

# Community Health Improvement Partnership of Hennepin County (CHIP)

## CHIP Structure

CHIP's structure includes three distinct groups, each with its 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. **The CHIP collaborative** ensures accountability to the communities CHIP serves
3. **Two action teams** coordinate and implement each strategy:
  1. Community mental well-being
  2. Housing stability

## Executive Committee

The CHIP executive committee is the governing body that is ultimately responsible for CHIP's priorities and outcomes using guiding principles, vision statements, and a statement of health and racial equity they developed. The committee is led by two co-chairs and is composed of 20 executives from sectors of the community including public health, health systems and plans, social services, housing developers and associations, cities, schools, spiritual/faith/cultural communities and others.

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

## CHIP Collaboratives

CHIP collaboratives are community gatherings with individuals and groups interested in CHIP's priorities. They are check-ins with communities on whether current and planned actions are on track with community expectations. CHIP has two methods of convening communities: 1) large broad-based gatherings convened by the CHIP executive committee, and 2) smaller, targeted convenings in communities themselves with only a few CHIP partners present. Large convenings gather more people and collect more input at once, and the smaller convenings give marginalized communities a greater voice and platform to make recommendations to CHIP.

## Action Teams

Two CHIP action teams coordinate and implement strategies and are accountable to the executive committee. These are the: 1) Community mental wellbeing action team, and 2) Housing stability action team. The teams are multi-sectoral and are led by co-chairs with subject matter expertise. Each team meets monthly, membership is fluid and teams grow by word of mouth. They include a broad range of community partners who collectively carry out CHIP's actions related to their respective 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 reviewed at the CHIP collaborative meetings to ensure that community recommendations and advice are sought and incorporated into action team strategies and outcomes.