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Director's Report to the Board of Health October 11, 2019

Director's Attended Meetings –September 2019

1. Scott County Strategic Planning Session (2)
2. Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) Board
3. Mahesh Sharma (2)
4. Live Lead Free Quad Cities
5. Park View Rental Regulations Committee
6. Quad Cities Emergency Preparedness Committee

I would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service with the Department:

Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician	1 year	October 22
Katie DeLaRosa, Medical Assistant	3 years	October 3
Leah Kroeger, I-Smile™ Coordinator	3 years	October 31
Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator	3 years	October 31
Michelle Dierickx, Office Assistant	6 years	October 28
Brenda Schwarz, Senior Office Assistant	10 years	October 27
Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist	29 years	October 1

Monitor Health Status

Communicable Disease Program

Fifteen communicable diseases were reported during September. They included six cases of salmonellosis, three cases of hepatitis B, two cases of hepatitis C, and one case each of campylobacteriosis, hepatitis A, Lyme Disease, and mumps.

Staff participated in a conference call with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA), and the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) about a cluster of thirteen salmonella cases in Scott County. Of the five people that had been interviewed, three reported eating at the same Scott County food service establishment. Scott County Health Department (SCHD) staff visited the establishment and conducted an environmental assessment. IDPH and DIA wanted to conduct environmental sampling at the establishment. SCHD staff met DIA and assisted in taking forty-six environmental samples from the facility. All the samples from the establishment came back negative. IDPH will continue to monitor whether there are additional cases of salmonella being diagnosed in Scott County

Rabies Risk Assessments

Thirty-four individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to twenty-two dogs, eight cats, two bats, and one groundhog. One dog exposed two individuals. Rabies post exposure prophylaxis was recommended for nine individuals.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In September, there were six children receiving individual case management. Of those, five had a blood level between 15-19 ug/dL and one had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dl. There are no children with blood lead levels less than 15 ug/dL. Seven children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services (visual inspections, education over the telephone, appointment reminders) for lead poisoning this month. Of those, six had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and one had a blood lead level less than 10 ug/dL. These children receive public health nursing support until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 5 ug/dL are obtained.

Fourteen children attending Scott County Health Department's (SCHD) Immunization Clinic accepted lead testing services during their visit. Eight children were between the ages of one and two years and six children were between the ages of three and six years. Scott County WIC locations completed eighteen lead tests during June. No new cases of lead poisoning were identified at either location.

Diagnose/Investigate Health Problems and Hazards

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Ninety-two clients received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during September. Eleven clients tested positive for chlamydia, seven tested positive for gonorrhea, and one client tested positive for HIV at the Health Department's clinic. In total, eighty-five cases of chlamydia, twenty-three cases of gonorrhea, and two cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month.

Inspection of New Residence for a Child in the Lead Program

Staff conducted a lead inspection at a property for a family with an open elevated blood lead (EBL) case who moved. The new residence did not contain any immediate lead hazards; one lead hazard was identified in the common foyer area of the apartment building. The property management team of the apartment complex was notified and is in the process of addressing the hazard.

Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility and Quality

First Med Pharmacy Review

In August, two hundred and fifty-six inmates received nine hundred and eighty-nine prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-nine percent.

Develop Policies and Plans

Princeton Adopts Sidewalk Ordinance

Princeton City Council adopted an updated sidewalk ordinance which included language from the SCHD Comprehensive Sidewalk Policy model. The ordinance requires new or reconstructed sidewalks to be at least five feet wide and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) detectable warning pads at each intersection of the street, road, or highway with a sidewalk or path.

Community Health Improvement Plan Release, Implementation and Planning

Staff attended the Quad Cities Community Health Assessment Steering Committee meeting. The committee discussed the recent release of the Community Health Improvement Plan and how the plan will be promoted in the community. The group also started preliminary discussions for the timeline of the 2021 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan process. There is some support for undertaking a modified assessment that does not require as in depth of information gathering, given the difficulty in seeing changes in health status in three short years. The committee will continue these discussions.

Enforce Laws and Regulations

Education Provided to Law Enforcement Regarding Animal Bite Reporting and Follow-Up

Lieutenant Kitty Schutts, Scott County Humane Society Shelter Manager and SCHD staff met with law enforcement officials from six local Police Departments regarding timely reporting of animal bites and the legal requirements for quarantining animals that have bitten other animals or people. Law enforcement officials are involved in animal bites when Scott County Animal Control is closed. At times, those reports are delayed in making it to SCHD for follow-up. This meeting provided an opportunity to educate regarding the importance of timely response to protect against rabies.

