

Minutes  
Edina Community Health Committee  
May 15, 2007, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Community Room City Hall

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Members Present: Bill Alldredge, Jan Johnson, Mark Johnson, Mary Jo Kingston, Brad Montgomery, Tolu Oyelowo, Student Marshall Everson

Members Absent: Idelle Longman

Guests: Karen Zeleznak, Rose Jost, Eileen O’Connell, Joan Bulfer, Bloomington Public Health: Jennifer Turrentine, Richfield Advisory Board

Staff Present: Sherry Engelman

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### **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Johnson welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The new student member, Marshall Everson, was introduced. Mr. Everson briefed the committee on his interests.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from March 13 and April 25 meetings were approved by motion from Member Kingston and second from Member J. Johnson.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES**

Guest speaker for the evening was Karen Zeleznak, Bloomington Public Health Director. Ms. Zeleznak gave a historical perspective of Community Health Services (CHS) funding for city/county public health services. The designated funds must be directed to specific programs. Karen also discussed the 2003 Vision for Public Health and gave an overview of the public health nursing services they provide to the City of Edina. Included in these services are Community Health Assessment, SHIELD, (child development), Safety Net of Services, (qualification depends on income) Women’s health Program, Clinical and Immunization, Maternal Child Health, Health Promotion (targeting youth), Creating A Voice (youth assets) and Nurse Clinics (replaced Home Care Program). Ms. Zeleznak introduced other Bloomington Public Health employees Rose Jost, Eileen O’Connell, and Joan Bulfer who work directly with these programs.

CHS requires a community health assessment to be done in 2008. Ms. Zeleznak indicated Bloomington, Edina and Richfield advisory health boards worked together for past assessments and plans to convene the same group in early 2008 for this process. Two meetings will be needed to complete the assessment.

Chair M. Johnson said that the committee supports efforts of Bloomington Public Health and thanked Karen and her staff for the variety of programs and excellent service they provide to the City of Edina.

### **2007 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

Fitness Challenge letters were distributed to other Boards & Commissions at the Annual Meeting March 19. Liaison Engelman reported that to date she had not received any comments back. The committee decided not to pursue further at this time but rather promote “Fit City” by wearing the green wrist bands designating “Fit City”.

The committee decided to sponsor a town forum on Childhood Obesity in early October to bring awareness to childhood obesity, awareness of “Fit City” and provide an avenue for community dialogue. Also mentioned was support for Governor Pawlenty’s initiative to reduce childhood obesity by 50% by 2010. Discussion included whether the target audience should be the general

public or policy makers. Suggestions for participants included the Edina, Richfield and Bloomington City Councils, City Managers, Health and Parks staff, school district representatives, state representatives. Suggestions for location included Edina Council Chamber and the high school auditorium, depending on the intended audience. Suggestions for possible speakers included David Walsch, Seth Bixby Daugherty, Ann Fletcher, Marion Franz, Mary Story, Bloomington Public Health. Committee members volunteered to contact those mentioned to potential speakers. A subcommittee consisting of Member J. Johnson, Member Oyelowo, Liaison Engelman, and J. Turrentine from Richfield advisory committee will research speakers and work through details of the town forum. The first subcommittee meeting was scheduled for June 1, 7:30am. The subcommittee will report findings and decisions to the Community Health Committee at the regularly scheduled meeting in September.

#### **HEALTH STAFF REPORTS**

Chair M. Johnson commented on a Pandemic Flu Forum he attended at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. A key forum point was that the general public thinks pandemic flu is bird flu and that they truly don't understand the possible magnitude of a pandemic. A moderate pandemic would overwhelm the health care system however a severe pandemic would affect all infrastructure.

Liaison Engelman introduced Rose Jost, Bloomington Public Health, to discuss requirements for a review of maternal child health. Ms. Jost indicated that the review was an MDH grant requirement and is done on a regular schedule with Bloomington, Edina and Richfield advisory health committees. Volunteers were needed from the Edina committee to participate in the review scheduled for June 20, 5-7 pm. at the Edina Senior Center. Member J. Johnson and Member Kingston volunteered.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None presented.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Member J. Johnson gave an update of the 2007 Senior Expo scheduled for October 9, 8:30- Noon at Colonial Church. The committee was soliciting vendors.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Member Oyelowo and seconded by Member Alldredge to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Sherry Engelman

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2007 Meeting Dates: March 13 May 15 September 18 November 20