

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee
 Date: November 28, 2018
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Place: Pike Lake Public Works
 Members Present: Amber Madoll, Kathy Heltzer, Pat Ives, John Soghigian, Sarah Priest, Cindy Lustig, Cynthia Kafut-Hagen, Tony Kuznik, Janet Kennedy, Nathan Sandman, Patrick Boyle, Kevin Walsh, Sarah Priest, Dawn Lamping, Tina Welsh, Mary Zupancich
 Staff present: Linnea Mirsch
 Members Absent: Reyna Crow (unexcused)
 Guests Present: Sara Lien, Associate Director for Field Education, UMD School of Social Work

Topic	Discussion	Follow Through
Welcome	Approval of minutes. Motion by Kathy, second by Cindy Lustig.	Approved.
Recommendations from the Early Childhood System Reform Steering Committee of the Governor's Children's Cabinet <i>See Powerpoint presentation and handout on ECS Reform.</i>	<p>John presented information developed over the last year through the State's efforts to address early childhood, health and general welfare and the poor results in specific communities, especially communities of color.</p> <p>Steering committee through the Governor's Children's Cabinet.</p> <p>Pregnant and young families will receive the supports they need in a manner that will encourage optimal growth in young children and eliminate racial disparities in outcomes. Disparities exist despite 10 years of efforts to reduce them.</p> <p>Families and communities in the center of the process to identify solutions; representative cabinet to provide fresh perspectives.</p> <p>2 representatives from St. Louis County – John and Melissa Meyer, also identifies as the “rural voice” of Minnesota. Made the case that disparities for communities of color are also experienced for rural communities especially where there are deep pockets of poverty.</p> <p>Several steps forward, MN continues to show significant racial disparities, as well as rural disparities – access to prenatal care, healthy food, disparities in early childhood MH, Out of Home Placement, Kindergarten readiness, birthweight and</p>	

	<p>so forth.</p> <p>State focused on naming and understanding the underlying factors – including implicit bias, multi-generational trauma, dominant narratives and structural racism.</p> <p>State started with families and communities – not state systems. Strategically anchored as an inter-agency effort with top level guidance from the Children’s cabinet (Health, Human Services and Education).</p> <p>ECSR Theory of Change Developed.</p> <p>Vision: all children in MN will be born healthy and able to thrive.... Goal areas: early learning, health & well-being, economic security and safe stable nurturing relationships.</p> <p>Recommendations identified and detailed in Powerpoint and handout.</p> <p>Moving forward: cabinet facilitating cross-agency use of reform recommendation framework to develop and implement action plans. Final report available in early September on Governor’s Cabinet website - https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-7798A-ENG</p> <p>Counties, community groups, state agencies can utilize this work.</p> <p>Should develop a “community-immersive partnerships” – like the Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative. Competitive grant opportunity for communities to develop specific action plans to advance reform recommendations; in line with 2-Gen framework policy and principles.</p> <p>How can you contribute? Think about how you can use the theory of change and recommendation framework to develop policy and advocacy work.</p> <p>Member discussion around these challenges including affordable, accessible childcare and follow-through. Will be waiting for new Commissioner appointments and how Division Directors and Departments can move this forward with new leadership.</p>	
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	Great feedback on this important work.	
Strengthening Public Health in MN Workgroup	<p>Linnea provided an important overview of the Basic Public Health Responsibilities Technical Group that Amy Westbrook is involved in and the context of MN Statute 145A and the six core areas of Public Health responsibility – the equivalent of mandates for public health and yet open to community needs and prioritization and done through systems partnership.</p> <p>Linnea and Janelle provided an overview of the importance of this work in strengthening public health in Minnesota.</p> <p>Janelle is on a sub-committee for priority action 3 to streamline higher education to public health workforce and workforce development which is critical for NE MN counties facing recruitment challenges across the board.</p> <p>Commissioner Boyle has also been involved in statewide workgroups as part of this strengthening public health work at the State level. Commissioner Boyle shared his optimism.</p>	
St. Louis County Legislative Priorities	Linnea and Commissioner Boyle summarized and gave context to the 6 Health and Human Service Legislative Priorities approved by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners that will be presented to the St. Louis County Legislative Delegation this week.	
Member Updates	<p>Kathy Heltzer shared about Dementia Friendly Duluth and the Victory Chorus (handout provided) which is recruiting members.</p> <p>Amber Madoll: MN Council on Disability has met with Gov-Elect and legislative priorities including access to parks, access to public building, accessibility to assisted living, reimbursement for PCA employees' travel. Shared about MN Disability Council staff that will assist with ADA and technology accessibility.</p> <p>Cynthia Kafut-Hagen: no updates</p> <p>Mary Zupancich: City of Ely Ott Family funding for Ely buildings – new companies are coming in. Within school radius insurance building unused for many years and the Ott Family refurbished the building – Range Mental Health, Ely Community Resource and Free Clinic are now in that building. Mary shared that Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital provides the flu shots during school conferences to the school, families and the community.</p>	

