

Agenda: Health Services Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Link to meeting: WebEx Link

Note: All council members and staff are meeting remotely

If needing to join in person, there will be streaming of the meeting and limited staff available on site at: Elmer Andersen Building, 540 Cedar St., St Paul, MN 55101, Room 2360

Welcome

Welcome – Roll call and introductions

Housekeeping

- Voting to approve October minutes
- New Board Chair volunteer

Portable Cribs + Car Seat Coverage

Topic Introduction –

Megan Warfield-Kimball, Policy Specialist Matthew Vierzba, Policy Specialist

- Background
- Legislative authority
- Medical necessity

Michelle Chiezah, MPH, MA

Ms. Chiezah is the Infant Health and Mortality Reduction Specialist at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). At MDH, Michelle provides statewide leadership around infant mortality reduction and manages the state's Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative. The Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative provides resources, education, information, and technical assistance to local public health agencies, Tribal governments, and community-based organizations to improve birth outcomes. A major focus of Michelle's work is to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality by planning, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating interventions and activities using the most current data, best practices, and promising strategies.

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Shonette Micco, MA, CPST

Ms. Micco is representing the Child Passenger Safety Program at the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety. Shonette is a Certified Car Seat Technician, a Safe Kids Safety Instructor, MN State CPS Hospital Liaison. Ms. Micco has worked in safety, injury prevention, and community outreach for over a decade.

Council Discussion and Recommendations

- Car seat medical necessity
- Portable cribs medical necessity
- Recommendation to propose legislation.

Conclusion and Adjournment

- Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
- Adjournment

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