

Edina Community Health Committee
Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7 – 9 pm
Community Room City Hall

Members Present: Bill Alldredge, Tolu Oyelowo, Idelle Longman, Mark Johnson,

Members Absent: Brad Montgomery, Spencer Anderson

Guests: Valerie Burke, Edina Resource Center

Staff Present: Sherry Engelman

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Oyelowo called the meeting to order at 7pm.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 24, 2006 meeting were approved by motion from Member Alldredge and second from Member Johnson.

AGENDA APPROVAL

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Member Oyelowo opened nominations for Chair. Member Johnson moved to nominate Oyelowo for Chair. Member Alldredge seconded the motion. Hearing no other motions, nominations closed. Oyelowo indicated her willingness to serve as Chair. Vote was unanimous.

Member Oyelowo opened nominations for Vice Chair. Member Johnson moved to nominate Member Alldredge for Vice Chair. Member Longman seconded the motion. Hearing no other motions, nominations closed. Member Alldredge indicated his willingness to serve as Vice Chair. Vote was unanimous.

Congratulations were offered to the newly appointed officers.

Liaison Engelman reported that Member Olson and Member Moline recently submitted their resignations from the Community Health Committee. The committee recognized efforts and expressed appreciation of service to both Olson and Moline. The Mayor was informed of the vacancies and will arrange for new appointments. Timeframe for this process is unknown. A suggestion was made that Dr. Richard Reynolds be considered as a possible member.

Member Oyelowo mentioned the absence of a student member at our meetings. Student membership is one year term and the term for student member Spencer Anderson has expired. A new student must be appointed. Member Johnson recommended that the Mayor be informed on the need for a new student member.

CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

After discussion to change the current Vice Chair position to a Chair Elect position, the committee decided that a Vice Chair position would best serve the needs of the committee. No changes will be made to the By-Laws.

Committee agreed to review the By-Laws regarding term requirements and possibly expanding Section B to include facilitating dialogue on health issues and concerns in Edina. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Valerie Burke from the Edina Resource Center presented an overview of the services provided by Edina Resource Center and interactions with the City, school board, faith communities. She also discussed grant support from Health Partners. Support is especially needed for student chemical & mental health. Mental health has become a huge issue in the youth population and financial help is needed to support ongoing work. Burke mentioned that poor nutrition and lack of sleep feed mental health issues. More efforts are required to ensure good nutrition and adequate sleep.

The Community Health Committee helped the Resource Center a couple years ago with an intergenerational dialogue. A suggestion was made to consider attending a Resource Center meeting to establish a partnership between the Community Health Committee and the Resource Center.

When asked what the needs in the community were, Burke said that child care subsidies are especially lacking.

COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH FORUM – FINAL PLANNING

Member Longman, instrumental in scheduling the Commissioner for the Edina forum, will continue to liaison with the Commissioner of Health office and try to obtain speaker handouts ahead of time. Edina staff liaison Engelman reported she will print and send invitations to the established mailing list and to the Bloomington and Richfield Advisory Health Committees by the March 31, 2006. Engelman will check with the Commissioner's office to determine any final needs for the presentation. Other final issues reviewed included assigning moderators, arranging for registration tables, making nametags, sign-in forms and question cards, preparing educational materials, testing power-point presentation, checking Council Chambers and equipment, requesting video staff and microphones, contacting Bloomington and Richfield to confirm their attendance, preparing an article for Sun Current and contacting Mayor Hovland with Commissioners biography. Committee decided to evaluate the presentation at the next committee meeting, May 16.

SCHSAC REPORT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2006 MEETING

Member Longman presented a brief overview of the SCHSAC meeting. The meeting consisted in large part of a presentation by Dr Harry Hull on pandemic flu. First cases of bird flu in the United States are expected on the west coast since the pathway of migratory birds is anticipated from Alaska to Canada to USA. Planning and exercises for pandemic flu are already underway. In addition to pandemic flu, mental health was discussed. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) reported that \$109 million for

children and mental health systems and youth screening and how mental health wellness can be accomplished.

SCHSAC members also toured the new MDH lab. The state of the art lab has several hazard levels, a ventilation system to control toxic fumes, pediatric testing area and a lock down system with an elaborate door system to secure areas depending on hazard level. The lab is sterile, very well operated with safety issues in place. Several confidential areas were not available for tour. Lab staff must be completely suited/gowned for this lab environment.

Member Longman will check on the possibility of a lab tour for the health committee. Possibly a joint tour with Bloomington and Richfield health committees could be arranged.

HEALTH STAFF REPORTS

Liaison Engelman discussed the Edina Annual Volunteer Awards to be held April 24, 2006 at Edinborough Park. After discussion, the committee decided not to make a recommendation for volunteer awards.

Committee members were reminded of the Edina Town Hall Forum: "Under Age Drinking: Reduce the Use" on March 27, 2006 at 7pm in the Edina City Hall Council Chambers and of the Senior Health & Resource Expo on April 25, 2006 8:30-12 noon at Colonial Church.

Members discussed changing the committee meeting time from 7-9pm to 6:30-8:30 pm. Agreement was unanimous. Beginning May 16, 2006, committee meetings will begin at 6:30.

OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed a mission of bringing the city together to provide visibility to key health related issues. Possibly this could be accomplished by arranging educational forums throughout the year. Experts would be invited to make presentations, similar to the Commissioner of Health presentation. Further discussion on this was tabled until the next meeting and will follow the evaluation of the Commissioners presentation. Such accomplishments could be included in an annual report to the City Council.

Members asked for a status report on the community assessment which is currently underway. Liaison Engelman will check with Bloomington Public Health nursing staff regarding this and report at the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Alldredge to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Sherry Engelman

2006 Meeting Dates: March 21 May 16 September 19 November 21
Special meeting will be scheduled for January 24