Joint Inspection of New Pool

Staff accompanied John Kelly, IDPH Engineer on his construction inspection of a new outdoor pool and spa at an apartment complex in Bettendorf on the site of the old Twin Bridges motel.

New Tattoo Establishments Inspected

Three new tattoo establishments were inspected in Scott County. One was an existing beauty salon that intended to add micro-blading as a new service. This facility was not approved due to the lack of a handwashing sink in the room. The other two met the requirements and IDPH issued the establishment permits.

Cockroach Complaint Investigated

Staff investigated a complaint of cockroaches migrating from one house to another in Davenport. An older individual had moved out of his home and his belongings were piled in the front yard and in a roll-off waste container. Many cockroaches were observed moving in the grass and in the piles of materials in the yard. A relative of the owner had the property treated by a professional pest control service.

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Van's Downtown Davenport, Brady Street, Davenport	Chemical injury due to ingestion of beer tap line cleaner	Resolved
HyVee, West Locust Street, Davenport	Produce vendor was roasting chili peppers without proper licensing	Resolved

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
Viva Quad Cities	4	1 stand had to be rechecked for reheating & cold holding
Farmer's Market	3	1 stand had several issues (cold holding, personal hygiene, improper equipment & contaminated equipment)- required a recheck
Riverssance	3	1 stand had cold holding violation, but corrected on site
Renaissance Fair	4	No violations

Swimming Pool/Spa Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
Country Inn & Suites, East 55 th Street, Davenport	Non-payment of registration fees	Closed pending payment to IDPH (see below)

At the request of IDPH, staff visited the Country Inn & Suites in Davenport. The facility had failed to pay late fees for the registration payment that was paid late. Staff did not conduct an inspection because the pool was not in operation, but did find that the door to the pool enclosure could not be locked. Staff informed the person in charge that this was a serious violation since the door could be pulled open anytime. The owner reported that the lock mechanism was repaired that day; the repair was confirmed by SCHD staff the next day.

Research for new insights and innovative solutions

Highly Infectious Disease Committee

Staff attended the IDPH Highly Infectious Disease Committee meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to get Dr. Caitlin Pedati, IDPH Medical Director/State Epidemiologist, familiar with the committee's work and start the process of developing a vision for the future. Assuring that the state has highly infectious disease assessment and treatment hospitals as well as a transportation network of emergency medical services (EMS) providers has been the focus. The

role of local public health in managing a patient(s) with a highly infectious disease has been discussed, but additional work is needed. Learning from past exercises and developing more comprehensive exercises will allow the system to be tested and improved.

Assurance

Link People to Needed Personal Health Service

HIV and Hepatitis Community Testing Services

Routine HIV and hepatitis C counseling, testing and referral services were provided this month at Humility of Mary Shelter, Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Scott County Juvenile Detention Center, Center for Behavioral Health, Muscatine Center for Social Action, and Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Burlington.

Additionally, testing and education was offered at a variety of community events. Staff hosted an educational booth and offered free rapid HIV testing at a Sickle Cell Anemia awareness benefit held in Davenport. Condoms and HIV/STD education/referral materials were distributed. Staff also participated in the local fall Pride celebration, offering condoms, promotional items with department contact information, STD/HIV prevention and stigma reduction literature, referral information for STD clinical services, and free HIV testing in partnership with the Project of the Quad Cities. A total of thirty-four individuals were tested for HIV and five for hepatitis C through community testing efforts.

Iowa Mission of Mercy Event

The department's community dental consultants each worked a day at the Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) event sharing I-Smile™ and I-Smile™ Silver information with local patients of the IMOM clinic. IMOM was a two-day community dental clinic where dental professionals and volunteers donate their time to provide free oral health care to individuals who face barriers to receiving dental care.

Maternal Health Direct Services Continue

Staff provided Maternal Health direct services to eighteen clients in the month of September. Direct services include health risk assessments, various screenings, education, and care coordination. Staff also taught a breastfeeding class at Pregnancy Resources. There were five attendees.

Insurance Support Provided Within Schools

Through partnerships developed with Scott County school staff, staff was able to connect two students and their families to needed health insurance coverage, as well as meet with a newly pregnant student at a local high school. Staff met with the student at her school and helped her order replacement insurance cards and report her pregnancy to the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS). She also talked her through how to add her baby to the insurance in the future and provided information on prenatal care providers and other pregnancy and infant focused community programs.

Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Workforce

Hepatitis A Webinar

Food Program staff attended the webinar *Hepatitis A Outbreak Trends 2016-Present* detailing nationwide outbreaks of hepatitis A. This webinar discussed recent outbreak trends and best practices that were used to get information out to the food industry.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Region IV Fall Conference

Several Food Program staff members attended the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Region IV Fall Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

The session, *Cooling: Beyond the Code* was facilitated by two food inspectors from the City of Minneapolis. Their data showed that sixty-one percent of their facilities were failing to meet proper cooling requirements when cooling was being observed during routine inspections. The inspectors decided to conduct a quality improvement project focused on improving cooling. The inspectors focused on high risk restaurants, reviewed their menus, and spoke with facilities about their cooling processes. A form was developed to track various properties of the cooling foods. Cooling was monitored in several facilities in various products using a National Science Foundation (NSF) temperature data logger. The data that resulted from their research astonished the majority of the restaurant owners and managers that they worked with. One of the examples they provided was that in one establishment, a container of lentil soup that was five and a half inches deep was estimated to cool down by the restaurant operator in approximately one hour. The actual time that it took for the lentil soup to reach forty-one degrees was fifteen hours.

Presentations on *Improving the Quality of Life in our Neighborhoods: A Systemic Approach* (Lincoln, NE Police) and *The Connection Between People, Pets and Public Health – A Case Study* (Lincoln, NE Animal Control) involved case studies from Lincoln's Community Resource Team (CRT). All city of Lincoln departments are represented on this team. When a property is bad enough and at least two departments have pending action against the property (or owner), the case can be brought before the CRT and a collaborative effort is made to address the problems. Examples of issues fixed were a one-bedroom apartment with eighty-six cats and many properties involving illegal drugs and hoarding.

Staff attend the session *Emerging Trends in Food Safety: Automation and Public Health*, presented by Kaylyn Brunskole with NSF International. Ms. Brunskole discussed the challenges that arise when innovation and food safety meet, and how NSF works to help entrepreneurs design equipment which meets the requirements of the Food Code, while providing the technological advances necessary to support food service operations. One example given was that of a robotic arm that was design to flip hamburger patties. Since there are many parts which can harbor bacteria, NSF worked with the equipment manufacturer to design a sleeve which will prevent buildup of food debris in difficult to clean parts of the robot.

Dr. Jeffrey Stevens from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's (UNL) Department of Psychology presented *The Science of Belief and Decision Making*. His session utilized case studies to show just how strong of a tendency humans have for biases. One of Dr. Jeffrey's examples demonstrated how people would visually see different bits of information based on their particular belief systems.

In the session, *Techniques for Inspiring Behavior Change*, Dr. Lisa Pennisi from the School of Natural Resources at UNL presented information on advertising ideas to effect behavior change in a way that overcomes or circumvents people's innate bias to information that contradicts their belief system. Her demonstrations showed that advertisements that attempted to shock their audience were highly ineffective; the same is true for advertisements that were overly negative/pessimistic. Additionally it was shown that campaigns that addressed big issues like climate change were not effective due to them inspiring more hopelessness about issues most people felt powerless to effect. Advertisements/advertising that were effective and seemed to have effects on people's behaviors:

1. Broke big issues up into small goals. Example: if the topic is climate change, address a smaller issue like recycling or decreasing the use of plastics.
2. Were not being overly negative and inspiring hopelessness.
3. Demonstrated others doing the targeted behavior.

Intro to the Body Art Education Alliance discussed a new alliance and its role in drafting the new model code for piercing and tattooing. The model code which will be released in October was reviewed. The speakers asked about tattoo/body are regulations in the states attending the conference and also asked about the various training the regulators received.

PHAB Prepared Public Health Workforce Group

Staff attended the September 2019 Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Prepared Public Health Workforce Group meeting. The group primarily consists of leaders and other workforce development focused staff from health departments in Iowa. It is facilitated by staff from the Midwestern Public Health Training Center (MPHTC). During this call, an intern from the MPHTC provided an overview of training evaluation process possibilities that might be beneficial for agencies to implement.

