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Director's Report to the Board of Health May 14, 2021

Director's Attended Meetings – April 2021

- Scott County Department Heads (3)
- Scott County Health Department (SCHD) Incident Command Team (4)
- SCHD Staff Update (5)
- Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Local Public Health Webinar (3)
- IDPH Long-Term Care Webinar
- Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition (2)
- Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) COVID Meeting (2)
- Scott County School Leadership (2)
- IDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Update (3)
- Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (4)
- Vaccine Discussion with Scott County EMA and St. Ambrose University
- Vaccine Discussion with Eastern Iowa Community College District and Muscatine and Clinton County Public Health Agencies
- IDPH Vaccine Discussion with Larger Counties (3)
- Scott County Board of Supervisors Agenda Review (2)
- Region 6 Local Public Health Services Contractor Meeting
- FEMA Public Assistance Meeting
- Alert Iowa and AppArmor Planning Meeting (3)
- Vaccine Discussion with Dr. Katz, Rock Island County Health Department and Staff
- Doula Pilot Project Discussion with IDPH and Staff
- Quad City Health Initiative Vaccine Outreach Discussion
- Community Conversation with Rene Gellerman and United Way Staff
- Discussion on COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Grant with Rebecca Curtiss, IDPH
- Location Visit at Modern Woodmen Park for Vaccine Clinic Planning
- Overview of Budget Analyst Duties with County Administration
- Community Relations, Information, and Planning Service Area (2)
- Accreditation Team
- Discussion Regarding St. Ambrose University (SAU) Master of Public Health Internship Opportunities with Staff and SAU Staff
- Scott County Humane Society Leadership and Staff
- United Way's Rise United Community Goals Launch
- Discussion with BIX7 Road Race Leadership, Dr. Katz, and Staff

- After Action Plan Meeting-Sears Clinic Phase
- Introduction Discussion with Corri Spiegel, City of Davenport

I would like to recognize the following employee for his years of service with the Department:
Eric Bradley, Environmental Health Manager 15 years May 8th

I would like to acknowledge the following employee for her new role within the Department:
Anna Copp, Community Tobacco Consultant

I would like to recognize the following employee's retirement:
Roma Taylor 41.5 years May 28th

Assessment

Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets

Community Health Assessment Steering Committee Continues Planning

The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee has been meeting routinely since January to plan the 2021 Quad Cities Community Health Assessment process. Due to COVID-19 workload, this year's process will loosely follow the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process in order to engage the community and gather data. Staff from the Quad City Health Initiative are leading the process due to the COVID-19 workload of the other healthcare and public health partners.

The first Stakeholder Committee meeting will take place in May and will gather partners from 20+ sectors of the community to begin a dialogue on community health. Dr. Hanson has agreed to represent the Scott County Board of Health on the Stakeholder Committee. A qualitative data gathering process involving a community-wide telephone survey will take place this summer. At the same time, a number of focus groups will be hosted to gather qualitative data from special populations within the community. Due to the ongoing pandemic, planning meetings, stakeholder meetings, and focus group meetings will all take place virtually.

At the Region 6 Public Health meeting, it was announced that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) report submission has been postponed until Fall 2023 due to concerns from local public health agencies about completing the report on schedule due to their continued response to COVID-19 and vaccinations. Although the flexibility is appreciated, locally the CHA is currently underway to align with Genesis Health System and UnityPoint – Trinity's deadline, as they have not been granted an extension.

Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population

Communicable Disease Program

One thousand, five hundred and four communicable diseases were reported during April. They included one thousand, four hundred and ninety-five cases of COVID-19, six cases of hepatitis C,

two cases of hepatitis B, and one case of giardiasis. Staff also assisted Linn County in a foodborne outbreak investigation affecting Scott County Residents.

Rabies Risk Assessments

Twenty-four individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to eighteen dogs, five cats, and one bat. Twenty one individuals were recommended for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis for high risk exposures or bites above the shoulders, and fifteen started treatment.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Forty-four clients received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during April. Five clients tested positive for chlamydia and three tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, ninety-eight cases of chlamydia, forty-two cases of gonorrhea, four cases of syphilis, and one HIV case were reported in Scott County during the month.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In April, there were six children receiving individual case management. Of those, five had a blood lead level less than 15 ug/dL and one had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL. Three 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, two 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.

Policy Development

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health factors that influence it, and how to improve it

Continued Efforts to Educate on COVID-19

The Health Promotion Team continues to meet weekly to develop COVID-19 social media messages, newsletter topics, website updates, and more. The group has focused on developing messages to help with vaccine hesitancy, education on the vaccine choices, and how to sign up for vaccine. The team has also identified previous messages that are appropriate for "reshare".

Puberty Education Provided

Staff provided puberty education to one of the non-public schools. Thirty-four boys and girls received puberty kits, viewed an educational video, and were able to ask confidential questions. Puberty supplies were demonstrated as well. Puberty kits were also delivered to two other non-public schools that opted for a different format where students received their education independently with their parents/guardians.

Presentation to PROMISE Jobs Staff

Staff presented information regarding all of the SCHED Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health programs, including *Care for Kids*, Hawki, I-Smile™, Maternal Health, Early ACCESS, promotion for adolescent wellness exams, child blood lead testing (CLPPP program), and Presumptive Eligibility to PROMISE Jobs staff. They were very appreciative of the presentation and asked

questions about the Presumptive Eligibility application process, income limits for Hawki, and process if needed to report increase or decrease of income.

