



Community Health Vision Process Grant

BACKGROUND

- Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) was awarded a grant from the American Public Health Association (APHA) that will support statewide planning to expand and support community health and health equity in Minnesota.
- MPHA will engage Statewide Health Improvement Initiative Program (SHIP) and Community Transformation Grant (CTG) grantees and their partners and a range of other sectors to support a vision planning process to look at the future of our statewide community health activities.

ACTION STEPS

- MPHA, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), will organize and implement a strategic planning event.
- A planning committee will be established that includes representatives from local public health, SHIP, and CTG to help plan the event.
- The event will include approximately 40 participants across the state to formulate a sustainability plan. Additional input processes will also be developed.
- The plan will have short-term and long-term action steps and organizational roles to advance community health and health equity.
- Plan elements will include principles of HiAP and health equity work found in SHIP and CTG.
- The plan will be disseminated broadly and action steps implemented.

PROJECT PERSONNEL

- Community Initiatives, a CDC technical assistance contractor, will serve as the consultant/facilitator on this project. Community Initiatives possess a wealth of experience providing tailored support to organizations, coalitions and collaborations in planning for and implementing change.
- MPHA project liaisons include Ray Lewis and Carol Berg, past MPHA President. Angela Pope, MDH, will serve as the lead for MDH.

KEY DATES/DEADLINES

- Consultation with contractor, Community Initiatives, to discuss meeting(s) design and facilitation: May 2014
- Establish planning committee and convene committee meeting: early to mid-June 2014
- Convene strategic planning sessions: August and/or October 2014
- Synthesize results of strategic planning and produce sustainability plan: early December 2014
- Disseminate plan: mid-December 2014
- Implement action steps: mid-February 2015