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1	1	c	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	N	Question: Does it cover an expansion of a data warehouse?	Staff communicated that this action is intended to speak to the prominence and accessibility of health information and communications rather than the internal data system implementation.	NA	NA		
2	2	NA	Board of Health	14-Jul	N	Concerns about the language in the strategy and actions because of the City's limitations around providing mental health services. Question: Does PHMDC staff feel comfortable with the actions?	PHMDC communicated they helped inform the language in the Health list; Thus, they are comfortable with them. Additionally, the actions reflect efforts that are currently underway.	NA	NA		
3	2	a	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	N	Question: Is this an expansion of City-provided Mental Health services?	Staff communicated that this action is not an expansion of City services - it relates to Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) involvement and engagement with services provided by Dane County and other community partners.	NA	NA		
4	2	c	Plan Commission	26-Jul	Y	Recommendation to say "marginalized" instead of "marginal".	N/A - issue was raised by email following the meeting.	Staff follow-up: Looked at history of wording of action; "marginal" was used throughout, but no objections to change.	Recommended change made		
5	2	d	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	N	Recommendation to review language: concerns about the use of the term "substance misuse."	Referred to PHMDC staff for analysis.	PHMDC advises that "Substance misuse" is the preferred, non-stigmatizing language in the field of behavioral health (prevention and treatment) and public health (harm reduction). "In his report, "Facing Addiction in America," the US Surgeon General defines substance misuse as "the use of any substance in a manner, situation, amount, or frequency that can cause harm to the person using the substance or those around them." Source (https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-generals-report.pdf) "Substance misuse" is the preferred, non-stigmatizing language in the field of behavioral health (prevention and treatment) and public health (harm reduction). We strongly encourage you to maintain the use of "substance misuse" in your strategy." - Sarah Johnson, Health Education Specialist	Retain existing language		
6	2	d	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	Y	Recommendation to review language: switch "synthetic opioid" for "Fentanyl."	Referred to PHMDC staff for analysis.	PHMDC advises that it is risky to focus on one substance instead of taking a more holistic approach because it does not address the root causes of the issue and results on shifting the overdose epidemic response from one drug to the next without any actual improvements in our communities. "Synthetic opioids is the current category of drugs driving the overdose epidemic in this country and in Dane County. Fentanyl is included in the category of synthetic opioids, but it is not the only drug in that category. We are regularly seeing new synthetic opioids hitting the market; it is a field that rapidly evolves. Public Health Madison & Dane County approaches the overdose epidemic and overdose prevention broadly and does not focus on one drug. You will see from the Overdose Report (https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/overdose_fatality_review_2022.pdf), on page 7, that we are currently in a fourth wave of the epidemic, characterized by polydrug, or multiple drug, overdose deaths. (As a note, we consider synthetic opioids as the third wave of the epidemic.) The risk of focusing on one substance instead of taking a more holistic approach can be seen in this country's response to the "prescription drug epidemic" and then the "heroin epidemic". Neither approach addressed the root causes of the issue and ended up just shifting the overdose epidemic response from one drug to the next without any actual improvements in our communities. A primary focus on "fentanyl" excludes efforts to address the growing and constantly evolving synthetic opioids being introduced to the market at an alarming rate. We prefer the more accurate and comprehensive description of our efforts focusing on "synthetic opioids." If you wanted to include fentanyl specifically, we would recommend changing the strategy to: <i>Work to reduce drug misuse and overdose rates, especially synthetic opioid misuse (including fentanyl), through providing education and safer use tools to high-risk individuals, their friends and families, and their communities.</i> - Sarah Johnson, Health Education Specialist	New language: Work to reduce drug misuse and overdose rates, especially synthetic opioid misuse (including fentanyl), through providing education and safer use tools to high-risk individuals, their friends and families, and their communities.		

