

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE City of Duluth - Communications Office

411 West First Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55802 218-730-5230 | www.duluthmn.gov | Emily Larson, Mayor

For more information contact Pakou Ly, Public Information Coordinator 218-730-5309

DATE: 3/27/2017

SUBJECT: Duluth Earned Safe and Sick Time Taskforce Continuing to Seek Public Input

BY: Pakou Ly, Communications Office

Duluth Earned Safe and Sick Time Taskforce Continuing to Seek Public Input

[Duluth, MN] – The Duluth City Council established an Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) task force this past summer who is engaging and collecting public input in order to consider best options for implementing ESST policies and bring forward policy recommendations to the Duluth City Council. The Taskforce started a series of public engagement sessions with several opportunities still available for the public to attend and provide feedback. The Taskforce has also created an online survey tool to gather input from employers and employees on this topic.

The ESST is following a three phase approach with their initial work focused on research and compiling information. The Taskforce has studied other communities and employer policies and practices. Public input will enable the ESST members to further understand employee and employer issues, concerns or ideas. The public engagement opportunities are listed below and open to the public (a new session was added for March 29 and the April 10 meeting will offer childcare):

March 29th (additional session)

4:00-6:00 PM

Lake Superior College

2101 Trinity Rd, Room LS S1981,

Duluth, MN 55811

April 6th

3:00pm – 5:00pm Duluth Heights Community Center 33 W Mulberry St Duluth, MN 55811

April 10th

5:30pm – 7:30pm

1Roof

12 E 4th St

Duluth, MN 55805

*Child Care Available

April 19th

7:30am – 10:00am

The Sports Garden

425 S Lake Ave

Duluth, MN 55802

The online survey is available using these weblinks:

 ${\bf Employee \ survey \ link: } \underline{https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CZS8YB}$

Employer survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CMQY68

Paper copies of the employee surveys will also be available at all of the Duluth Public Libraries, Community Action Duluth, and Duluth Workforce Center.

Details about this Taskforce are available on the City's website at http://www.duluthmn.gov/city-council/earned-sick-and-safe-time-task-force/