

Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) Annual Report for 2013

Presented to the Minneapolis City Council

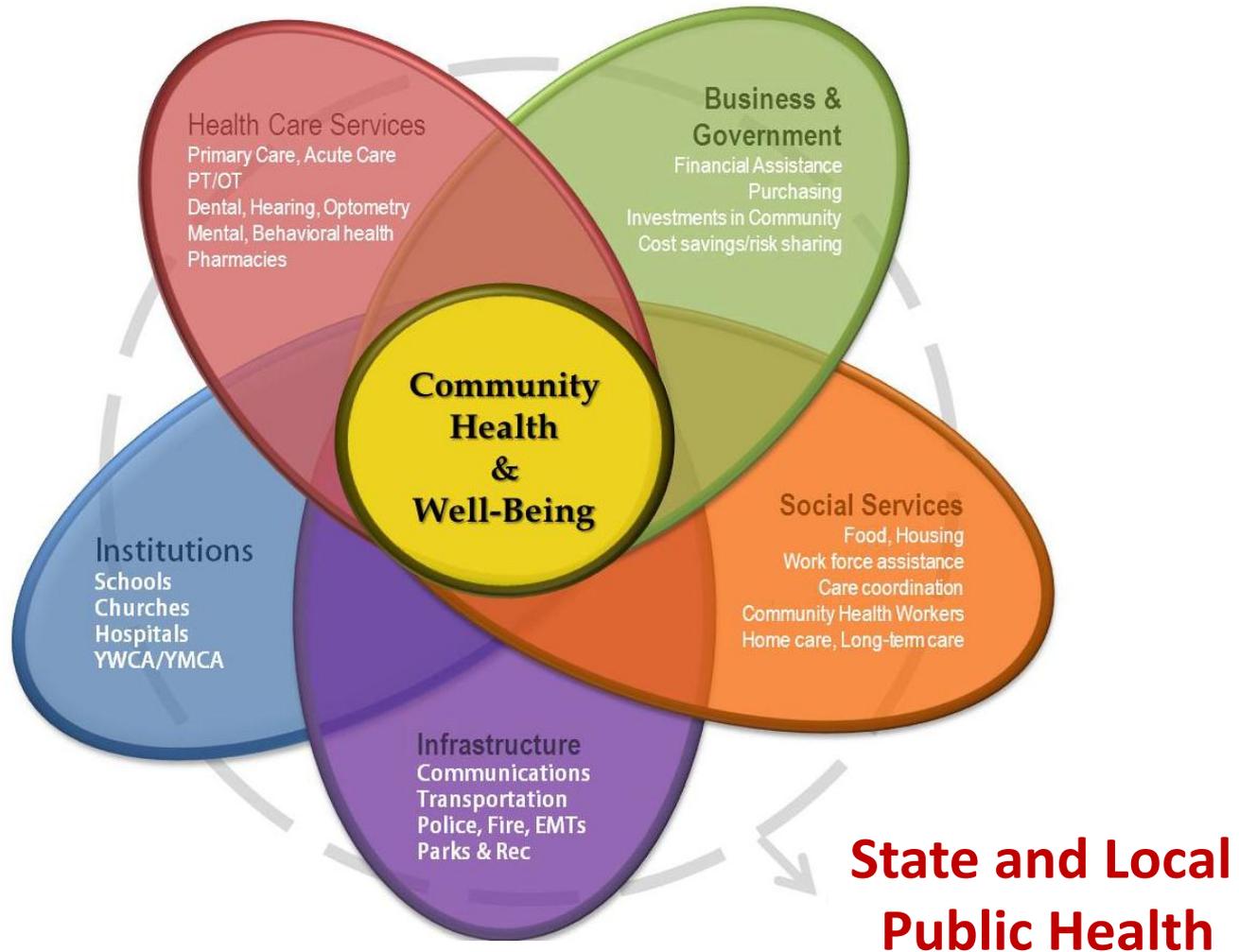
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PHAC Responsibilities

