



SCHSAC 2019-2020 Work Plan

STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This is a companion document to “SCHSAC Issues of Importance.”

SCHSAC agrees to direct its focus toward these four issues of importance. Advancing health equity and inclusion of all communities are crosscutting issues in all of SCHSAC’s work.

- Strengthen the public health system
- Promote the value of primary prevention and the role governmental public health
- Respond to urgent and emerging topics
- Work to build resilient communities

Work Plan by Issues of Importance

The **SCHSAC work plan** is organized by issues of importance. The work plan establishes the key steps to work toward desired goals for each issue and how the work will be done for the upcoming 18 months. It is SCHSAC’s intention that this be a living document that is updated when needed.

SCHSAC carries out a large portion of its work by charging workgroups to explore issues and bring recommendations to the full committee. SCHSAC also works towards its goals through activities at its quarterly meetings and through efforts of its Members and Alternates to champion public health by engaging their community health boards and communities.

Workgroups

SCHSAC workgroups, as of February 22, 2019, follow below. The SCHSAC Executive Committee may call new workgroups as needed. Details for each workgroup are provided in its charge.

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight
- Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board
- Infectious Disease Continuous Improvement Board
- Strengthening Public Health in Minnesota Technical Group
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Conference Planning
- Nominations and Awards

Issue: Strengthen the public health system

Goal: Foundational Public Health Responsibilities are in place across Minnesota. Geography does not affect the quality of public health activities.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Define Foundational Public Health Responsibilities for governmental public health in Minnesota through convening workgroups and input from existing workgroups
- Explore new models for carrying out the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities in Minnesota and develop a long-range plan for the ongoing transformation of Minnesota's governmental public health system through convening workgroups and ad hoc groups
- Discuss and share information about funding sources for prevention, e.g. Local Public Health Grant, Health Care Access Fund, and barriers associated with categorical funding at Quarterly Meetings
- Continue to make improvements in environmental health, infectious disease and preparedness by convening the Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board, Infectious Disease Continuous Improvement Board and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group

Goal: State and local health departments and community health boards understand tribal sovereignty and have positive, collaborative working relationships with tribal nations.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Provide training on Tribal Sovereignty at discuss at quarterly meetings
- Collaborate with MDH American Indian Health Director to invite Tribal representatives to Quarterly Meetings

Goal: Minnesota's public health departments are able to recruit, develop and retain a diverse workforce equipped to lead and implement foundational public health responsibilities and community priorities.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Connect with MDH and the Local Public Health Association (LPHA) to stay informed about workforce development efforts and advocate when needed

Issue: Promote the value of primary prevention and the role of governmental public health

Goal: Health is included in policy discussions at all levels of government.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Find compelling ways to talk about the value of prevention and determine methods to proactively share the information

Goal: People find common ground to address important public health issues.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Share stories about how public health benefits communities at Quarterly Meetings and other forums
- Invite other sectors, such as human services, public safety and transportation, to discussions public health issues at Quarterly Meetings and other forums
- Collaborate with the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Local Public Health Association to educate policymakers about the value of primary prevention and governmental public health
- Create networking opportunities for community members and state legislators to discuss prevention efforts

Goal: Prevention receives greater attention from policy makers and the public who support the allocation of funding and resources to prevent disease and promote health.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Share data about successful outcomes and benefits to communities and discuss at Quarterly Meetings
- Explore how to calculate and communicate return on investment for dollars spent on prevention through presentations and discussion at Quarterly Meetings
- Champion locally driven, population health work such as the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)

Issue: Respond to urgent and emerging topics

Goal: SCHSAC members share urgent and emerging topics with local colleagues and peers.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Bring forward and share urgent and emerging topics that are occurring in local jurisdictions during Quarterly Meetings and other forums
- Partner with community and subject matter experts to increase knowledge of urgent and emerging issues such as nicotine addiction and vaping, opioid crisis, drinking water infrastructure, climate change, mental health and wellbeing or chemical health at Quarterly Meetings and other forums

Goal: Talents, knowledge and innovations are shared and combine local, tribal and state expertise.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Use information from community health assessments and community health improvement plans to focus conversations on urgent and emerging topics at Quarterly Meetings and other forums
- Identify actions to take at the state, regional and/or local level to address urgent and emerging issues

Issue: Work to build resilient communities

Goal: Communities unite to address threats to the public's health such as diseases of despair, adverse childhood experiences, housing stability or health across the life span.

Goal: All Minnesotans live in resilient communities.

Key steps and how they will be accomplished:

- Convene the Children of Incarcerated Parents Workgroup to assess the role of counties in preventing and mitigating the effects of parental incarceration on children.
- Provide training on community resiliency and its best practices at Quarterly Meetings
- Create and/or agree upon a definition of resilient community and develop guidelines, with supporting strategies, to build that resilience locally
- Select a topic, such as transitional housing or mental wellbeing, and explore how the resilient community guidelines might apply

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