Webinar on Vaccine Hesitancy and Misinformation

Staff attended the webinar *Exploring Effective Strategies to Address Vaccine Hesitancy and Misinformation*. Dr. Broniatowski from George Washington University explained how social media, trolls, and bots spread misinformation. Dr. Jesse Hackell reviewed vaccine hesitancy and its effect on rates of vaccine preventable disease. He also highlighted parental concerns and strategies to address them including scientific research. Lastly, Dr. Thomas Dobbs, the State Health Officer of Mississippi, explained the immunization policy in Mississippi that only allows medical exemptions and does not have religious or philosophical exemptions. He described different challenges to the law and what has been learned in addressing them. Dr. Dobbs also discussed Mississippi's strategy to improve HPV vaccine completion.

Seminar on Stress and Its Impact

Staff attended the seminar, *Practical Ways to Optimize Health and Wellbeing: Hope, Calm, Joy, and Laughter*. The seminar was presented by Brian King, PhD, a doctor of psychology, counselor, and comedian with the Institute for Brain Potential, who discussed the physiologic consequences of stress and the beneficial brain chemistry associated with humor, laughter, and mindfulness. He discussed how supporting feelings of hope, calm, and joy can reduce the need for certain psychiatric medications. He also shared research demonstrating how humor and laughter counteracts the toxic effects of cortisol, supports cardiovascular health, and reduces the risk of immune suppression.

Social Development Webinar

Staff viewed the webinar, “Lessening Challenging Behaviors: Teachers and Classrooms as Partners in Facilitating Pro-Social Development.” The presenter provided ways to teach children the skills they need to control their emotions, instead of punishing children for their lack of social maturity.

Community-Based Screening Services Update

Staff attended IDPH’s Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Update. Colleen Bornmueller, CBSS Coordinator reported that there are fifty-eight sites that receive CBSS services which include providing test kits, processing specimens for chlamydia and gonorrhea, and treatment. Ms. Bornmueller shared that due to limited funding for the CBSS Program, CBSS providers need to first assess for insurance coverage prior to offering services. If the person has private, third party insurance, the person does not qualify for CBSS because SHL cannot bill private insurance claims and CBSS is seen as a “safety net” provider. The exception is clients seeking confidential services and do not want their insurance billed because the explanation of benefits, or other statements, may be sent to the home. Ms. Bornmueller also reviewed the current CBSS screening criteria, the importance of three point testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea, and lab tests that are covered and can be offered to clients under the Test of Public Health Significance.

George Walton, STD Program Manager, reported 2018 surveillance data for Iowa. He pointed out that that six cases of congenital syphilis have occurred in Iowa since 2014. He shared that gonorrhea is a biological factor for HIV acquisition. Sores or inflammation caused by gonorrhea may allow HIV acquisition that would have been stopped by intact skin, and infection can bring more HIV target cells to the area.

Kris Eveland from SHL, informed CBSS sites that the unisex swab for collecting cervical, urethral, oropharyngeal and rectal specimens will be discontinued. There has been confusion and multiple phone calls regarding the utilization of this collection device. All CBSS sites will transition to the multi-test collection swab, which is more sensitive and patient preferred over the unisex swab. The urine collection method will remain an option for chlamydia and gonorrhea testing.

IDPH's Local Public Health Grand Rounds and Best Practices for Surveillance

Staff attended IDPH's *Local Public Health Grand Rounds* in Ames Iowa on September 24. Local public health staff from several counties shared issues they have faced in disease investigations.

Two people from different counties discussed pertussis outbreaks in their county and how they worked with Amish communities to disseminate information, provide treatment, and set up vaccination clinics. The presenters shared that the Amish community prefers a holistic approach to health and how resistant that community was to treatment and vaccination. Over time, and with a great deal of effort, each county was able to provide enough education to shift the views of the Amish leaders during this outbreak. Most Amish families do not have insurance, but share a community "pot" of money for medical expenses. One county worked with IDPH, their Board of Health, medical director, and local pharmacies to obtain and use standing orders for treatment medication. Public health staff emailed the standing order for treatment to the pharmacy for exposed or symptomatic people. The pharmacy would then deliver the medication to the home to minimize exposures in the community. Public health was allowed to use a special phone system the Amish community has. Public health developed a message and took it to the contact person in the Amish community. The contact person used the special phone system to send the message to 350 people in the Amish community. Many children received vaccination against pertussis and many were treated.

