

Summary of SCHSAC and SCHSAC Workgroup Work Plans

2025-2026

Message from SCHSAC Chair DeAnne Malterer

The State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) and its workgroups have a long history of doing the hard work necessary to strengthen Minnesota's public health system. This work plan is no different. It represents the dedication and vision of many people collaborating to protect and improve the health of all Minnesotans.

Over the next two years, SCHSAC will focus on being effective advocates for public health, strengthening the state-local partnership, and driving meaningful changes to Minnesota's public health system. This work is guided by our vision of a seamless, responsive, publicly-supported public health system that works closely with the community to ensure healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Together, state, local, and Tribal health departments will help all Minnesotans thrive, regardless of where they live.

Work plans are designed to evolve as the work happens and progress unfolds. Thank you to everyone who is, and will be, part of moving this work plan forward.

In this document

This document summarizes the SCHSAC and workgroup goals and objectives for 2025-2026.

For more information on specific activities, timeframes, evaluations, and workgroups, please refer the full work plan document: [State Community Health Services Advisory Committee \(SCHSAC\) 2025-2026 Work Plan \(PDF\)](#)

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SCHSAC goals and objectives

Goal #1: Equip members to be effective advocates for public health

- Provide meaningful educational activities to increase knowledge of SCHSAC, public health and system transformation.
- Facilitate members' role as an advocate for public health.

Goal #2: Strengthen the state-local partnership for public health

- Deepen relationships between state and local partners
- Convene workgroups that include members from state and local public health, including:
 - Infectious Disease Continuous Improvement Board (IDCIB)
 - Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB)
 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group (PHEP)
 - Foundational Public Health Responsibility Workgroup
 - Performance Measurement Workgroup
- Planning and operation of SCHSAC are done in partnership between SCHSAC leadership and MDH staff.

Goal #3: Advance meaningful changes to Minnesota's public health system

- Convene workgroups related to defining and measuring our public health system, including the Performance Measurement Workgroup and the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Workgroup.
- SCHSAC Leadership represents SCHSAC on the Joint Leadership Team (JLT) in partnership with MDH and Local Public Health Association (LPHA).
- Bring public health priorities to Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) policy processes
- Increase member understanding and support for foundational public health responsibilities.
- Advise and promote projects from the State Infrastructure Fund and Foundational Public Health Responsibility funds.
- SCHSAC will increase our knowledge and understanding of the Tribal public health system.

Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHR) Workgroup goals and objectives

Goal #1: Develop a recommendation for set of minimum standards by which full implementation of foundational public health responsibilities (areas and capabilities) can be assessed.

- Clarify and develop a shared language and understanding of foundational public health responsibilities.
- Identify a minimum set of standards by which full implementation of foundational public health responsibilities can be assessed.

Infectious Disease Continuous Improvement Board (ID CIB) Workgroup goals and objectives

Goal #1: Evaluate the purpose and structure of the ID CIB.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the ID CIB as a forum for regular communication, identification of issues, and joint problem solving and determine adjustments that might need to be made.
- Revise ID CIB charge as needed.

Goal #2: Provide input on infectious disease-related topics that impact LPH agencies.

- Review and prioritize topics needing more discussion from ID CIB meetings, Minnesota Disease Operations Guide development (2023-2024), topical deep dives, and MDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control (IDEPC) or local public health staff.
- Representing local public health agencies, provide input and feedback to MDH on updated MDH district epidemiologist position descriptions.
- Provide input on a standard framework for onboarding and training local public health staff working on infectious diseases and directors.
- Provide input on MDH IDEPC distribution list management plan.

Goal #3: Maintain and as needed, improve the Minnesota Infectious Disease Operations Guide (MIDOG) to keep it as a relevant, useful document.

- As needed, incorporate miscellaneous updates (e.g., misspellings, broken weblinks, additional clarifications needed).

- Conduct an implementation evaluation of the MIDOG.
- Conduct an annual evaluation of the MIDOG.
- As relevant, incorporate decisions from case investigation deep dive.
- As relevant, incorporate decisions from deep dives or other projects.

Goal #4: Improve sharing of infectious disease data.

