

Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County (CHIP)

CHIP structure

CHIP's structure includes three distinct teams, each with unique roles and responsibilities.

1. **The executive committee** drives CHIP's work and is ultimately responsible for CHIP's strategic direction and ensuing decisions
2. **Two action teams** coordinate and implement strategies for CHIP's priorities:
 1. Community mental well-being
 2. Housing stability

In addition, CHIP hosts large **CHIP community celebration workshops** every 6-12 months (pending COVID-19 or other delays) to ensure accountability to the communities we serve.

Executive committee

The CHIP executive committee is the governing body that is responsible for CHIP's priorities and outcomes. The committee uses guiding principles along with vision statements, and a statement of health and racial equity developed collectively by the committee, to guide its work. This team is led by two co-chairs and is composed of executives and senior leaders from sectors including public health, health systems and plans, social services, housing, cities, schools, community representatives, and more.

The committee meets monthly, and members actively engage one another, learn together, and keep CHIP's priorities moving forward.

Action teams

Two action teams plan and implement CHIP's strategies and are accountable to the community and CHIP executive committee.

- The **Community mental wellbeing** action team focuses on becoming trauma informed/responsive organizations and partnering with spiritual, faith, and cultural leaders.
- The **Housing stability action team** strives to partner with rental communities to support social connectedness. Each team meets monthly. Participation grows by collaboration and word of mouth and includes a variety of organizations that carry out CHIP's actions related to the team's priority.

Team co-chairs participate on the executive committee and are accountable for the work carried out on their action team. Work and progress of the action teams are also presented at the CHIP celebration workshops to ensure that community recommendations and advice are sought and incorporated into action team strategies and outcomes on an ongoing basis.

CHIP community celebration workshops

These are community gatherings of CHIP partners, communities, individuals, and groups interested in CHIP's two priorities.

These large convenings help CHIP and communities come together as one. They provide a platform for community members and organizations to share ideas, successes, learnings, and recommendations from their CHIP projects. They also allow CHIP to check-in with participants on whether current and planned priorities and activities are on track with community expectations.