

# LPH Data Modernization SCHSAC Workgroup February 2026 Strategic Planning Part 2 (Virtual) Meeting Minutes

DATE: FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2026 | 1:05PM-2:30PM

MINUTES PREPARED BY: GABBY CAHOW, MDH DATA MODERNIZATION PLANNER

LOCATION: VIRTUAL, MICROSOFT TEAMS

## Attendance

- Members
- **De Malterer**-Le Sueur- Waseca Counties SCHSAC Elected, **Angie Hasbrouck**-Horizon Public Health, **Melanie Countryman**-Dakota County Public Health, **Lisa Klotzbach**-Dakota County Public Health, **Joel Torkelson** (alternate for Sarah Grosshuesch)-Wright County Public Health, **Rob Prose**-St. Louis County Public Health, **Tina Jordahl**-Olmsted County Public Health Services, **Shelly Aalfs**-Countryside Public Health
- MDH Subject Matter Experts
- **Jessie Carr**-MDH Environmental Health Division, **Dawn Huspeni**-MDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention, and Control (IDEPC) Division, **An Garagiola**, MDH Office of American Indian Health (OAIH), **Kari Guida**-MDH Center for Health Information Policy and Transformation (CHIPT)
- Facilitators/Guest Attendees
- **Gabby Cahow**-MDH Public Health Strategy and Partnership Division (PHSP), **Chelsie Huntley**-MDH Public Health Strategy and Partnership Division (PHSP)

## Purpose

- The second strategic planning session focused on finalizing the revised vision statements and beginning to prioritize the factors, issues, and barriers to those the vision statements. The factors, issues, and barriers identified will become the focus of workgroup recommendations. The prioritization activity will help the workgroup indicate which recommendations are most important for data system transformation.

## Agenda

- Meeting Kick-Off

- Vision Statements: From Revised to Finalized
- Meeting Wrap-Up

## Decisions made

- The Workgroup finalized the following vision statements to guide Workgroup recommendations:
- **Why/Values:** Together, state, local, and Tribal public health advance healthier, more equitable communities by collecting, analyzing, sharing, and using data to support strategic goals, understand community needs, improve programs and services, support faster action when health issues emerge, and help tell the story of public health in Minnesota. All decisions about data collection, analysis, management, and sharing recognize and uphold Tribal data sovereignty, while also adhering to state and federal privacy rules and regulations.
- **Interoperability:** Data flows and is integrated securely and seamlessly across systems and organizations ensuring shared information is available for timely insight, coordinated action, and supporting measurably healthier communities.
  - **Data Access:** Data are shared and accessed easily, enabling consistent, reliable, and timely access to locally relevant information across state, local, and Tribal public health.
  - **Data Quality & Usability:** All stages of the data lifecycle are transparent, rigorous, and responsive to the needs of the public health system, communities, and partners. Data systems are designed with end users in mind and data are available in user-friendly and easy to understand formats.
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## Action items

- Share the final vision statements with your regional and divisional partners and networks.

## Talking Points

- At the second February 2026 Strategic Planning meeting, the Workgroup finalized the vision statements that will guide Workgroup recommendations.

## Meeting notes

- [Finalizing Vision Statements:](#)
- **Background/Context:**
  - At the in-person strategic planning meeting (February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026), the Workgroup members individually brainstormed around the question “What it would look, sound, and feel like to have a modernized, seamless, responsive, and publicly supported data system?”
  - The visions were shared and discussed with the whole Workgroup. The Workgroup collaboratively came to consensus around 7 themes (Why/Values, Interoperability, Data Access, Data Quality & Usability, Data Capacity, Shared Governance, Relationships)
  - Small groups worked on drafting vision statements for 2 topics/themes and the Workgroup came together to provide feedback and make changes.
  - The Workgroup facilitator took the vision statements and the meeting/discussion notes to compile draft vision statements which were sent out via email. Workgroup members were encouraged to share them with their divisional and regional partners to collect feedback.
  - Workgroup members sent in feedback via email and the Workgroup facilitator used additional feedback to revise the vision statements.
- **Meeting/Discussion Summary:**
- In the meeting, the Workgroup went through each vision statement to share feedback, make final revisions, and came to consensus.
- Below are the finalized vision statements that will be used to guide Workgroup recommendations:
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## Garden Plot

The “Garden Plot” is a place for topics, ideas, and questions that came up during the meeting that still need to be “tended” to at a future meeting.

- None at this time

## Next meeting

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Time:** 1:05pm-2:30pm

**Location:** Virtual, Microsoft Teams

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**Agenda items:** Continue strategic planning, come to consensus around priority issues, begin building a workplan (If there are additional agenda items, please email them to [gabby.cahow@state.mn.us](mailto:gabby.cahow@state.mn.us))

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