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7	7	NA	Board of Health	14-Jul	N	Concerns about strategy not being comprehensive enough about the City's work with violence prevention.	PHMDC indicated that it could be an opportunity to be more specific. Staff communicated that, in terms of being comprehensive enough, actions do not intend to cover everything the City does.	NA	NA		
8	7	a	Staff	14-Jul	Y	Staff noticed the use of the term "drug abuse." PHMDC recommends "substance misuse" instead.	NA	NA	New language: Address the impacts of trauma, alcohol, and other substance misuse through utilizing preventative measures and shifting treatments away from the criminal justice system.		
9	All Safety	NA	Transportation Policy and Planning Board	18-Jul	NA	MPD is working with a consultant on their strategic plan for the next years. Question: Are you part of the process?	Staff communicated that they were not included in the process, although Assistant Chief John Patterson had been working closely with the staff as a key subject matter expert	NA	NA		
10	All list	NA	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	N	Concerns about not including social factors such as "access to affordable housing" as a health action.	Staff communicated that other Imagine Madison elements already include social factors that impact health.	NA	NA		
11	All list	NA	Public Safety Review Committee	8-Jun	N	Concerns about changes from a pre-pandemic to a post-pandemic Community Health Needs Assessment.	Staff informed diverse resources were used to identify community priorities and consider the effects of the pandemic. Referred to staff for further analysis.	<p>The 2022-2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (https://publichealthmdc.thehcn.net/content/sites/publichealthmdc/CHNA/CHNA_2022-2024_FINAL.pdf) shows four areas considered very critical health needs or issues by the community: Reproductive Justice, Chronic Conditions, Behavioral Health, and Injury, with mental health as the most critical need.</p> <p>Strategy 2 addresses behavioral health issues through public health initiatives and partnerships. Strategy 7 includes actions related to the impact of substance misuse in violence prevention.</p> <p>Strategy 3 addresses issues related to physical health and well-being and includes an action about physical activity, which is related to some of the chronic conditions described in the CHNA document. However, much of the work to reduce chronic conditions is related to factors outside the clinical scope, such as social determinants of health, which are addressed in other elements.</p> <p>Strategies 6 and 8 address injuries-related issues such as crashes and safe public spaces. Additionally, the CHNA report includes self-harm and suicide as part of injuries. Both are addressed in Strategies 2 and 7 through a behavioral/mental health approach.</p> <p>Strategy 3 also includes actions related to reproductive health (birth outcomes and sexual clinic) however, due to the recent overturning of Roe v Wade, the staff team recommends adding other two actions to strengthen the City's services around reproductive justice.</p> <p>Overall, there were not many changes from the 2019-2021 Community Health Needs Assessment. Other cross-cutting themes relate to health equity, which is addressed in Strategy 1, and social determinants of health, which are addressed in other elements (e.g., healthy food access, housing).</p>	Continue to work to include two specific actions around reproductive justice.		

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12	All list	NA	Board of Health	14-Jul	Y	Thoughts about adding something on reproductive rights. Recommended more conversations with PHMDC staff and, when PHMDC staff is comfortable, proposing an amendment on the Council floor.	No response needed. Staff communicated, during the presentation, they have already started to discuss this issue with PHMDC.	NA			
13	All list	NA	Board of Health	14-Jul	N	Questions about the procedures to update the document now or in the future.	Staff communicated that this current adoption process is the time for committees to recommend updates before the proposed list is incorporated in the plan update process. The Health & Safety materials are scheduled to go before the Common Council on August 2nd. Additionally, staff communicated that the next plan creation process – following the 10-year cycle – will include Health and Safety as an element from the beginning instead of using them as lenses.	NA	NA		
14	All list	NA	Transportation Policy and Planning Board	18-Jul	NA	Appreciation of the integration social determinants of health in the development process.	NA	NA	NA		
15	All list	NA	Transportation Policy and Planning Board	18-Jul	NA	Desire to make sure the 7 elements are not siloed.	Staff indicated that health and safety were used as lenses in the development of the other elements (original comprehensive plan), and so there is a link between the Health and Safety list and the other elements. Additionally, the Health and Safety list includes aspects that relate to the other elements.	NA	NA		