
Sponsor: Public Health

Meeting Date: 6/22/2021

Title: Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee

File Number: 2021-307

Background and Rationale:

The Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC) advises the Board of Commissioners and Saint Paul's Mayor and City Council on issues related to public health. The CHSAC meets with the Director of Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health, as well as other department staff. Members of the committee hear presentations and participate in discussions focused on current public health issues, which may include:

- Identifying priority public health issues based on data, community engagement, professional knowledge and lived experiences. These priority issues provide guidance related to programs and services, action teams and budgetary allocation.
- Serving on department committees such as the Ethics Committee, or panels to review grant applications, public health award recipients, etc.
- Connecting the department to communities, resources, data and insights related to a current or upcoming issue.
- Providing policy recommendations to elected officials on public health issues, such as youth tobacco use and breastfeeding friendly workplaces.

The Committee has a total of thirteen (13) seats-one for each district and six (6) at-large. Appointment terms are two years and staggered 50% each year.

There are thirteen (13) vacancies on the Committee for all Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and At-Large. There was a total of eleven applications, five of which were from incumbents. The application, review, and appointment process for these specific vacancies were involved in a new pilot process that was presented to the Board of Commissioners at a Board Workshop on April 27, 2021. During the week of May 10, a community review team reviewed the applications and selected applicants to be recommended to the Board. On May 19, 2021, the applications and recommendations from the community review team were forwarded to the Board for review and final recommendations. Recruitment for the remaining at-large vacancies will continue until filled.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint the following individuals to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee for a term beginning June 25, 2021 and ending June 26, 2023:

<u>District</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1	Hannah Fairman
2	Alyssa Fritz
3	Georgie Kinsman
4	Ayah Mohammed
5	Manoj Doss
6	Pa Vang
7	Jennifer Arnold
At-Large	Steve Nelson
At-Large	Carol Thunstrom

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Abby Goldsmith, Deputy Clerk - County Board