	<p>Janet Kennedy: NAACP in year of elections - Janet chairing health and environmental equity committee and requesting information to health@duluthnaacp.org to distribute to committee members. Health in all Policies wrapping up (last year of the grant) – really jazzed about the work in the last three years – Comprehensive Plan, workshop at PHHS conference, working on EAAC with ISD 709 and moving forward with equity framework – looking to continue the work through community organizations taking on this work. 2nd round of Community Health Needs Assessment – looking at community outreach and focus groups – priorities didn’t change – will better define and specify to get at strategies. West Duluth Places to Play map with Essentia Health funding and ARDC work- with a better block better event. Winter west market December 8-9 and coming together as a western district to ensure city investment. New non-profit Riverfront Community Development.</p> <p>Kevin Walsh: CHUM annual holiday concert with CSS December 14-15 in support of the Steve O’Neil apartments. Steve O’Neil apartments are working on the early childhood system reforms we are talking about.</p> <p>Tony Kuznik: Shared about a recent foster care event and current providers who are dropping out and pursue funding to keep them providing foster care.</p> <p>Dawn Lamping: Floodwood Christmas in the Campground lighting event for the community staffed Saturday nights.</p> <p>Cindy Lustig: no updates; asked about school flu, flu appears to have started earlier; encouraged people to get their flu shots. Shared about the challenges facing East Range Academy students including lack of jackets and boots, transfer students missing immunizations, expectant mothers, connecting to Ruby’s pantry and so forth.</p> <p>Nate Sandman: FDL building projects winding down over last 4 year infrastructure investments in Duluth, Minneapolis and Cloquet. Significant needs in SUD and hiring to provide services – significant number of vacancies.</p> <p>John Soghigian: Commissioner Paul McDonald included support for moving involvement in prevention work for children upstream and expressed concern about mental health resources as part of his campaign. John shared about work in</p>	
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	<p>reducing out of home placements and Virginia pilot project – development of parent support groups under Circles of Parents program. Hope that the north work will serve as a model for bringing the parties together to train for parent support groups and advisory group of stakeholders that will support through childcare, food and so forth. Circles of Parents is an ongoing, self-sustaining program that would continue out of Circles of Security. Schools training in ACES and trauma-sensitive environment; MH provider developed expertise in EMDR therapy.</p> <p>Sarah Priest: Community Action Free Tax Site gearing up with kickoff/orientation 12/13. Census work across northern MN 38 counties – 60 meetings over last 2.5 months to get local government units up to speed, pushing the census jobs that will be needed to complete the census – 2020census.gov/jobs – online application, online assessment about situational judgement and uses bio data. Two recruiting assistants in St. Louis County, 3600 jobs are needed.</p> <p>Commissioner Boyle: Clarity leadership meeting has been meeting at the same time as the PHHS Advisory Committee; shared about RFP development with Essentia and St. Luke’s two year cooperation and innovation.</p> <p>Pat Ives: no other updates on childcare.</p>	
Next meeting	<p>Topic options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Council on Disabilities – building modification options • Circles of Security; Resourceful Parenting (?) • ACES training update • Out of Home Placement <p>Chair Ives suggested discussion about viability and importance of PHHS Advisory Committee (for 2019).</p>	<p>2019 Meeting dates: 10 am – 12 pm 01-16-19 03- 20-19 05-15-19 07-17-19 09- 18-19 11- 20-19 (moved to Thanksgiving)</p>