
Sponsor: Public Health

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

Title: Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee

File Number: 2023-383

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 seven vacancies on the CHSAC - recruitment through the county's open appointment process resulted in six applications. On July 19, 2023, 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 14 and August 19, 2023, three commissioners interviewed the applicants for final recommendation.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint the following individuals to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee for a term beginning September 5, 2023 and ending June 26, 2025:

- Graciela Ogorman Bacigalupo
- Nicole Muzzy
- Ogden Rogers
- Margaret Treichel

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

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: Mee Cheng
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board