Another county staff member spoke about a bat that exposed many children sleeping in a cabin at a summer camp. Some of the campers were from other states. Camp and public health staff had to coordinate informing parents and obtaining permission for rabies prevention treatment. Public health staff also had to coordinate with staff at two hospitals in the county to divide the exposed campers to get them to the hospital with the rabies prevention treatment medications.

Dr. Caitlin Pedati, IDPH Medical Director and State Epidemiologist spoke about responding to potential measles threats and cases in a community with a large, unvaccinated Somali population. Not only was there a language barrier to work around, but many parents also believed that the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine caused autism and would not allow their children to be vaccinated. The Somali people also had the belief that there was a specific genetic side effect to the MMR vaccine that would cause their children to be unable to speak if they received the vaccine. Both outbreak scenarios illustrated the need of public health to involve all community groups in planning and develop rapport with the leaders before there is a crisis.

The following day, staff attended *Best Practices for Public Health Surveillance Interviews* by the Minnesota Integrated Food Safety Center for Excellence. Basic interviewing techniques and tallying exposures was discussed in depth. Attendees were then given two interview forms to review and find positive and negative things on the forms. The presenters then talked about a large foodborne outbreak and how details from a few interviews lead them to find the source point. This investigation led to a national recall of the food causing the illnesses.

Inform, Educate, and Empower People About Health Issues

Future Fest Connects Adolescents to Services

Staff attended the September 2019 Future Fest annual event which is focused on connecting adolescents getting closer to aging out of foster care placement with community agencies and educational institutions that can be a part of that transition for them. Staff discussed the available programs and services at SCHD that can help support their health, and emphasized the importance of continuing to attend preventive health care exams into adulthood.

UNCOVER-EH Panel Webinar

Staff participated in a webinar that was modeled after the Understanding the Needs, Challenges Opportunities, Vision, and Emerging Roles in Environmental Health (UNCOVER EH) panel discussion at the NEHA Annual Education Conference in July. UNCOVER EH is a ground breaking initiative to understand the challenges faced by and opportunities presented to environmental health practitioners in health departments of the United States. The areas discussed were food safety, water quality, wastewater management, healthy homes, vector control and emerging issues. The panel discussion was facilitated by Dr. Bryan Brooks (Baylor University), and the other members of the panel were Tim Callahan (Georgia Department of Public Health), Tim Hatch (Alabama Department of Public Health) and Nichole Lemin (Franklin County, Ohio Public Health Department).

Department Information Shared at Resource Fair

Staff attended a resource fair for low-income and homeless residents, organized and hosted by local labor union members. Staff distributed educational materials, referral information, and promotional items for the department's HIV/STD, hepatitis C, Tobacco, I-Smile™, Hawki, and Immunization Programs. The resource fair also provided an opportunity to network with other agencies in attendance and establish future partnerships.

Influenza Education Campaign Developed

Staff have been working on an influenza education campaign as part of the department's Immunization Grant requirements. Posters and billboards will be displayed around the Scott County area. Hand sanitizer with an influenza logo will be handed out in immunization clinic. The Scott County Immunization Coalition is part of the campaign; all members will distribute influenza stickers. Campaign materials were based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's marketing materials.

ServSafe Offered to Food Workers

Food Program staff taught a session of ServSafe class. A total of sixteen individuals completed the examination process and fourteen of the sixteen earned a passing score. The average passing score was eighty-five percent. Food establishments are required to have someone certified in safe food practices.

Education on Chronic Diseases Provided at Non-Public Schools

Staff attended a St. Paul The Apostle School staff meeting to provide education to teachers and staff about cystic fibrosis and epilepsy. The need for emergency health plans for students with these conditions and how to read and understand individual health plans were discussed. In addition, staff attended a parent/staff meeting for a child with epilepsy and helped address parent concerns.

At All Saints Catholic School, SCHED staff provided diabetes education to school staff. Emergency health plans and how to follow them for students with diabetes was discussed. Staff coordinated care between the medical provider, school, and parents for one child in particular who was newly diagnosed as insulin-dependent the week before school started.

Mobilize Community Partnerships

Parkview Rental Housing Task Force Meets

Staff participated in the Parkview Rental Housing Task Force meeting. This group is working on developing a rental inspection ordinance for the county by using Davenport, Bettendorf, and Eldridge's ordinances as a guide. Scott County Planning and Development is leading the task force with participation from the SCHED, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Scott County Board of Supervisors, and the Parkview Homeowners' Association. No other county in Iowa has an area of multi-family housing as large as Parkview that is in an unincorporated area.

