MPHA Newsletter
June 2012

MPHA Wants You to Know…

2012 MPHA Annual Meeting announced!
This year’s annual meeting will be a 2-day event! Mark your calendars for September 27 & 28 at the Ramada Inn in Bloomington. The theme is "Public Health: It's for the People, by the People." Details to follow.

Committee Updates

Membership Committee
Please make sure MPHA messages are not blocked as spam in your email system.

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Policy & Advocacy Committee

Health impacts of the NFL stadium in Minneapolis
The Minnesota Public Health Association adopted a resolution in 2011 supporting the use of Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) to guide policymaking, while the American Public Health Association will consider a endorsing a HIA policy statement at the next national meeting.

A Health Impact Assessment is a structured process that uses scientific data, professional expertise, and stakeholder input to identify and evaluate public health consequences of proposals and suggest actions that could be taken to minimize adverse health impacts and optimize beneficial ones.
Improving public health is not an explicit function mentioned in the Peoples Stadium law, although health considerations do fit within the duties of the newly created Minnesota Sports Facility Authority (MSFA).

The Healthy Development Measurement Tool (HDMT) (http://bit.ly/KDgNUc) is one example of a HIA tool that has 6 elements and includes 28 objectives and 125 benchmarks related to social determinants of health. The elements are:

- Environmental stewardship,
- Sustainable and safe transportation,
- Social cohesion,
- Public infrastructure/access to goods and services,
- Adequate and healthy housing,
- Healthy economy.

To move HIA further up-stream in the decision process, please consider contacting two elected decision makers and advocate for adding someone with a "health in all policies" perspective to the MSFA. The Governor and Minneapolis Mayor are required by law to appoint the five members to the Authority by June 13, 2012.

Please use the following online forms to contact the Governor or Mayor:
http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/form/
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor/contact/index.htm

To apply for one of the appointed positions that pay $55 per day when they meet, email a letter of intent, resume and supporting materials to:

Governor Mark Dayton
Download Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State's open appointments application, complete and email to:
mailto:tiffany.orth@state.mn.us
Mayor R.T. Rybak  RT@minneapolis.org
cc Andy Holmaas, Community Outreach Director andrew.holmaas@minneapolismn.gov

**Join us at our monthly meeting!**
The Policy and Advocacy committee meetings are the second Thursday of each month at Invitation Health Institute (Bomier Conference Room) from 11-12:30.

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State Public Health News

Act Now! Keep up the fight for a healthier Farm Bill
http://bit.ly/KuX89F

Minneapolis to switch to single-sort recycling in 2013

MDH Mailbag Bulletin Postings
The Mailbag is continuously updated, online bulletin of events (e.g., trainings, workshops, conferences and online learning events) submitted by and for local public health in Minnesota: http://bit.ly/wRLgtA

Upcoming Minnesota Events

Citizens League – Upcoming Citizen Solutions Forums on Fixing Healthcare
http://health.citizensolve.org/

NCS/Ramsey County Public Health Healthy Homes Workshops – June 18
http://bit.ly/JMYxUt

Minneapolis Diversity Employment Day and Career Fair – June 20
At the Diversity Recruiters’ Network, our ongoing mission is to provide corporate America the most qualified candidates from the City, County and State’s richly diverse communities with the understanding that diversity is a good business strategy. The event is free. Business attire is required, bring plenty of resumes!

Network for Public Health Law Webinar – June 21

2020 Enough for All Summer Benefit Concert – June 25
A Minnesota Without Poverty is pleased to present our 2020 Enough for All Summer Benefit Concert at the Capri Theater. Featuring artists Regina Marie Williams, T. Mychael Rambo, Thomasina Petrus, The Minnesota Church Ladies and more.
8th Annual Chalchiutlicue Environmental Action Summit – June 29
The Chalchiutlicue Environmental Action Summit is Minnesota’s longest running annual Environmental Justice gathering that serves as a gathering place for friends and allies to highlight progress, share what has been learned and to celebrate the environment through hands-on opportunities for information exchange and relationship building. Join us for a day of hands-on action workshops on gardening, composting, art, community organizing and much more!
http://www.chalchiutlicue.org/

Food Access Summit: Expanding Opportunities for low-income Minnesotans Aug 21-23
http://bit.ly/M7EceS

National News
HHS announces $70 Million available through Community Transformation Grant
http://1.usa.gov/L3jnm8
Consumer Reports Releases First-Ever Doctor Practice Ratings
http://www.mhqp.org/

MN Health Reform Update
http://mn.gov/health-reform/

APHA
2012 Midyear Meeting – June 26-28,
http://www.apha.org/midyear/registration

2012 Annual Meeting – October 27-31
http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration/

Take Action!
Send a message to your members of Congress on a variety of current public health issues: http://bit.ly/7F9zAx

Public Health Newswire
http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/
**Extras**

**Keep Your Membership Current!**
MPHA is an all-volunteer organization, and depends on membership dues to keep it running. If you are not currently up to date on your membership, please renew today! If you are not sure, send an email to membership@mpha.net and we can check for you. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

**Social Media**
Feel free to comment and/or start a discussion on MPHAs LinkedIn profile. Additionally, feel free to post interesting news on MPHAs Facebook page as well. Your support in promoting MPHA via Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn will help to increase our membership, so tell all those members (and non-members) who are not yet connected to MPHA on our social media sites to do so for up-to date-local and pertinent national and international public health news.

Facebook: [http://on.fb.me/zcm7Uu](http://on.fb.me/zcm7Uu)
LinkedIn: [http://linkd.in/AB9FaJ](http://linkd.in/AB9FaJ)

**Items and Feedback**
All members are encouraged to submit items to be included in upcoming issues. We also welcome your feedback on the newsletter, and any suggestions you have to improve MPHA’s value to you. Send all items and feedback to: communications@mpha.net