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Young Male Sexual Health in Minneapolis: A youth-led participatory research project

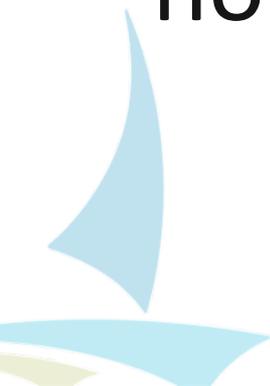
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Vision:

Healthy lives, health equity, and healthy environments are the foundation of a vibrant Minneapolis now and into the future.



Project Timeline

2014

Adolescent health data analysis
and programmatic investment review

2015

Youthprise/MHD partnership and
research project

2016

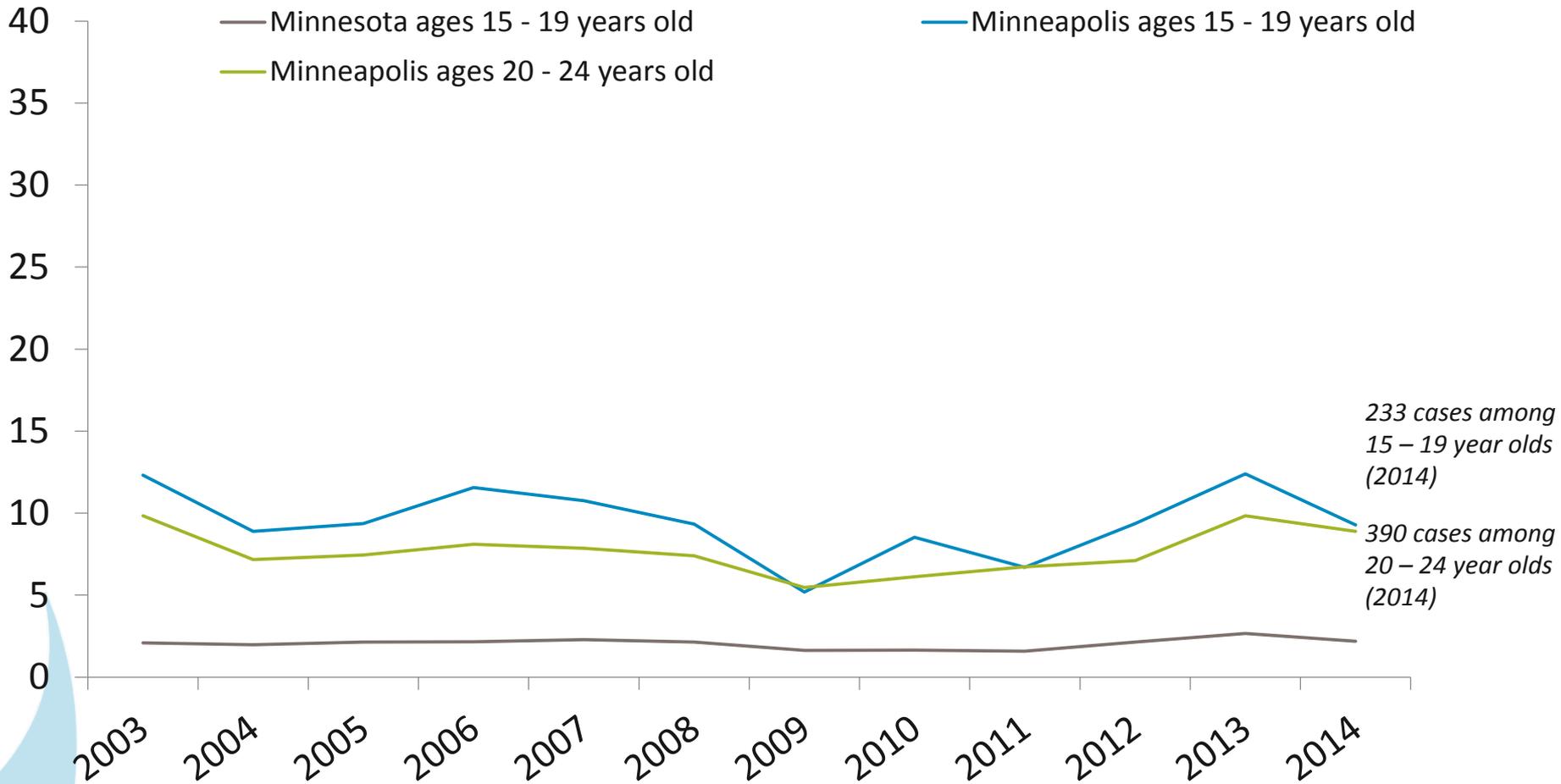
Report and recommendations
communicated to stakeholders



