

## **Health in All Policies: A Community-wide Focus**

Pete Giesen, Olmsted County Public Health Director, will be at our Community Networking Group (CNG) meeting this Thursday to ask for your input and feedback on a white paper that the Public Health Advisory Board is preparing. The Advisory Board is seeking to broaden the discussion by the DMC Board and the City Council on how community health is reflected in their developing plans and proposals.

Background:

Minnesota regularly ranks at the top of the list of nation's the healthiest states. That first in the nation ranking is not achieved just from health care services, but is the result of multiple public policies and investments made at the state and local level. Yet, despite Minnesota's top ranking, it still has many health disparities and poor health outcomes for many populations. Particularly people of color, Minnesota has some of the worst health outcomes in the nation.

The DMC initiative seeks to make Rochester America's City for Health: a global destination for health and wellness. The DMC states its intent is "to provide, "Hope, health and hospitality for every person, every day." What does that mean for those of us who live and work in America's City for Health? How could the DMC plans reflect the community's health needs as well as the visitors'?

The City of Rochester is currently updating its comprehensive plan. How should its plans and zoning regulations reflect the goals of creating health equity for all residents as well as achieve the Destination Medical Center goals? What policies would move us toward creating health equity for all? How do we become a community that has health in all policies?

You are invited to help shape the Public Health Advisory Board's white paper and join the discussion, starting this Thursday with Pete Giesen's presentation.

**Community Networking Group: Thursday, January 28 7:30 – 9:00 AM**

**Location:**

## **MNDOT TRANSIT PLANNING**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is updating its *STATEWIDE* transit plan and is seeking public input. MNDOT has a short interactive survey available on-line to gather input from the general public. The survey, which will allow you to build your own transit system and/or map your intercity transit, will be available through this Friday and takes 5-10 minutes to complete. You can access it by clicking here:

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT/bulletins/131d41a>

## **CNG ROCHESTER TRANSIT DISCUSSION RESULTS**

Last fall the Community Networking Group hosted two conversations to provide input into the update of the City of Rochester's Transit Plan. Attached is the summary report from those discussions. A work group has been established to continue to work on improving transit services for clients and community agencies. Jen Woodford, Channel One, is convening that work group. Let her know if you are interested in being part of those activities.