



## STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Friday, June 24, 2016**  
**Take Home Points**

### **NEXT SCHSAC MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 28th**, 1 p.m. – 4:30pm, Breezy Point Conference Center, Breezy Point, MN  
*Agenda items:* SCHSAC Advancing Health Equity Workgroup recommendations and report; revised PHEP CHB Funding Formula from the SCHSAC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group

### **SCHSAC EVENTS**

The annual Community Health Conference will be held September 28, 29 and 30, 2016, at Breezy Point Conference Center, Breezy Point, MN. Registration will open July 15<sup>th</sup> online at [www.health.state.mn.us/chc](http://www.health.state.mn.us/chc).

Nominations for the 2016 Community Health Awards are due July 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available online at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/awards/>. Contact Megan Drake-Pereyra at [Megan.Drake-Pereyra@state.mn.us](mailto:Megan.Drake-Pereyra@state.mn.us) with questions.

### **JUNE 24th SCHSAC BUSINESS**

- There were 91 in attendance. Thirty-five of the 49 CHBs were represented.
- Executive Committee appointed new workgroup members and charges for the SCHSAC Conference Planning Workgroup, the SCHSAC Nominations and Awards Workgroup, and the new MDH Technical Assistance Ad Hoc Group.
- Executive Committee determined that the Climate Adaptation Review Group, included in the SCHSAC Work Plan, will not begin in 2016. While MDH did receive CDC funding for climate adaptation work, the new CDC grant requirements do not align with the original plan for the SCHSAC group. SCHSAC may revisit this topic in the future.
- Susan Morris, Isanti CHB, Chair, SCHSAC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group, reported that Minnesota's federal PHEP funding experienced a 7% cut from the current year to next year, and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funding was cut 10% as a result of CDC's redirection of funding to Zika activities across the nation.
- The Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group will be bringing a revised PHEP CHB funding formula to the September SCHSAC meeting for approval. The proposal will be shared with SCHSAC members and local public health directors over the summer.
- The chairs of the SCHSAC Advancing Health Equity Workgroup, Sheila Kiscaden, Olmsted CHB, and Bonnie Paulsen, City of Bloomington CHB, informed SCHSAC members that they will be asked to approve the workgroup's recommendations at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **FROM THE COMMISSIONER**

- Deputy Commissioner Dan Pollock addressed SCHSAC on behalf of Commissioner Ehlinger, who was regretfully unable to attend. Mr. Pollock gave a recap of the 2016 state legislative session including the opioid antagonist dispensing law found in 2016 Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 124, Sections 1, 7 and 9.
- Zika Update: Legislation passed requiring the health commissioner to seek additional federal funds for Zika preparedness and response including lab testing patients who meet the criteria for Zika testing; public health surveillance, awareness and prevention; and mosquito

surveillance in areas where mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus may be found. Mosquitoes carrying Zika are not likely to be found in Minnesota, but there have been positive cases in Minnesotans who traveled to Zika-impacted areas.

- MDH has information about the Zika Virus online at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/zika/index.html> with links to CDC for the latest updates.

### **HEALTH EQUITY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Julie Myhre, Director, Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives (OSHII), and ThaoMee Xiong, Director, Center for Health Equity, shared with SCHSAC how MDH is intentionally addressing advancing health equity in the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Ann Kinney presented on the Health Equity Data Guide and the current pilot project with 10 SHIP grantees. The data guide will be revised based on the results of the pilot project; the current version is available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/healthequity/guide/healthequitydataguideV1.0-final.pdf>. The new version will be rolled out in January, 2017.
- New term: HEDA – a five-step process for Health Equity Data Analysis. Visit the data guide for more information.
- The soon-to-be announced Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) Grantees will begin their work on July 1, 2016. Visit the MDH Center for Health Equity at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/che/>

### **HOT TOPIC: THE OPIOID OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC**

- Dana Farley, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, MDH, presented on the MDH report “Drug overdose deaths among Minnesota residents, 2000-2015” available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/healthimprovement/data/reports/drugoverdose.html>.
  - Drug overdose deaths, including those involving unintentional deaths and suicides, increased 11 percent between 2014 and 2015.
  - In 2015, there were 572 drug overdose deaths compared to 398 deaths on Minnesota roads.
  - In 2015, more than half of drug-related deaths were tied to prescription medication as opposed to illegal street drugs.
- State Senator, Chris A. Eaton, District 40, and State Representative, Dave Baker, District 17B, discussed their personal connection to the opioid overdose epidemic and how they are addressing it in the state legislature. In 2014, Senator Eaton authored the bill now known as “Steve’s Law” that equips first responders with a crucial antidote to heroin overdoses and also provides immunity for people who call 911, even if they may be users themselves. This year, Senator Eaton proposed the bill to allow pharmacists to directly prescribe naloxone without a doctor's standing order. This bill became the state law: 2016 Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 124, Sections 1, 7 and 9. Representative Baker was elected in 2014 and has worked with Senator Eaton to spearhead efforts in the Legislature to expand programs that prevent opioid overdose deaths.

**MORE ABOUT SCHSAC** If you have questions or need copies of any materials sent to SCHSAC members, please contact Becky Buhler, MDH, at [becky.buhler@state.mn.us](mailto:becky.buhler@state.mn.us) or 651-201-5795.