Current Investments

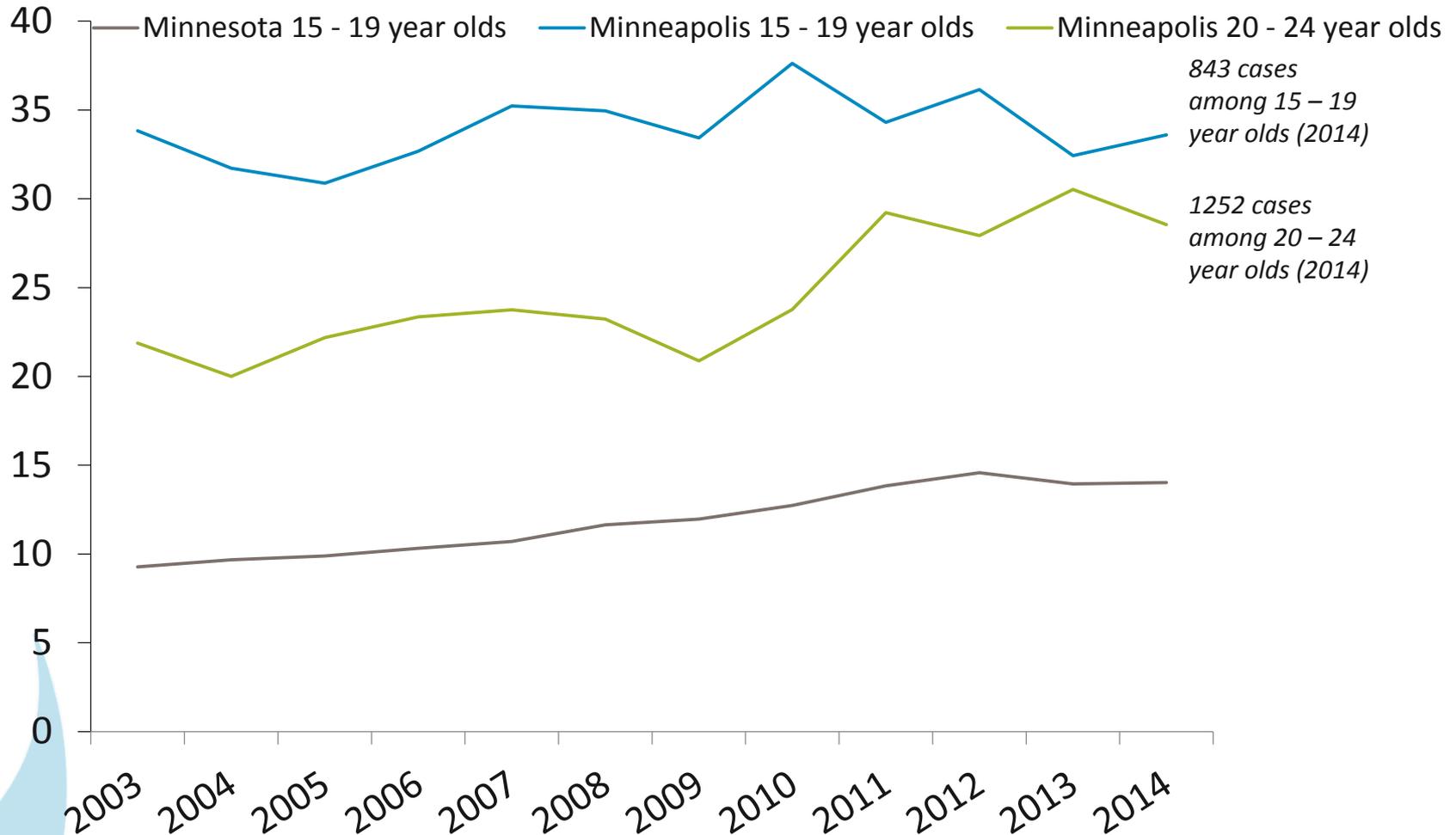
- School Based Clinics (36% of clients are male)
 - Health educators, STI screening and family planning
- Minneapolis Public Schools
 - 6-8th grade Making Proud Choices implementation
- Culturally Specific curriculum and peer education
 - Wellstone Peer Education for African Immigrants, Division of Indian Work Live It! curriculum
- Seen on da Streets
 - 1-1 and group education, STI screenings for men 15+
- CRUSH Collaborative: Community Restoring Urban Youth Sexual Health
 - Teen Council, Barbershop Project, STI Testing day

