

MINUTES

Edina Community Health Committee
September 16, 2008, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Mayor's Conference Room, Edina City Hall

Members Present: Bill Alldredge, Mark Johnson, Mary Jo Kingston, Idelle Longman, Jan Johnson, Brad Montgomery, Tolu Oyelowo, Student Dolan Lee

Members Absent: None

Guests: Betty Elliott and Mary Lombard, Edina Schools
Kelly McMaken, University of MN Student

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Johnson welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. New student member, Dolan Lee, was introduced. Mr. Lee briefly discussed his background and interests in the committee. Mary Lombardi, Sodexo Director of Edina Schools Food Service, and Kelly McMaken, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, were also introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 24 meeting were unanimously approved with date correction following a motion from Member Oyelowo and second from Member Montgomery.

Minutes from the May 20 meeting were also unanimously approved with date correction following a motion from Member Kingston and second from Member Alldredge.

GUEST SPEAKER

Betty Elliott, Edina School Nursing Coordinator, gave an overview and brief summary of the 2007 school district nursing program. Allergies, asthma, attention deficit, seizures, mental health, obesity and diabetes are areas of student health concern. Elliott praised the highly skilled nursing staff, seven licensed nurses and eight health associates, dedicated to serving the students in our community. Sodexo Food Service coordinates with the Nursing Program to address food allergies, obesity and diabetes. Chair M. Johnson thanked Elliott for her presentation to the Committee.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES

The Committee reviewed the Community Health Assessment priority list which they drafted during previous committee meetings. The following priority health issues were identified:

1. Aging and disabled population managing chronic illness while living independently in the community
2. Adults and youth experiencing suicide, depression, anxiety and other mental illness
3. Inadequate exercise and poor nutrition
4. Adults and youth experiencing co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness
5. City's ability to respond to public health emergencies
6. Emerging and re-emerging diseases
7. Vulnerable populations at higher risk during disasters or emergencies
8. Injuries among seniors resulting in loss of independence and mobility
9. Tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drug abuse
10. Maintain local public health infrastructure

The committee decided to include 1) eating disorders and 2) bullying/cyber bullying to the list. A motion was then made by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Oyelowo to approve the Community Health Assessment priorities. Vote to approve was unanimous. The approved

list will be submitted to MDH by February 2010 under the requirements for the Community Assessment and Action Planning Process.

The Committee decided to review each of the health issues in future meetings and determine what programs/organizations already address the issues. The Committee discussed possibility of participating in the 2009 Senior Expo and Sixty Plus programs.

2009 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee discussed having a joint meeting with health advisory boards from Bloomington/Richfield/Edina. No decision was made. Chair M. Johnson requested that an item be added to the next agenda for discussion of a potential town hall forum. A forum may provide opportunity for the three advisory boards to meet.

The Committee also discussed writing a series health articles for the Sun Current. Liaison Engelman will check on cost and publication deadlines. Member Kingston offered to write the first article on reducing the stigma of mental health. Results will be reviewed at the next meeting.

HEALTH STAFF REPORTS

Liaison Engelman gave a report on staff planning and involvement in the U.S. Women's Open Golf Tournament. Edina health department staff conducted daily inspections of food service/concessions and monitored noise issues, garbage & recycling and public restrooms.

Liaison Engelman reported on metro health agencies planning, training and involvement with the Republican National Convention. Environmental health issues included inspections of food, beverage and lodging facilities for potential disease spread, food/water security and contamination, lodging

PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Longman and seconded by Member J. Johnson to adjourn. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Sherry Engelman

2008 Meeting Dates: March 24 May 20 September 16 October 21