

Subject Health Department advisory councils and committees

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Overview

This bill modifies the membership of the Health Department's Rural Health Advisory Committee and establishes a Health Equity Advisory and Leadership Council at the Health Department.

Summary

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1	Establishment; membership.
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Amends § 144.1481, subd. 1. Increases the membership of the Health Department's Rural Health Advisory Committee from 16 members to 21 members, and adds the following members: a member of a Tribal nation, a local public health representative, a health professional or advocate who works with people with mental illness (under current law one of the consumer members must be an advocate for persons who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled), a representative who works with individuals experiencing health disparities, and an individual with expertise in economic development or who is an employer outside the seven-county metropolitan area. Modifies the descriptions of two other members, and requires one of the consumer members to be from a community experiencing health disparities.

2	Health Equity Advisory and Leadership (HEAL) Council.
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Adds § 145.9231. Requires the commissioner of health to establish a Health Equity Advisory and Leadership (HEAL) Council to guide the commissioner on improving the health of communities most impacted by health inequities. Provides the council consists of 18 members who represent the listed groups. Requires the council to be organized and administered under section 15.059, except that members do not receive per diem compensation. Lists council duties: advising the commissioner on health equity issues and priorities, assisting the agency in efforts to advance health equity, and assisting the agency in developing and monitoring performance measures to advance health equity. Provides that the advisory council shall remain in existence

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	until health inequities in the state are eliminated and specifies what that means for this subdivision.
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