Greetings and Happy Spring,

Here are the highlights from the MN SOPHE Board meeting held on May 10, 2019

**SAVE the Date for the next MN SOPHE Summit! Thursday, Oct 24, 2019 at Gustavus (St. Peter, MN).**Plans continue for the second MN chapter summit. A keynote speaker, poster session and 4.5 CHES credits are some of the features being finalized at this time. Communications will continue over the summer for members and interested others. Stay tuned! Suzanne Driessen is the planning chair [driessen@umn.edu](mailto:driessen@umn.edu) and would welcome members interested in supporting these efforts.

**More Member Benefits!** Tune into the upcoming June 18 MN SOPHE webinar and receive *free* CHES credit. “It’s Not Your Grandma’s Juicing” will provide the latest on vaping and tobacco policies in MN. Start time is 12:00 pm CDT. Registration is available on the MN SOPHE website: [https://mnsophe..wildapricot.org](https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/)

**Speaking of Tobacco….** Advocacy continues for several MN tobacco legislative items still under review until the sessions ends on May 20. It’s not too late to get involved and have your voice count. Check out the Advocacy page on the website [https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org](https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/)

MN SOPHE is also considering **future advocacy topics**including: Opioids, Mental Illness, Health Equity, Gun Violence and Healthy Aging.  Contact Pat Stieg if interested [patstieg@hotmail.com](mailto:patstieg@hotmail.com)

**MN SOPHE Board meetings** are held on a monthly basis. Members are welcomed to join in the phone/teleconference calls. If you are interested in the June meeting, contact Joe Visker, President for more information, [joseph.visker@mnsu.edu](mailto:joseph.visker@mnsu.edu)

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