



CHAC Meeting  
Berwyn Public Library  
2701 S. Harlem Ave, Berwyn, IL

**Committee Members Present:** Yvette Alexander-Maxie (American Red Cross); Susan Brady (Community Member- North); Christopher Grunow (Stickney Public Health District); Lena Hatchett (Loyola University); Diane Logsdon (Logsdon Consultation Services); James McCalister (Village of Arlington Heights); Terry Mason (CCDPH); Ranjana Paintal (Asian Health Coalition); Mary Passaglia (Northwest Municipal Conference/Health Directors); Itedal Shalabi (Arab American Family Services); Sarah Stein (Age Options for Maria Oquendo-Scharneck); Griselle Torres (UIC-SPH); Steve Weiler (Forest Park Police Department)

**Committee Members Absent:** Catherine Counard (Village of Skokie); Amanda Kelley (American Heart Association); Mark Klaisner (West 40 ISC); Jessica Madrigal (Community Member); Wendell Mosby (Prairie State Community College); Dolores Nobles-Knight (Community Member); Ronald Sherman (Community Member - West); Armando Smith (Housing Forward); Evonda Thomas-Smith (Evanston Health and Human Services Department); Apostle Carl White (Southland Ministerial Health Network).

**CCDPH Staff Present:** Deanna Durica, Kiran Joshi, Rachel Rubin, Stephen Seweryn, Valerie Webb.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Yvette Alexander-Maxie, CHAC Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 and asked for introductions of participants.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2015 and January 11, 2016

Minutes were reviewed by members and a motion to approve the October minutes was introduced by Itedal Shalabi, seconded by Steve Weiler and approved by the members with no abstentions. The motion to approve the January minutes was introduced by James McCalister, seconded by Lena Hatchett and approved by the members with no abstentions.

IV. Items for Discussion

- A. WePLAN Update (used the slides from All Staff meeting)
  - 1. Feedback needed: community health assessment
  - 2. Next steps and CHAC involvement

Dr. Steven Seweryn presented a progress update on WePLAN2020: Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan including the timeline, vision, word cloud key themes, assessment findings and the prioritization process. (1 page handouts were distributed and are available on the [CCDPH website](#)). The health priorities identified include prevention of Chronic Disease, Behavioral/Mental Health and Addressing Structural and Social Determinants of Health including the built environment, economic development/living wage and structural racism. In addition, Steve mentioned the [Assessment Feedback survey](#) and requested participation from the members.



A discussion followed on the health priorities based on the questions:

- What does the health priority mean to you?
- How does the health priority affect our residents? In what ways is this a problem or challenge for residents?

Responses included:

- The immigrant perspective needs to be clearer. Language and race are barriers to services and programs. Connecting and engaging with the immigrant communities is critical.
- The behavioral/mental health system has been dismantled over the past 10 years in IL leading to a lack of providers and the lack of a system of coordinated care.
- Transportation in certain areas of the county was identified as a barrier for residents.
- Covering an area as large as suburban Cook County is difficult, making community partnering and leveraging resources critical, i.e., CMAP.

Members worked in small groups on naming opportunities and actions available in addressing the health priorities including:

- Emergency Management's opportunity to include the social determinants of health in their planning and training with municipalities for pre/post disaster impacts.
- Collaboration with other community efforts focused on mental health, i.e., Community Memorial Foundation, Metro Mayor's Caucus, and hospitals.
- Pursuing entrepreneurship and economic development with the business community. It is important to use the assets in the community and use them to address poverty and racism.

**B. External communications**

1. Community Information Needs
2. Best methods for reaching intended audiences

Deanna Durica facilitated a discussion on meeting information needs of the residents with assistance and insight from the CHAC members. External communications for CCDPH is an essential service and is one element of the recent CCDPH Quality Improvement (QI) plan. The goals for external communication in the QI plan include highlighting CCDPH successes, building constituents and strong partnerships that improve community awareness and clarifying the mission and operations of the department.

A critical component of successful communication is the department website. Deanna reviewed the website components and drew attention to the landing page and the focus on department initiatives such as Healthy HotSpot (HHS), emerging threats, partnerships, interactive maps, event center, etc. The question of language and translation of materials was posed. The CCDPH website does offer content in over 100 languages but most publicity materials are distributed in English and Spanish. The Arab American Family Services offered to translate materials. CHAC members were asked to review the translations on the website for accuracy.

So the question was posed: Where do we want to go from here? A few suggestions follow:

- Communication that is more interactive and engaging like HHS and Go the Distance
- Broaden topics to include, for example, community resources like recycling services
- Review the data about website visits and use this information to improve outreach
- Conduct a "This is Public Health" campaign that shows how public health impacts the whole community
- Use QR codes for publicity

**V. CCDPH Updates**



A. COO Report

1. CCDPH WIC- Maywood update: Services and staff at the Eisenhower Tower in Maywood have been relocated to other CCDPH offices including Bridgeview and Cicero or to other community organizations such as CEDA's site in Maywood.
2. Healthy HotSpot/ Go the Distance, Cook County update: A packet of information was distributed to members. See this [link](#) for info on Go the Distance.
3. CCDPH HR update: New hires total 32 since January 2013. Filling vacancies is difficult because of a complicated hiring process and budget misalignment.
4. Legislative Update and Discussion – including IDPH priorities and implications:
  - It has been proposed that the state Board of Health (BOH) be disbanded,
  - Grave concerns voiced for the lack of a state budget and the repercussions.
    - Chicago State will close without state funding; if there's no instruction than the school loses accreditation. Money for colleges is part of the 10% of the state budget that hasn't been funded.
    - There has been a dismantling of public health services with many local public health departments in IL going to a 1-2 day work week. This will be very difficult to recover from when funds do come available.
    - What can be done: speak to all representatives to get funding restored.
    - No funding has been received from the state for local public health protection monies which could affect the West Nile protection efforts. These efforts are important not only for West Nile but for Zika virus.

VI. New Business

- A. Members were reminded of the change in location of subsequent meetings. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Berwyn Public Library.
- B. Dr. Mason encouraged members to save September 30-October 1. A food summit will be held at Loyola University's Maywood campus; Loyola and CCDPH are co-convening the meeting. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

VII. Adjourn

- A. The CHAC meeting ended at 12:03 pm.
- B. Next meeting:
  - Monday, July 11, 2016, 10:00am – 12:00pm
  - Berwyn Public Library
  - 2701 S. Harlem Ave, Berwyn, 60402