

# State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) Meeting

## Take Home Notes

Friday, September 29, 2023 \* 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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

## Action Items

- Plan to attend upcoming Meetings:
  - Optional: Coffee, Conversation and Consideration on the topic of Cannabis legalization and public health is Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. on Webex. Link has been shared via email.
  - Next SCHSAC Meeting is Wednesday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. – hybrid with in-person location at the Wilder Center in St. Paul (subject to change). Very full agenda is expected.
- Update your local Community Health Board on:
  - Key learnings from the SCHSAC Retreat: Will be sent separately.
  - SCHSAC approved a funding formula for the recently appropriated \$8.4 million in state funds for CHBs and Tribes for Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR). The approved recommendation will go to the Commissioner of Health for adoption. The recommended formula includes a base of \$75,000 to each Community Health Board to ensure that each CHB has a minimum of 0.5 FTE dedicated to Emergency Preparedness and Response. The EPR team is moving forward with finalizing the duties and the grants processes.
    - Approved formula: *\$75,000 base + population + multi-county + Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)*
  - Foundational Public Health Responsibility (FPHR) Funding Workgroup Update
    - In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature allocated \$9,844,000 for Community Health Boards to fulfill [Foundational Public Health Responsibilities](#). This Workgroup was tasked with making a recommendation for a funding formula to determine allocations to CHBs.
    - The workgroup is adopted three principles prior to discussing formula elements.
      - Every community health board should get enough funding to be able to make meaningful progress on Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHRs).

- The formula must take into account that not everyone has the same opportunity to be healthy across our state.
- The funding formula should help alleviate variations in capacity across our governmental public health system.
- This is new funding that is meant to build *new* capacity. The recent capacity assessment found that no CHB is fully implementing Foundational Public Health Responsibilities. **The funds are *not* to be used to supplant current funding. Community Health Boards should continue with your budget planning for the coming year.**
- The workgroup is working thoughtfully and as swiftly as they can to get a recommendation to SCHSAC.

## Community Health Boards Present

Aitkin-Itasca-Koochiching, Anoka, Benton, Blue Earth, Carver, Countryside, Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services, Dodge-Steele, Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties, Fillmore-Houston, Freeborn, Goodhue, Horizon, Isanti, Kanabec, Kandiyohi-Renville, Le Sueur-Waseca, Meeker-McLeod-Sibley, Mille Lacs, City of Minneapolis, Nobles, Olmsted, Partnership4Health; Pine, Polk-Norman-Mahnomen, Quin, City of Richfield, St. Paul-Ramsey, Scott, Stearns, Wabasha, Washington, Watonwan, Winona, Wright.

## Approval of Consent Agenda

Nathan Schmalz, Meeker-McLeod-Sibley moved Approval of September 29, 2023 Meeting Agenda. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

## Chair's Remarks- Tarryl Clark, SCSHAC Chair, Stearns County

We hope you enjoyed the Retreat and have a better understanding that the work to transform our governmental public health system in Minnesota is about fulfilling our [Foundation Public Health Responsibilities](#) (FPHRs) and aligning our systems and structures to support that work. This is not easy work and there is no single solution. Everyone has a role to play.

Chair Clark shared that there is a new grant opportunity available to implement strategies to support children of incarcerated parents – this was the focus of a SCSHAC workgroup several years ago. There are two tracks: Model Jail Practices to support Children of Incarcerated Parents and Programs and Supports for Children of Incarcerated Parents. Deadline – October 20 by 5:00 p.m. You can find details here: [Supporting Children of Incarcerated Parents - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)

## SCHSAC Business Agenda

### Approval of State Allocated Public Health Preparedness Funding proposal

David Brummel, Co-Chair, PHEP Oversight Workgroup, Washington County

Overview: In the 2023 legislative session, MDH in partnership with LPHA, sought and received \$8.4 million in funding for CHBs and Tribes for Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR). SCHSAC’s existing Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Oversight Workgroup was charged with making a recommendation to SCHSAC and the Commissioner on how the funding should be allocated.

- PHEP Oversight Workgroup adopted principles specific to Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)
  - Strengthen capacity across the state, each CHB should have a minimum of 0.5 FTE dedicated to EPR
  - Grant duties must align with national standards and EPR capabilities
  - Multi-county CHBs should ensure that all counties have access to staff dedicated to EPR
- Ensure alignment
  - Both groups (PHEP Oversight Workgroup and the Foundational Public Health Responsibility Funding Workgroup) have adopted Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) as a metric. EPR and Public Health Practice (PHP) staff are ensuring consistency in the way SVI is calculated and applied particularly as it relates to city and multi-county CHBs
  - EPR’s base is \$75,000 for each Community Health Board
    - The EPR team is moving forward with finalizing the duties and the grants processes.

### State Appropriation Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding Proposal

The workgroup adopted the following formula and is requesting SCHSAC approval:

- \$75,000 base + population + multi -county + Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)

Funding Component	Amount	Total
Base for 51 CHBs	\$75,000	\$3,825,000

+

Funding Component	Amount (after base)	Total
Population	77%	\$2,887,500
Multi-County Addition	13%	\$487,500
SVI (highest per CHB)	10%	\$375,000

- Step in the right direction but is not going to ensure full capacity for every CHB.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the workgroup made by Terry Lovgren, Pine County.  
Second by Mandy Meisner, Anoka County. Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

## Foundational Public Health Responsibility (FPHR) Funding Workgroup Update

De Malterer, SCHSAC Vice Chair and Workgroup Co-Chair, Waseca County, Ann Stehn, Horizon, Phyllis Brashler, MDH

- Workgroup Charge is to develop recommendations for SCHSAC about:
  - A formula for distributing funds designated to help Minnesota fulfill foundational public health responsibilities
  - Must include a method for addressing equity
  - Reporting and accountability for these funds
  - Once approved by SCHSAC, recommendations will go to Commissioner Cunningham
- What do we know
  - This is an ongoing, annual appropriation
  - Purpose is to add capacity: funding is *not* meant to be used to supplant current funding
  - Counties must also invest through a required local match
  - This is a downpayment: Not nearly enough to get where we want to be, won't fill every pothole. Right now, we're grading the land to build the foundation.
- Principles
  - Every community health board should get enough to be able to make meaningful progress on FPHRs
  - The funding formula should take into account that not everyone has the same opportunity to be healthy across our state
  - The funding formula should help alleviate variation in capacity across our system
- Funding formula elements
  - Base funding for every CHBs
  - Equity metric: Social vulnerability index
  - Capacity-related metric (seem to correlate with size of health jurisdiction; how can we add a capacity metric into the formula?)
- Next steps
  - Proceed with your budget planning: This funding will be additive
  - Workgroup will continue to work towards a package of recommendations
    - Formula
    - Reporting requirements
    - Other expectations
    - Desserts and appetizers recipe book 😊

*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*

Minnesota Department of Health  
State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)  
651-201-3880 \* [health.schsac@state.mn.us](mailto:health.schsac@state.mn.us) \* [www.health.state.mn.us/schsac](http://www.health.state.mn.us/schsac)

Updated October 5, 2023

*To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-3880.*