Gonorrhea rate per 1,000 youth



SOURCE: U.S. Census 2014 and Minnesota Department of Health

Chlamydia rate per 1,000 youth

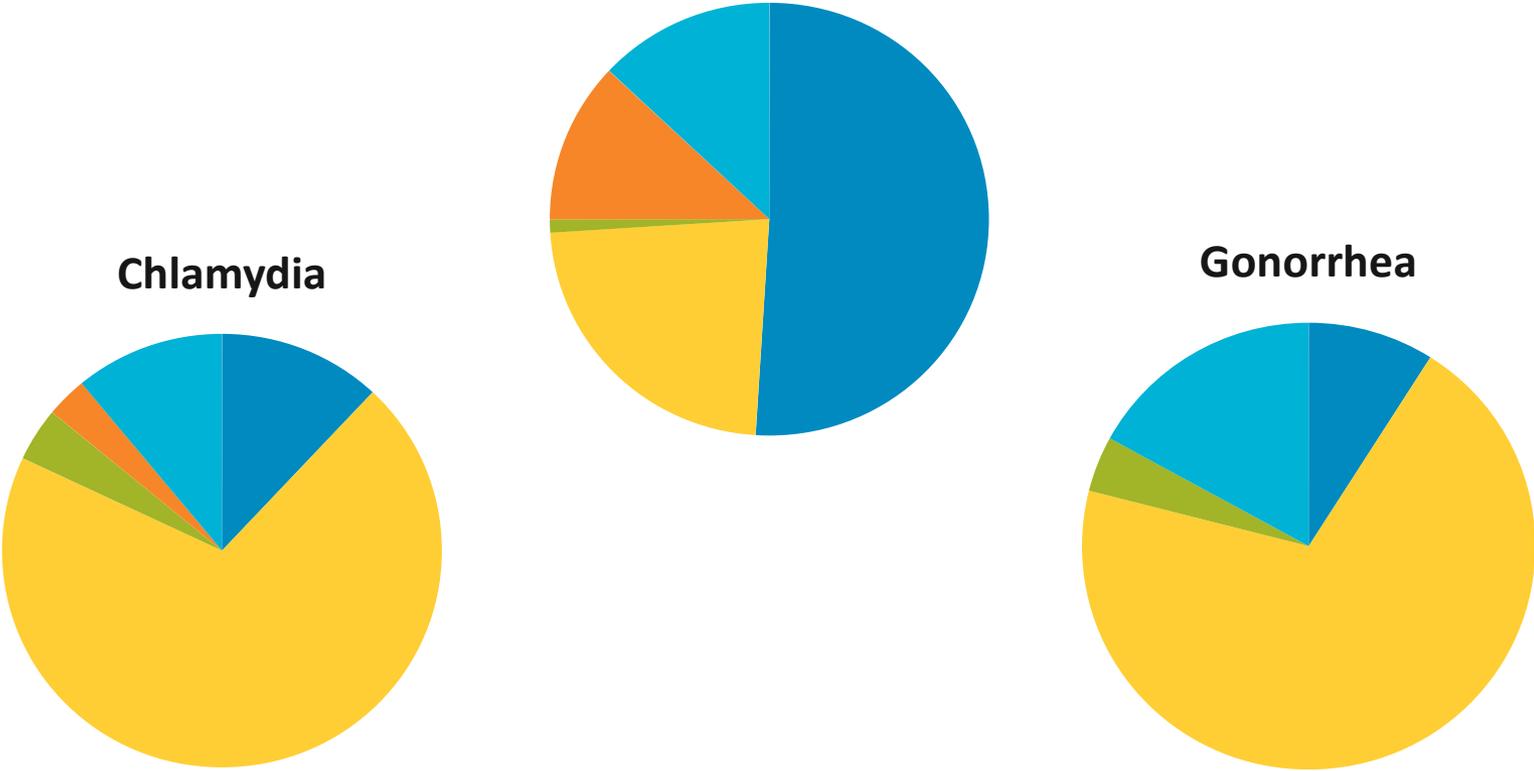


SOURCE: U.S. Census 2014 and Minnesota Department of Health

Distribution of infections among Minneapolis youth ages 15 – 19 years old, 2014

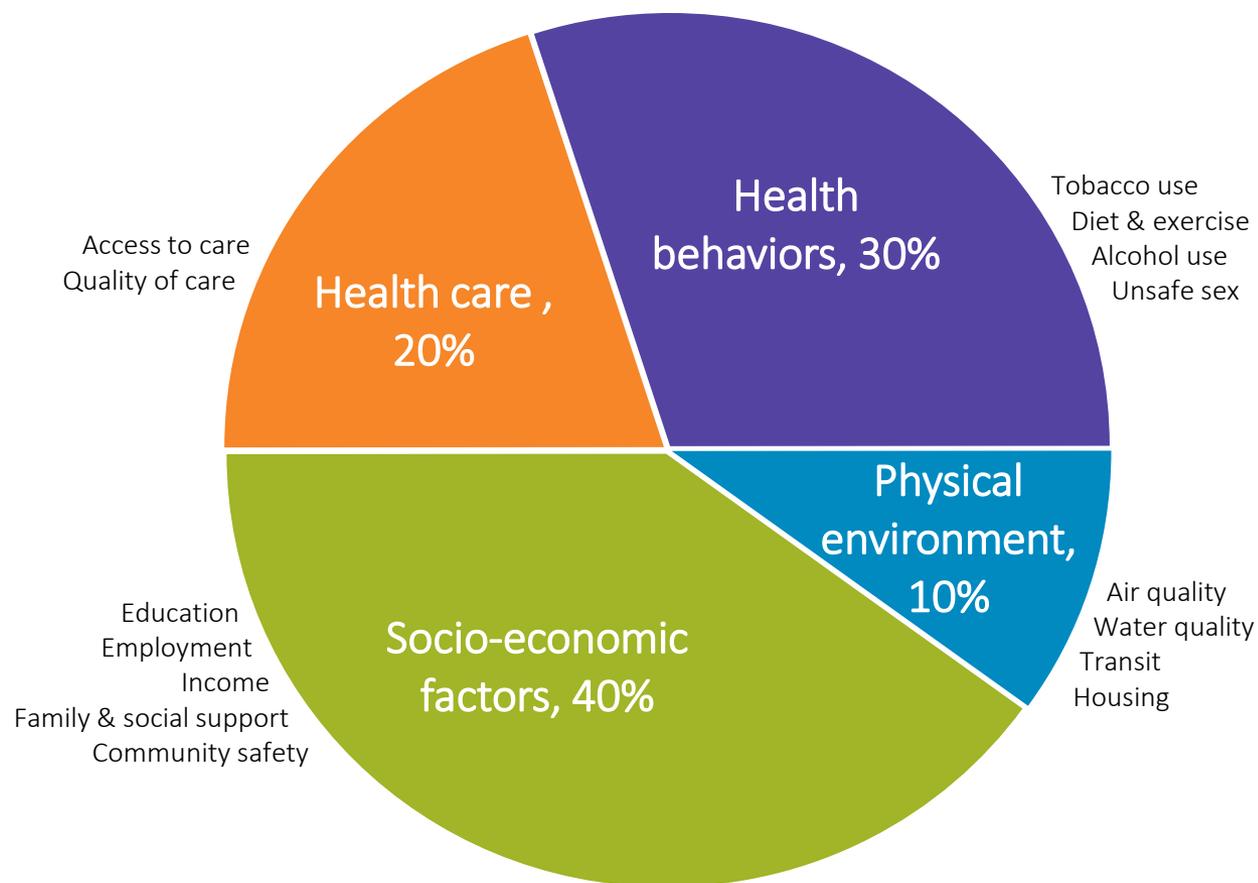
Youth who reside in Minneapolis

■ White ■ Black ■ American Indian ■ Asian/Pacific Islander ■ Other



SOURCE: U.S. Census 2010 and Minnesota Department of Health

Determinants of population health



SOURCE: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

Participants

- **Minneapolis Health Department:** Adolescent Health and Youth Development and Research and Evaluation Division
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- **Partner Organizations:** Youthlink, Migizi Communications, The Avenue Eatery, Cookie Cart, Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Change Equals Opportunity, El Colegio, Minneapolis Believers in Christ, YWCA, Café Southside

Process

- Develop research design with Youthprise Research Division
- Recruit youth research consultants
- Train youth research consultants
- Collect data from focus groups, one on one interviews, and Photovoice project
- Analyze and interpret data
- Create report and recommendations to share with stakeholders

Emergent themes

- Experiences with sex education
- The influence of the media
- Decision-making paradigms
- Race, gender, heteronormativity
- Understandings of sexual health and evaluation of sexual health
- Spaces of interaction, strength, and support
- Participant solutions

Recommendations

- Communicate issues to primary stakeholders
- Engage the City and public health to authentically collaborate with young men to address systemic issues
- Increase and realign investments for young men to increase access to education and health services

What does this mean for the city?

- Invest in community health workers doing targeted interventions with young males ages 15 – 24 on the street and at various community of color events throughout the city
- Racism is at the core of this health issue; stakeholders support thoughtful engagement in systems level change
- Youth are engaged citizens of Minneapolis and are powerful and insightful partners when creating strategies, policies, and plans; planning should continue to meaningfully include or be led by youth

Photovoice and Spoken Word Project



Poetry

- **Touch as Pathway**
- **A Lesson in the Unknown**
- **The Will of Touch**
- **Waves**
- **Touch as Healing**
- **More Recent Memories**
- **The Summer I got robbed**



Discussion



Thank you!

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