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**Sponsor:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** 8/23/2022

**Title:** Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee

**File Number:** 2022-450

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC) advises the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and Saint Paul Mayor and City Council on issues related to public health. The CHSAC members attend monthly meetings, which consist of presentations and 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.
- Working with the department on the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Serving on department committees such as the Ethics Committee, or panels to review grant applications, public health award recipients, etc.
- Assisting the department in various stages of interview process to fill vacant staff positions.
- 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 CHSAC has a total of 13 seats. Appointment terms are two years and staggered 50% each year. There are currently nine vacancies on the CHSAC - recruitment through the county's open appointment process resulted in two applications. On July 27, 2022, the applications were forwarded to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for review. Additionally, the commissioners held interviews with each applicant, which gave the commissioners the opportunity to engage with and learn more about each applicant beyond just the review of the online applications. Between August 8 and August 12, 2022, three commissioners interviewed the applicants for final recommendation. Recruitment will continue for the remaining seven vacancies.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Lucy Arias and Mark Traynor to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee for terms that begin August 23, 2022 and end June 26, 2024.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