Partnership with Hy-Vee and Families Impacted by Childhood Lead Poisoning

Staff met with Hy-Vee dietitians servicing West Davenport locations. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a partnership with SCHED to provide targeted nutritional education for families affected by lead poisoning. All those in attendance agreed that the nutrition educational needs of these families can be met during a store tour. Creation of communication forms and drafting of the referral process are pending. During this visit, staff provided education related to childhood lead poisoning and the importance of nutritional intervention in reducing blood lead levels.

Community Partnerships Protecting Children Spotlights Community Programs

Staff attended the September 2019 Community Partnerships Protecting Children (CPPC) meeting. Spotlight speakers for this month's meeting included Jen Armstrong from Parent Partners and Paula Vandervelde from the Child Abuse Council. Through the Parent Partners Program, families that are involved with the child welfare system can have additional support from trained parents (parent partners) who have already successfully navigated and been released from child welfare services. Parent partners do things like: be a helpful listener that can identify with what the parents are going through; attend DHS meetings, court hearings, etc. with the family; help connect families to important programs and resources in the community; etc. The Quad City Trauma Informed Consortium through the Child Abuse Council brings community partners together through meetings, educational opportunities and outreach "to prevent trauma while promoting the appropriate responsiveness when encountering individuals who have experienced trauma in all settings."

Quad City Trauma Informed Consortium Receives Connections Matter Training

Staff attended the September 2019 Quad City Trauma Informed Consortium meeting. The bulk of the meeting consisted of an abbreviated *Connections Matter* training that gave an overview of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and discussed how having quality relationships/connections can help to build resilience in children and adults experiencing trauma and ACEs. The training was offered as a demonstration of the types of education that the Child Abuse Council can provide. Community partners attending the meeting were encouraged to consider ways that trainings can be incorporated at their agencies and in their work, with the overall intent of spreading the trauma informed care message in the community. SCHD was fortunate to be able to provide the *Connections Matter* training to the majority of the staff in June through a grant from IDPH.

IDPH Ending the Epidemic Plan Development Underway

Staff attended a steering committee meeting to discuss Iowa's Ending the (HIV) Epidemic Plan. The steering committee discussed how to solicit input from various communities and populations throughout the state. It is important to include the rural communities as well as people of color. The committee discussed using on-line surveys, town halls, and focus groups to solicit information. Plans written by fifteen other states or jurisdictions were reviewed for ideas and discussion. The steering committee will continue to meet monthly.

Be Healthy Quad Cities Coalition's Efforts Linked with Community Health Improvement Plan

Staff attended the Be Healthy Quad Cities (QC) Coalition meeting in September where the group provided updates on Be Healthy QC activities. SCHD and QCHI staff led a discussion about the coalition's involvement in the activities of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) related to Nutrition, Physical, Activity, and Weight. The coalition agreed to modify the Be Healthy QC dashboard to track metrics related to the CHIP and it will become a regular agenda item.

Ribbon Cutting for Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the new headquarters of the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on September 12th. SCHD recently joined the chamber to identify and develop contacts and visibility within the local Hispanic community that may lead to outreach and partnership opportunities, particularly for the HIV/STD Programs.

Live Lead Free Quad Cities Recruits Contractors

Live Lead Free Quad Cities, a bistate, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization established in 2018 by organizational members of the Quad Cities with the purpose of creating a healthy living, playing, and working environment for its children, continues its work to remediate homes within Scott County. Work on the first home is underway, with plans to begin remediation on others upon its completion. A campaign has begun to rebuild the number of contractors available to perform the work needed to keep Scott County families safe.

Scott County Kids Provider Panel Hears About Opioids

Scott County Kids sponsors a Provider Panel meeting for mental health professionals and other community agencies that support youth with mental and behavioral health needs. The group highlights various topics and program. In September, two speakers were highlighted. The first was Dr. David Dierks, Genesis Emergency Department Director, who shared information about opioids and his experience with the current opioid epidemic that is effecting the country and our community.

Dr. Dierks explained the difference between the opium plant, an opiate, and opioid. He reviewed how narcotics affect the brain and pain receptors in the body, the narcotics effect on the body immediately and over time, as well as withdrawal signs. He discussed how many states have a prescription system that doctors need to check before prescribing narcotics, but explained that there are limitations due to the state systems not crossing borders. Lastly, he highlighted some historical information on how narcotics and opioids have caused a crisis starting with Oxycontin being put on the market in 1995.

