

# Health Priority Workgroups Overview

## FOR THE STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

Join a health priority workgroup! Share your expertise and lived experience to inform a statewide plan, build relationships, and learn from other workgroup members.

### Health priority workgroup topics:

- Mental health and well-being
- Housing and homelessness
- Health care systems (access and/or culturally competent care)
- Substance use disorder

Express your interest to join a workgroup or ask questions by emailing the Healthy Minnesota Partnership: [health.healthymnpartnership@state.mn.us](mailto:health.healthymnpartnership@state.mn.us)

## Background and purpose

The Healthy Minnesota Partnership (the Partnership) is responsible for developing the improvement framework—a multi-year action plan—to address prioritized issues in the statewide health assessment. On Sept. 30, 2024, the Partnership approved moving forward with four health priorities, informed by community input collected between May and August 2024. Workgroups will help the Partnership define these big topics and identify measurable objectives and strategies for each.

## About the workgroups

The workgroups will involve people from across sectors and with lived experiences and reflect a collaborative and community-driven process for developing the next improvement framework.

The health priority workgroups are tasked with recommending potential objectives, strategies (action steps), and measures of progress for each health priority topic. Workgroups may also provide feedback on how the topic area could be named or more clearly defined.

Workgroup recommendations will be reviewed by the Improvement Framework Steering Committee and Partnership co-chairs. Final decisions for the objectives and strategies are made by the Partnership.

## Workgroup structure

### Members

Workgroups are open to Partnership members and non-members. Each workgroup should include a mix of participants from various sectors or lived experiences. Members can voluntarily step off or join the committee at any time. Group size for each workgroup will be limited to approximately 15 people to ensure participation and discussion of topics during meetings.

### Time commitment

The estimated time commitment is approximately 15 hours. Participation includes a 90-minute kick-off meeting, four 90-minute workgroup meetings in October and December, a 2-hour Partnership meeting (Nov. 20) and reviewing materials before each meeting (about 5 hours).

### Workgroup meeting schedule

Mental health and wellbeing	Housing and homelessness	Health care systems (access and/or cultural competency)	Substance use
Kickoff meeting Oct. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Kickoff meeting Oct. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Kickoff meeting Oct. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Kickoff meeting Oct. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 15, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Oct. 16, 9:30 – 11 a.m.	Oct 16, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Oct. 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 31, 9:30 – 11 a.m.	Oct. 30, 9:30 – 11 a.m.	Oct. 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Oct. 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Partnership meeting Nov. 20, 1 – 3:00 p.m.	Partnership meeting Nov. 20, 1 – 3:00 p.m.	Partnership meeting Nov. 20, 1 – 3:00 p.m.	Partnership meeting Nov. 20, 1 – 3:00 p.m.
Dec.3, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 4, 9:30 – 11 a.m.	Dec. 4, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 5, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 18, 9:30 – 11 a.m.	Dec. 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Partnership meeting Feb. 11, 2025	Partnership meeting Feb. 11, 2025	Partnership meeting Feb. 11, 2025	Partnership meeting Feb. 11, 2025

### Workgroup member expectations

- Attend and participate in scheduled workgroup and partnership meetings
  - Review materials before meetings and come prepared for discussion.
  - If you need to miss a meeting, share input by email or thru other follow-up.
- Keep a health equity perspective in discussions and recommendations
- Keep a system level and statewide perspective in discussions and recommendations

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- Keep an asset-based approach in discussions and recommendations
- Help share or present information during Healthy Minnesota Partnership meetings

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