- * **Advise the City Council regarding:**
 - * Policy matters affecting health of Minneapolis residents
 - * General roles and functions of the Health Department
- * **Review proposed priorities of the Health Department:**
 - * make recommendations to the City Council and the Department
- * **Consider complaints, concerns, and views expressed by residents affecting delivery of public health services in Minneapolis:**
 - * forward concerns & make recommendations as necessary to the City Council and/or the Health Department

Community Health



2013 Key Activities

Topic / Area	Action	Result
Strategic Planning	Several PHAC members participated in discussions with MHD staff and leadership regarding development of new Vision-Mission-Values statements.	Provided community insight to the Department in the development of their Strategic Plan which the full committee reviewed. Fall 2013, PHAC prioritized its 2014 interests and activities to align with department goals.
Tobacco-free policy for U of MN Twin Cities campuses	Supported a tobacco-free campus policy for the Twin Cities campuses; letters sent to both President Kahler and the Board of Regents.	The University Senate passed a resolution supporting a smoking ban-with few exceptions-on Twin Cities campuses. President Kahler supported the proposed smoking ban put forth by the University Senate.
Healthy Food policy proposed by Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Endorsed the healthy food policy proposed by the Minneapolis Park & Rec board; letters sent to Superintendent Miller and Board President Erwin.	MPRB passed a healthy food policy and is currently in the implementation stage.
Committee Membership and Operations	<p>Communications / Operations sub-committee interviewed candidates for vacant seats from applications submitted to the City Clerk's office</p> <p>Sub-committee / full committee structure adopted; meeting schedule established</p>	<p>Vacancies filled during 2013 included two at-Large seats, one member representative seat and one Ward rep.</p> <p>Sub-committees meet every other month (even); Full committee meets every other month (odd)</p>
Public Education / Partnership Recognition	Highlight the work of Public Health in Minneapolis and recognize partners who contribute to it.	Public Health Week celebrations and activities included Local Public Health Hero awards, a department resource fair, and walk with the Mayor.

2013 Learning Items

- * **Informational presentations related to Health Dept. activities/goals:**
 - * Minneapolis Staple Foods Ordinance
 - * Tobacco Initiatives / Smoke-free Living
 - * Overview of Environmental Health Division
 - * Overview of MHD Goals, Vision-Mission-Values, Budget
 - * Overview of SHIP 3.0
- * **Reports from:**
 - * Cancer Prevention Study-3 from the American Cancer Society

Topics & Highlights for 2014

Topic / Area	Actions
School – ready children; healthy start to life & learning	Received presentations from the MN Breastfeeding Coalition and MHD’s Healthy Start program; we have invited representatives from area hospitals to the May meeting to discuss policies and practices, supports and barriers for breastfeeding, and their stance on baby-friendly hospital initiatives.
Healthy Food Policies	Received presentation on proposed changes to the Staple Foods Ordinance; ready to support changes which reflect emphasis on healthy, accessible, fresh foods. Promote, support healthy food policies with the Metropolitan Sports Facility Association in regard to Minneapolis sports facilities including the new Vikings Stadium
Public Health Week	Celebrated Public Health Week in Minneapolis and honored outstanding contributions of community partners, individuals, and organizations.
Other priority topics:	E-cigarette regulation: <i>Support regulation to preserve Freedom to Breathe Act</i> Transportation alternatives (<i>street cars, walking, biking, greenways, “complete streets”</i>) Homelessness Senior Support services Youth violence Substance abuse / mental health Concerns voiced by neighborhoods / communities / Council Members

Moving Forward...

- * Prioritize work activities of the committee to support Health Department goals
- * Engage Council Members, community, and partners: discuss health concerns & priorities in Minneapolis
- * Provide updated orientation materials to PHAC committee members

Questions?

PHAC meeting records and annual reports are available on the City's website: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/>

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The PHAC meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-8:00 p.m.
in City Hall Room 132.