistance from the Office of Performance Improvement to initially focus on these issues. Ultimately the board will focus on broader issues related to environmental health.

Diane Rydrych, Health Policy, presented information about the State Innovation Model (SIM) Grant. She discussed the vision driving the work: every patient receives coordinated, patient-centered primary care; providers are held accountable for the care provided; financial incentives reward providers for keeping patients healthy and improving quality of care; and provider organizations effectively and sustainably partner with community organizations, engage consumers, and take responsibility for population health. Project managers have been hired and there are two task forces to address continuum of accountable care, evaluation, community engagement, and Accountable Communities for Health. DHS and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recently launched a new SIM Minnesota website at mn.gov/sim. Sign up to receive updates via e-newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

SCHSAC Chair Bill Groskreutz noted that the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting to approve the agenda, approve the charge to create a SCHSAC Strategic Plan for the next five year, and discussed a draft of the 2014 SCHSAC work plan. He reminded members to review the General Reports, distributed via email to get updates on committee with SCHSAC representation.

Local Public Health Act Revisions Workgroup

Co-chair Pete Giesen, Olmsted CHB, shared that the first draft of the revised Local Public Health Act was received from the Legislative Revisor's Office. Once a more cohesive and complete draft of the bill language is ready it will be shared with the LPH Act workgroup co-chairs (Pete Giesen and Commissioner Susan Morris) as well as with a representative from AMC and one for LPHA. SCHSAC will continue to receive updates as the legislative process continues.

Performance Improvement Steering Committee

Chair Allie Friedrichs, Meeker-McLeod-Sibley CHB, spoke about the progress that has been made on the 2010 recommendations from the Performance Improvement and Accreditation Workgroup. She used the four-part diagram of the performance management system to show the progress that has been made from measurement to monitoring and communicating. The Performance Improvement Steering Committee now has baseline data to use to determine quality improvement projects for the system. She gave kudos to MDH because while MDH was preparing itself for accreditation, it was helping local public health to meet the standards.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group

Co-chair Pete Giesen, Olmsted CHB, updated SCHSAC on the work of the PHEP Oversight Group. The group is continuing to explore options for future funding distribution and will use the principles, approved by SCHSAC at the September meeting, to guide their decisions. He noted that MDH is streamlining reporting for local public health by consolidating data collection forms. The new form will be available soon.

Building Health Information Exchange Capacity Workgroup

Co-chair Diane Thorson, Otter Tail CHB, presented the accomplishments and final recommendations of the Building Health Information Exchange Capacity Workgroup. She reminded SCHSAC members that HIE is an important investment, just like snow plows for Minnesota winters. The group recommends acting to further advance e-health in Minnesota's local public health community to achieve the vision of enhancing public health outcomes through secure, standardized exchange of data between the Minnesota Department of Health, Local Public Health (LPH), and community partners.

The group recommended establishing an on-going statewide public health e-health workgroup to provide guidance, governance, coordination, and leadership for MDH/LPH departments; utilizing common information requirements and standards in accordance with the Standards and Interoperability Framework from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC); and ensuring informatics-savvy organization and workforce. Helene Kahlstorf, North Country CHB, made the motion to approve the recommendations. Doug Huebsch, Otter Tail CHB, seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Conference Planning Workgroup

Chair Larry Kittelson thanked the SCHSAC Conference Planning Workgroup for their work on the 2013 conference, which was held September 25-27th in Brainerd. He asked for volunteers for the 2014 workgroup. The Community Health Conference will be held September 17-19, 2014.

Data Visualization to Inform Public Health Action, Protect Vulnerable Populations

Chuck Stroebel, MDH Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division, and Kelly Muellman, MDH Environmental Health Division, presented to SCHSAC. Chuck shared information about access to public health information through the data portal, [MN Public Health Data Access](#). The portal provides access to a variety of health and environmental information in one place, with graphs and charts, interactive maps, and custom data queries. Kelly addressed progress on the recommendations of the SCHSAC Climate Adaptation Workgroup and showed how data from the portal can be used. She showed maps of heat events and vulnerable populations, and then demonstrated how the creation of composite maps can be useful for assessment and planning. Visit the Climate and Health website at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/climatechange/>.

ADJOURN

Rochelle Westlund, the new Health and Human Services Policy Director for the Association of Minnesota Counties was introduced. Then Larry Kittelson, 2014 SCHSAC Chair, thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.