

Draft Minutes

Edina Community Health Committee

November 3, 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Edina Council Chamber, City Hall

Members Present: Mary Jo Kingston, Mary Lavelle, Julie Mellum, Carolyn Peterson, Adnan Qureshi, Student Tyler Gieseke, Student Maggie Stang

Members Absent: Jeff Bartleson, Kumar Belani, Matt Doscoth, Janet Johnson

Guests: Karen Kurt, Karen Zeleznak, Lisa Brodsky, Sue Sheridan, Ruth Tripp

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingston welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the September 20, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved by a motion from Member Lavelle and second from Member Mellum.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

None presented.

REPORTS /RECOMMENDATIONS

Karen Kurt, Edina Assistant City Manager, discussed updating by-laws for all Boards & Commissions asked for a volunteer to represent the Community Health Committee in review of the draft by-laws. Member Mellum volunteered to participate. Also, a survey for commission members regarding their thoughts and experiences serving on their Board & Commission will be forth coming. Ms. Kurt also briefed intentions of developing training sessions for newly appointed Board & Commission members.

Lisa Brodsky, Bloomington Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, gave a presentation on the public health emergency preparedness services provided to the City of Edina. Key aspects include planning for ability to respond to public health emergencies, evaluating resident's ability to respond to emergencies, planning for and exercising distribution of medication, vaccines and supplies, developing and preparing methods to deliver emergency messages to the public, planning communication to reach special populations such as limited English speaking, seniors, people with disabilities, building relationships with Police, Fire and Emergency management. A volunteer Medical Reserve Corp was established and an emergency preparedness tool kit for faith based communities, Ready, Set, Go was developed. A community based tool kit for emergency preparedness is being developed.

An example of public health emergency preparedness response is the recent H1N1 outbreak. Response actions included coordination with the Minnesota Department of Health, public messages regarding importance of vaccination and antiviral distribution to individuals in priority groups including those uninsured and underinsured, and organizing and conducting timely mass vaccination clinics in local schools.

Karen Zeleznak, Bloomington Public Health Director, gave a presentation on the community health and nursing services they provide to the City of Edina. 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 community health programs. Included in these services are Community Health Assessment, Adult and Senior Services, Help Me Grow Program (child development), Safety Net of Services, (qualification depends on income), Women's Health Program, Clinical and Immunization Services, Maternal Child Health, Health Promotion (targeting youth), Creating A Voice (youth assets) and Nurse Clinics (replaced Home Care Program). Also discussed were the quarterly and annual reports. Bloomington staff is involved with the school district, the Edina Resource Center, the Edina Senior Center, faith based organizations and several community groups. Ms. Zeleznak discussed the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), Tri-City Partners activities, community readiness for kids not doing drugs and additional information about the varied programs and their impact on the community.

Also discussed was the partnership with Tri-City Partners and campaigns such as Edina Sober Squad, Together We Stand, and Raising Drug Free Kids to connect with youth. Specific information on the Women, Infants and Children program and also the Sage Screening program for breast and cervical cancer was presented.

Ms. Zeleznak gave an update on the **do.town** initiative, a collaborative with Bloomington, Edina, Richfield and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota supported by the mayors of the three cities. The initiative focus is to improve the health of these communities by making changes that support healthy eating and active living from schools, to workplaces, and everywhere in between. Several members of the Community Health Committee attended the project launch which was held September 27 at the Edina Country Club. A public relations campaign was developed to promote **do.town** and encouraging community and businesses to participate. Efforts are underway to meet with community groups and businesses to highlight the initiative. An inquiry was made if the initiative could address effects of wood smoke on asthma and Zeleznak said the initiative was very specific to only healthy eating and physical activity.

Sue Sheridan, Bloomington Health Activities Supervisor, discussed her work with the Edina Seniors Program, efforts toward independent senior living, and methods to find seniors in need of assistance. Work is coordinated with Edina police, fire and health departments, local churches, family members, and adult protection for the quickest delivery of assistant to needy seniors.

Chair Kingston said Bloomington Public Health is an asset to Edina providing a high level of service to all residents, young and old. The Community Health Committee fully supports the professional efforts of Bloomington Public Health and highly endorses renewing services with them for 2011. Member Peterson said that Edina invested wisely in Bloomington Public Health to provide these important services in our community.

Chair Kingston thanked Zeleznak and her staff for their presentations and for the wide variety of programs, community involvement, and excellent service they provide to the City of Edina.

Ruth Tripp, Health Specialist and SHIP Grant Coordinator from Bloomington Public Health, reviewed recent SHIP activities. To date, efforts have been focused on schools and community and now include activities in worksites and health care settings. Future activities will focus on recruiting additional worksites and healthcare settings and high risk populations to participate in more physical activity and improved nutrition. An assessment of the Park Lawn area is underway to collect information on demographics and opportunities to access to bike and walking trails, farmers markets and fresh groceries, and parks & activity facilities. They are looking into offering food vouchers and allowing use of food stamps for market purchases. The Parks Department developed a nutrition policy for healthier concessions at city concessions stands and Public Works Department is developing a "Living Streets Policy to include Safe Routes to School. The Edina Buddhist Center was awarded a SHIP mini grant to develop a community garden. The first SHIP grant ended in June and future funding is unknown at this time. Bloomington submitted a grant application on behalf of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield for the next round of SHIP grant funding, \$15 million statewide, January 1, 2012 –June 31, 2013. The grant awards will be announced in early December. A similar grant, Community Transformation Grant which focuses on high risk disparity populations, is also being considered.

Member Lavelle reported on the Edina Health & Wellness Expo which is currently in the planning process. The event is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 9:00-1:00, at St. Patrick's Church. The event will include vendors, speakers, and activities. The Edina Community Foundation, Fairview Southdale Hospital and the Edina Resource Center are the sponsors.

Liaison Engelman reminded members that **do.town** is a community wide initiative which Mayor Hovland strongly supports and expects the Community Health Committee to take an active role in the initiative.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

None presented.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None presented.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Lavelle and seconded by Member Peterson to adjourn. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Sherry Engelman

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