- Data-related needs assessment.
- Co-create recommendations around data access and data sharing between MDH and LPH agencies.
- Needs assessment around data visualization.
- Needs assessment examining using data to support infectious disease work.
- Needs assessment around access to aggregated data from EHRs for LPH agencies.

Goal #5: Maintain alignment between the MIDOG and foundational public health responsibilities.

- Incorporate applicable FPHR-related feedback from first 12 months of MIDOG use.
- Work with SCHSAC FPHR workgroup and incorporate outcomes from FPHR workgroup into MIDOG modifications.

Member Development Workgroup goals and objectives

Goal #1: Deepen the connection SCHSAC members and alternates feel with one another.

- Oversee Coffee, Conversation and Consideration program
- Provide suggestions and support for networking activities at SCHSAC meetings and retreat

Goal #2: Increase SCHSAC members and alternates understanding of SCHSAC and their role in it.

- Assist in new member orientation
- Provide oversight and support for the Mentorship Program
- Advise staff on ways to orient and connect new members throughout the year.

Performance Measurement Workgroup goals and objectives

Goal #1: Develop and recommend a set of performance measures for the state and local governmental public health system.

- Each year, identify key performance measures for community health boards and MDH and identify a performance-related accountability requirement for community health boards.
- Each year, present recommendations to SCHSAC.

Goal #2: Collect performance data

- Establish a process and develop instruments for the annual collection of performance data.

Goal #3: Analyze Performance Data and Issue Reports

- Develop communication plan and key messages/visuals
- Each year, report to SCHSAC on findings from data collected (CY2024 and CY2025 performance measures).

Goal #4: Set and Monitor Performance-Related Goals for the Public Health System

- Establish goals for system performance measures.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Oversight Group (PHEP) goals and objectives

Goal #1: The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will foster the development and sustainment of a robust, flexible, and equitable preparedness and response foundational public health capability that will adapt to changing situations and conditions and intersect with the other foundational public health capabilities, foundational areas, and community specific services.

- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will identify preparedness and response data needs for use in decision-making during preparedness, response, and recovery. This will be achieved through discussions and review of recent responses, incorporating regional input.
- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will develop a framework for collecting and sharing data, employing equity principles, during responses. This will be informed by the discussions completed in Year 1.

- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will participate in defining local public's roles and responsibilities, including intersection points with MDH, during responses. This will be informed by the Public Health Foundational Capabilities, Foundational Areas, and Community Specific Services.
- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will work with communication experts to increase public health professionals', partners', and the community's understanding of the interconnectedness of Preparedness and Response to the other Foundational Public Health Capabilities, Foundational Areas, and Community Specific Services (FPHS).
- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will examine staff preparedness and response capability needs and recommend approaches to achieve a response ready workforce.

Goal #2: The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will cultivate authentic community engagement principles and practices for equitable and effective efforts with partners and communities when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies with a public health impact.

- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will explore how the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant and the Response Sustainability Funding (RSG) support equitable community engagement efforts for preparedness and response.
- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will explore ways to build local public health staff's community engagement skills in public health emergency preparedness and response.
- The PHEP Oversight Workgroup will leverage community engagement expertise and activities in other public health programs to further public health emergency preparedness efforts.

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) Workgroup goals and objectives

Goal #1: Update and build out the Minnesota Environmental Health (EH) Framework to align with the foundational public health responsibilities (FPHR).

- Mobile Food Unit Workgroup: Develop a consistent license and inspection structure for MFU across MN through monthly workgroup meetings of regulators from MDH, MDA, and local agencies as well as food truck industry leaders.
- Delegation Workgroup: Develop a platform for delegation agreement information and tools for LPH agencies through reviewing agreement elements, onboarding and offboarding, processes to develop a delegation agreement, and identifying the potential of the delegation agreement format for the EH system.

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- Water Quality Workgroup: Review the current water quality framework and determine if still applicable.
- Public Health Nuisance (PHN) Workgroup: Develop objectives and action items necessary to build out the framework around PHN (as part of a fulsome EH Activities Inventory).
- Complete EH Activities Inventory: Review, collect, organize, and define essential activities necessary to perform EH functions across the Minnesota public health system to complement and support public health system transformation efforts.

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