The second presenter was Joyce Morrison who shared information about the newly started Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) from Vera French. MST is an intensive family and community-based treatment program that addresses all environments that impact high risk youth- home and families, schools and teachers, neighborhoods, and friends. MST teams travel to the youth and are on call twenty-four hours a day, work intensively to empower parents and caregivers, work with caregivers to focus youth on school and gaining jobs, and introduce youth to recreational activities such as an alternative to hanging out with anti-social peers. Vera French operates the first MST team in Iowa.

Youth Suicide Prevention Group Reconvenes

Staff attended a Youth Suicide Prevention Group meeting in September. This group has not met since April when the previous facilitator from Scott County Kids resigned. Chevis Krull has been hired as Special Projects Coordinator for Scott County Kids and will be leading the group. Ms. Krull plans to bring community stakeholders together to better understand the issues surrounding this serious problem and develop solutions.

Training for First Responders Regarding Narcan/Naloxone

Staff attended the Scott County EMS Association and Scott County Fire Chief's (SCEMSA/SCFC) combined meeting on Thursday, September 26. Chris Vitek, IDPH Bureau of Emergency Trauma Services, attended the meeting to train all participating agencies on the use of Narcan/naloxone and distribute doses to all agencies who complete the training. The training and medication is supported by a grant.

Physical Activity Access Grant Efforts

The department continues to collaborate with Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC) regarding the Physical Activity Access for low-income seniors project. Department, BSRC and City of Bettendorf staff met to discuss the project and efforts underway in Bettendorf to improve walkability and bikability.

Throughout September, department and BSRC staff completed comprehensive walk audits at two identified Milestones Area Agency on Aging meal sites. Two intersections near Spring Village in Davenport ranked “Fair: Sidewalks are in fair condition and moderate improvements are needed to increase safety for all users.” One of the intersections near Luther Manor in Bettendorf ranked fair and the other “Poor: Sidewalks need major improvements to enable safe use.” Both meal site locations are within walking distance of a Hy-Vee grocery store and bus stop with a shelter.

Meetings Attended by Staff

American Academy of Sanitarians Board
Be Healthy Quad Cities Coalition
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
Child Care Nurse Consultant State Meeting
City of Bettendorf Public Works
Clinical Review/Provider Panel
Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Executive Committee
Continuity of Operations Planning Meeting
CPPC
Davenport District Dental Society
Dr. Cheryl True, True Lifestyle Medicine
Food Access Mapping Workgroup
Food Rescue Partnership
Health Mental Health Nutrition Leadership Team Professional Development Meeting
IDPH Highly Infectious Disease Committee
IDPH Trauma Informed Care Learning Community
Iowa Environmental Health Association & Iowa Environmental Council
Iowa HIV/AIDS Community Planning Group
Jami Haberl, Healthiest State Initiative
Joel Moore, Genesis Health System
Julie Wacloff, RDH, MSPH, Chief, Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services
Live Lead Free Quad Cities Coalition
Luther Manor, Bettendorf Walk Audit
NACCHO Local Health IT Virtual Conference
Nelson Family Dentistry
Nicole Johnson and Courtney Connor, Community Health Care, Inc.
Park View Owner’s Association Board with Scott County Board of Supervisors
Parkview Rental Registration Taskforce
Power Grafx
QCHI Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Promotion Team
Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition

Quad Cities Lodging Association
Quad Cities Open Network
Quad City Trauma Informed Consortium (QCTIC)
Rachel Habash, Walk with a Doc
Region 5A Healthcare Coalition Meeting
Retail Food Regulatory Association Collaborative
RiverWay Steering Committee
Rock Star Customer Service Training provided by Heather Woody
Sarah Taylor Watts, Iowa Department of Public Health
SCEMSA/SCFC
Scott County GIS
Scott County Immunization Coalition
Sharae Huff, Connie Coyne-Gowdy, Breana Scherler, Community Health Care, Inc. and Laurene
Hendricks, Iowa Department of Public Health
Society for Public Health Education Continuing Education Committee
Spring Village, Davenport Walk Audit
St. Ambrose University
Tier Two Coalition Member Table Top
Tobacco-Free QC Community Education Workgroup
WISEWOMAN Updates Webinar
Youth Suicide Prevention Committee

Attachment 1: Reports from our database on education the Department provided to the community, education the Department provided to service providers, media inquiries and press releases/conferences