

State Community Health Services Advisory Committee Retreat: September 28-29, 2023

Preliminary Agenda

Location: Willmar Conference Center, 240 23rd Street SE in Willmar, MN

This retreat aims to deepen the connections between SCHSAC members and local/state public health leaders, build on our collective knowledge and experience, and inspire us to continue strengthening and transforming the public health system for all Minnesotans for the 21st century.

Thursday, September 28

11:00 a.m. Informal Regional Lunches

SCHSAC Regions will be assigned restaurant locations for informal lunches. (cost will be at participants own expense)

12:00 p.m. Registration opens – Willmar Conference Center Lobby

1:00 p.m. Welcome and opening remarks

Steve Gardner, Kandiyohi County Commissioner

Sara Benson, CHS Administrator, Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board

Tarryl Clark, SCHSAC Chair and Stearns County Commissioner

Dr. Brooke Cunningham, Minnesota Commissioner of Health

1:30 p.m. Icebreaker Activity

Joan Lee, Polk County Commissioner & Mandy Meisner, Anoka County Commissioner

2:00 p.m. Panel: Setting the stage – the national system transformation movement and where Minnesota is on the path

Dr. Paul Kuehnert, President & CEO, Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

Chelsie Huntley, Community Health Division Director, MDH

Sarah Reese, Local Public Health Association of Minnesota (LPHA) Past Chair, and CHS Administrator,

Polk-Norman-Mahnomen Community Health Board

Tarryl Clark, SCHSAC Chair and Stearns County Commissioner

Moderator: Maggie Rothstein, LPHA Chair, and CHS Administrator Aitkin-Itasca-Koochiching Community Health Board

In this session, you will gain a better understanding of what transformation work has brought us to this point. You will gain a clearer understanding of how Minnesota fits in to the national movement and will have a broad understanding of the concept of co-creation represented by the Joint Leadership Team (JLT) and the voices represented there.

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Workshop: Two Loops Model of Systems Change

Tuesday Ryan-Hart, The Outside & Phyllis Brashler, MDH

This session will include a presentation and facilitated discussion of The Two Loops of Systems Change -- a simple, yet effective big picture map of how change happens.

In this interactive session, you will learn more about working with the natural rhythm of change processes and identify where we - and others - are on this map. We will also learn and reflect on what it will take to more deliberately and effectively lead efforts for enduring change in public health.

4:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions: Early Learnings from Infrastructure Projects

*The Minnesota Legislature provided a \$6 million annual appropriation for local and tribal health departments in 2021, to carry out the work of strengthening the public health system and creating a system for the 21st century. This session will highlight the work of three of the funded projects working to solve long standing cross-jurisdictional challenges. The work is still in progress, and projects will focus on sharing what they have learned about the process of working to address system level challenges. **Please choose ONE session to attend:***

Session A: Olmsted County

Turning data into information is key for public health departments, but capacity and skills can limit smaller jurisdictions' ability to access and summarize data. Olmsted County Public Health Services partnered with our SE LPHA region to assess the feasibility of how a larger health department could support other jurisdictions with data, epidemiology, and assessment and planning efforts. This pilot is aimed at informing broader efforts to strengthen public health infrastructure across the state by examining whether a regional or statewide model is the best fit when supporting other jurisdictions,

how this model could complement the regional field epidemiologist model, what staffing and fiscal policies and procedures are needed, and the benefits or challenges of this approach.

Presenter: Meaghan Sherden, Associate Director at Olmsted County Public Health Services

Session B: Countryside and Horizon

Two fully integrated local health departments each spanning five counties in Western Minnesota will showcase their endeavors to enhance their foundational communication capabilities, geared towards better serving their respective regions. This presentation will highlight the role that effective communication plays in establishing a strong agency foundation and building trust within the community. They will highlight their increased expertise and capacity as well as share some of their internal and external challenges. This will include their efforts to hire and train staff, connect with public health employees, collaborate with elected officials, partners and key stakeholders, and effectively reach target audiences, all essential building blocks to strengthen their foundation.

Presenters: Liz Auch, Administrator, Countryside Public Health; and Ann Stehn, Public Health Administrator, Horizon Public Health.

Session C: Health Trends Across Communities in Minnesota: Improving Data to Advance Health Equity Solutions

The Health Trends Across Communities in Minnesota (HTAC-MN) project is a new partnership between the Center for Community Health and the Minnesota Electronic Health Records (EHR) Consortium. The goal of this project to develop a comprehensive public health data system using EHR that paint a more complete picture of health in Minnesota. Data on around 20 indicators in the areas of mental health, substance use, chronic conditions, and maternal and child health will be available through a publicly accessible dashboard, updated frequently with local-level information. This information will help organizations act to close longstanding health inequities, perform community health assessments, and improve the health of residents. It will also lay the groundwork for the data infrastructure needed to manage future public health crises.

Presenters: David Johnson, Epidemiology, Informatics and ImmuTrack Manager, Hennepin County Public Health; and Tyler Winkelman, Division Director, General Internal Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare

5:50 p.m. Break

6:30 p.m. Dinner: Brief Reflections & Fellowship

We will start with welcome and reflections on the day by Chair Clark and Vice Chair Malterer and then share dinner to allow participants to visit and enjoy each other's company.

Friday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks & Reflections

De Malterer, SCHSAC Vice Chair and Waseca County Commissioner
Maria Sarabia, Assistant Commissioner, MDH

9:00 a.m. Minnesota's Cost & Capacity Assessment: Top Line Findings

Kari Oldfield-Tabbert, Executive Director, LPHA & Chelsie Huntley, MDH

The Cost and Capacity Assessment is a key step in helping us plan for strengthening the governmental public health system in Minnesota. In this Session, you will learn about the top line findings from Minnesota's Cost and Capacity Assessment.

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. What we are learning from other states: Foundational Public Health Responsibilities

Sarah Beaudrault, Public Health Modernization Lead, Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division
Susan Tilgner, Executive Director, Ohio Public Health Partnership
Krista Wasowski, Health Commissioner, Medina County Health Department
Moderator: Sheila Kiscaden, Past SCHSAC Chair and Olmsted County Commissioner

You will hear from public health officials from Oregon and Ohio about how they have strengthened Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHR) in their states.

11:30 a.m. What's my role in what comes next? A facilitated conversation

De Malterer, SCHSAC Vice Chair; Kari Oldfield-Tabbert, LPHA; Linda Kopecky, MDH

This facilitated conversation will pull from the learnings over the two-day retreat to identify specific tasks and roles that can support public health system transformation in the next six to twelve months. Each participant will be given the opportunity to identify their role in the path forward.

12:30 p.m. Wrap up and reflections

Tarryl Clark, SCHSAC Chair

12:45 p.m. Lunch break

Please take a short break and grab your boxed lunch.

1:00-2:00 p.m. SCHSAC Business Meeting

Agenda will be sent separately.

Three Simple Rules of the State-Local Public Health Partnership

- I. Seek First to Understand*
- II. Make Expectations Explicit*
- III. Think About the Part and the Whole*

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