



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: July 18, 2005

To: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Subject: PRESENTATION ON VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE:
THE ROLE OF GUNS IN VIOLENCE

Recommendation:
Receive and file.

Previous Directives:
Continuation of discussion on violence as a public health issue.

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Presenters in Committee: Rebecca Thoman, Citizens for Safer Minnesota
Assistant Chief Tim Dolan, MPD

<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p>

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The presenters will discuss the role of guns in violence. Studies have shown that a high proportion of guns seized by the police originate from a small number of owners or retailers. Tracing the source of guns may inform an effort to decrease the number of guns on the street.