



# Request for Council Action

Originator Public Health	Item <b>Appointment to the Statewide Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)</b>
Agenda Section Organizational Business	Date 8/1/2016

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**Description**

In Minnesota, public health responsibilities are shared between state and local governments. To function effectively, strong communication and coordination is needed between the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and local governments, as well as with federal government entities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Since 1976, the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC), a statutorily defined advisory committee to MDH, has been comprised of one representative from each of Minnesota's 52 Community Health Boards (CHBs). Because the City Council has served as Bloomington's CHB (as defined under Minn. Stat. §145A) since that time, SCHSAC has included a Councilmember serving as Bloomington's representative and Public Health Administrator serving as alternate representative.

Prior Councilmembers Nordstrom and Bemis Abrams formerly served as Bloomington's representatives on the advisory committee during their terms on the Council. Councilmember Abrams' prior appointment to SCHSAC will be filled at the next Council meeting.

SCHSAC meets four times a year to discuss public health issues and develop collaborative solutions to issues surrounding health. After each meeting, "Take Home Points" are sent to members to share with groups in their communities. Please see the attached Take Home Points from the June 24 meeting.

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**Requested Action**

Appoint a member of the City Council to serve as Bloomington's representative to SCHSAC; appoint the Public Health Administrator to serve as the alternate.

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**Attachments:**

SCHSAC Take Home Points (June, 2016)