



# Healthy Minnesota Partnership Meeting Summary: 9/7/2023

September 9, 2023, 1:00PM – 2:00PM, Webex

## Attendance

### Partnership Members and Alternates

Linda Davis-Johnson (Department of Human Services), Claire Fleming (American Heart Association), Matt Flory (Minnesota Public Health Association), Chelsea Georgeson (MN Council of Health Plans), Sarah Grosshuesch (Local Public Health Association & co-chair), Annie Halland (Health Plan Representative), Colleen McDonald-Diouf (Boynton Health Services), Tracy Morton (National Rural Health Resource Center), Amy Reineke (Local Public Health Association), Maria Sarabia (Department of Health & co-chair), DeDee Varner (Health Plan Representative), Rachel Widome (University of MN, School of Public Health)

### Guest Attendees

Khatidja Dawood, Mei Ding, Sarah Evans, Jode Freyholtz-London, Kristen Godfrey Walters, Abby Jessen, Amy Johnston, Canan Karatekin, Jess Langer, Meghann Levitt, Jennifer Lezer, Denise McCabe, Haley Miskowiec, Teresa Newby, Paula Newinski, Natalie Nice, Lauren Pipkin, Beverly Propes, Sara Rohde, Ellen Saliars, Mandy Schmidt, Nicole Sowers, Justice Spriggs, Brooke Stelzer, Pat Stieg, Stacey Vogel, Sten Wall

### Partnership Support Staff

Tara Carmean, Audrey Hanson, Jeannette Raymond, Deanna White, Austin Wu

## Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting was opened by Sarah Grosshuesch, partnership co-chair
- Land acknowledgement read by Maria Sarabia
- Welcome to new Assistant Commissioner Maria Sarabia

## Approval of 6/8/2023 Meeting Summary

- Approval moved by Matt Flory, seconded by Linda Davis-Johnson

- Motion carried without amendments

## Statewide Health Assessment

### Timeline updates

Audrey Hanson (MDH) provided updates on the timeline and first draft of the health assessment. Review has taken place internally in MDH and with MDH workgroup – particular focus on how framing is taken place around racism. The draft is currently being reviewed by MDH Executive Office. Staff are preparing for public comment, which is to take place in September-October.

Responses to questions from the Partnership

- Public comment planned for (3 weeks of public comment planned)
- Yes, there is mention about the relationship between voting and community health in the assessment, withing a section on civic participation
- Ways hospitals might use the assessment include in their upcoming Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The Partnership team has worked with the Assessment and Alignment subcommittee to work together about aligning work, between local and health assessments

### Public Comment Plan

Tara Carmean (MDH) informed the Partnership that the public comment period is anticipated to launch in September/October for a 3-week period, with options for written comments via an online form and verbal comments during virtual listening sessions. Multiple notifications will be sent via email, listserv, newsletters, and state registrar. All comments will be reviewed and organized by staff. The Steering Committee and Partnership volunteers will help with review during a meeting, to be scheduled.

Details will be posted on the Statewide Health Assessment website, with information on how to submit comment: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/healthymnpartnership/sha.html>

Ways the Partnership can support the public comment period:

- Watch email and website for more information
- Share information with organization, association, and constituencies
- Review the draft assessment and provide public comment

An activity using an online tool (Padlet) asked attendees to post responses to three questions

- What can you share information with? Responses included: my LinkedIn network, LPHA newsletter, Leadership Teams (who have many connections), Partners, organizations newsletter and events, community partners, social media, youth councils, colleagues and collaboratives
- What ideas do you have for making time to read and comment on the draft? Dedicating time on my calendar, review at night after kids are sleeping, using time at the start of the day when my mind is fresh

- What other ideas for promoting public comment do you have? Partner listservs, culturally specific media outlets, co-workers, at community events, creating a QR code to easily share, thinking about organization that are working to improve health

Other comments from the Partnership: Email templates or social media posts will be helpful for partners to share with their networks.

Partnership members interested in volunteering to attend a meeting with the Steering Committee members to review public comment input may contact Tara Carmean at [Tara.Carmean@state.mn.us](mailto:Tara.Carmean@state.mn.us).

## Announcement

- Preliminary findings from group conversations (about how communities support health) were used to inform the writing of the health assessment. A write up on the findings were sent to the groups in August and will be include in the September meeting follow-up email.

## Membership Subcommittee

Chelsea Georgenson, from the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, provided an update on the Membership Subcommittee, which was convened in August. The subcommittee is charged with working with Partnership staff assess the current membership roster, look for gaps, and plan for recruitment of new members. This work is ongoing and will be shared back with the Partnership in the future.

## Closing Announcements

- Remaining 2023 meetings TBD
  - October/November meeting: a voluntary meeting to help review public comment feedback and identifying key takeaways for the health assessment executive summary.
    - Email Tara Carmean if you want to attend a meeting to review public comment feedback.
  - December meeting: reflecting on 2023 and looking forward to 2024 and the work of the statewide health improvement framework.
- 2024 Quarterly meeting dates TBD

## Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm

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