



## 2016-2017 MPHA “Public Health Matters” Policy Forum Series

### *Why is THIS Public Health?*

This year’s four forums will explore some uncommon topics that have stirred interest in the public health community. They will be thought-provoking conversations sure to spark ideas among all of us about our public health roles in a changing world.

All forums are held at the New Brighton Community Center, located at 400 10th St. NW in New Brighton. Registration for the forums can be made at [www.mpha.net](http://www.mpha.net)

Breakfast and on-site registration begins at 7:00am. Each forum starts promptly at 7:30am and concludes at 9:00am. Please join Minnesota’s public health community in these thought-provoking breakfast conversations:

#### **November 4, 2016...Mental Health and the Health Care System**

Panelists and forum participants will explore concerns related to health system capacity and our community response to mental and behavioral health.

#### **January 20, 2017...Community Planning and Development**

This forum will explore topics related to community planning and development that is in-tune with residents’ public health needs and social determinants of health principles.

#### **March 24, 2017...Our Changed and Changing Society**

At this third forum panelists and participants will explore and discuss societal/community responses to gun violence, racism, immigration and our policies of inclusion and exclusion.

#### **May 12, 2017...Climate Change and Public Health**

The last forum will explore the role that climate change has played in the challenges facing public health today.