

# Minneapolis Urban Health Agenda

A policy framework for resource  
allocation

# Why Urban Health?

Health in an urban setting is affected by a variety of factors:

- Population density
- Concentrated poverty
- Cultural, linguistic and other types of diversity
- Housing stock and affordability
- Education challenges and opportunities
- Jobs and economy
- Parks, recreation and cultural resources
- Availability of health and social services

# What is a Minneapolis Urban Health Agenda?

A plan that engages communities to prioritize activities and strategies in order to improve health in Minneapolis.

A plan that allows for individuals and agencies to find a “niche” where their unique talents, energy , and expertise can make a significant contribution to community health.

# How does it connect with the City Five Year Goals?

- The Five Year Goals set leadership direction for the City as a whole.
- The Urban Health Agenda will articulate the health components/strategies that align with those goals.

# Connection to Department business planning

- The Five Year Department Business Plan will establish strategic health directions connected to City Goals.
- A plan for the community engagement component will be described in the 2007 Department business plan.
- Any new initiatives or changes in priorities resulting from community engagement will be included in the 2008 Budget and Status Report.

# Community engagement, a key component

- Goal of community engagement
  - To involve community residents, agencies and downtown and neighborhood businesses in structured conversations to identify priority strategies to improve health and indicators of success.

# Community engagement process and timeline

- Convene a representative group of advisors (including one or more PHAC representatives) from various cultural communities to help design the engagement process. (May)
- Refine the process with the PHAC input. (Summer)
- Initiate the community engagement process.
- Report the results to the PHAC. (Fall/Winter)
- Incorporate any new initiatives or priorities into the 2008 department budget and status report (Spring/Summer 2007)

# Coordinating with St. Paul and Hennepin County

- The public health advisory committees from St. Paul/Ramsey and Hennepin Counties have met jointly with the Minneapolis PHAC and plan to do so annually. The Minneapolis Urban Health Agenda will be a tool to use in establishing common priorities and collaborative activities among the three jurisdictions.

# Structured Decision-making for Department priorities and funding

- The Department Business Plan and annual Budget and Status Reports will be the primary vehicle for seeking Council approval of funding decisions for Health and Family Support.
- The Minnesota Department of Health will require a 5 year Local Public Health Plan in 2009. The Minneapolis plan will be reviewed and approved by the PHAC and submitted to the Council before being sent to the State.