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities, and partnerships to improve health

Education to Providers on Maternal Health Program

Staff were invited to attend the Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) Edgerton obstetrical providers meeting and CHC's WIC meeting. Attendees were informed about the Maternal Health program. Mental health services that can be provided by the Maternal Health Program, specifically Listening Visits, were highlighted. CHC is open to have Maternal Health program staff located at CHC-Edgerton in the future.

Outreach Discussions with Churches United

Staff from Scott and Rock Island County Health Departments met with Reverend Melvin Grimes of Churches United to discuss COVID-19 vaccine outreach to the African American community. A number of previous discussions had taken place with other pastors of local Black churches to discuss engagement, messaging, and access to vaccine. This conversation took place to identify other ways in which churches and pastors can play a pivotal role in sharing trusted health information. A broader discussion on the topic of messaging and vaccine access for the African American community took place with Reverend Grimes, Genesis, UnityPoint Health – Trinity, and Rock Island County Health Department. Both Scott and Rock Island Counties are identifying opportunities to provide pop-up or small scale vaccination clinics at community locations, possibly churches, in order to meet members of the community where they are. Recent changes of vaccine requirements by IDPH make these opportunities more feasible.

Discussion with University of Iowa Centers for Disabilities and Development

Staff met with representatives from the University of Iowa (UI) Centers for Disabilities and Development to learn about their CDC grant-funded work and identify any potential collaborations. The UI Centers for Disabilities and Development offers technical assistance to local public health agencies to raise awareness of the inequities experienced by people with disabilities. Below are their goals:

- Improve knowledge by providing training and resources about the unique health needs of people with disabilities;
- Promote inclusion of people with disabilities in public health planning, programs, and services;
- Collaborate with disability partners;
- Value contributions of people with disabilities by actively seeks opinions and creating safe spaces for them to live and work in the community.

Region 5 Healthcare Coalition Discusses Plans for Spending

The Region 5 Healthcare Coalition met in April to discuss the status of grant spending for the year. The Coalition has spent less preparedness focused dollars due to the COVID-19 response; these dollars cannot be used for response. It is expected that some of the preparedness dollars may have to be returned to the state if the group cannot come up with some ideas that will provide value to the region.

Vaccine Planning Discussions

The vaccine planning group met with St. Ambrose, Scott Community College, and a representative from Modern Woodmen Park to evaluate the feasibility of clinics being offered at those venues to continue to reach a variety of audiences as vaccine supply increases and expectations regarding timeliness of vaccine use and wastage changed.

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health

County Bloodborne Pathogen Manual

Staff completed the updates for the Scott County Bloodborne Pathogen Manual. While procedure updates are a routine occurrence within the department, this one is the procedure applicable to all Scott County employees. Risk Management is involved in the review.

Proposed State Legislation to Overrule Local Ordinance

Both the House and Senate are considering a bill that prohibits fines or other penalties against a homeowner that does not pump his/her septic system once every five years. Story County passed this provision in December 2020 and is the only county in Iowa with this requirement in its local ordinance. The Story County Board of Health and the Story County Board of Supervisors approved this ordinance in accordance with state law.

Several Story County residents complained to their state legislators and asked for a state law to overrule the ordinance. During subcommittee hearings on this bill, Story County Supervisors and lobbyists for the Iowa Environmental Health Association, the Iowa State Association of Counties, and the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors have all spoke against this bill due to its impact on local control. The bills have continued to move forward, including language being added to HF 893, the House omnibus tax policy bill.

Child Care Nurse Consultant Assistance with Meeting Standards

Staff completed medication administration skills assessments with a number of child care center staff that either had recently received training or were due for re-assessment. Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS) requires skills assessments every two years. Providers were given a one-year extension to complete the skills reassessments due to COVID-19.

The child care nurse consultant met with staff from Stride Autism Centers to learn more about the soon to be open location in Davenport. The organization provides support to children with autism and their families in a center-based environment. Resources for health and illness policies were shared.

Finally, staff completed child record reviews at an in home daycare participating in QRS. During the review each child's record is reviewed for items such as medical and dental home, recent dental and physical exams, special needs care plans, immunizations, screenings, etc. The child care provider and the child care nurse consultant then make appropriate referrals.

Region 6 Public Health Meeting

At the Region 6 Public Health meeting, information was shared about the potential Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS)/Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) merger. An

evaluation of services provided to lowans by both agencies is underway. The evaluation is designed to: 1) identify clear, shared program goals; 2) align and integrate programs, practices, and policies to improve delivery of services and most effectively leverage available funding sources; 3) identify community based stakeholders and other stakeholders to provide input and guidance to the Departments' programmatic and policy efforts; 4) engage all levels of staff to inform the departments' established goals and project plans; 5) create an organizational structure optimizing delivery of services, supporting efficiency and easing of work for staff; and 6) integrating the departments' programs and services with community and other available resources.

Work on a co-branded website to keep stakeholders up-to-date in what is happening is being planned, as well as an opportunity for stakeholder engagement and feedback.

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health

Pool Complaint Investigated

Staff investigated a complaint at a public swimming pool. The complainant reported that an individual who uses the pool nearly every day is constantly leaking body waste from an ostomy device. The complainant sees and smells the urine when the individual gets out of the pool and walks on the deck and through the shower and restroom areas.

Staff communicated with John Kelly, the engineer who oversees the IDPH pool program. When there is urine in the pool environment, the ammonia contributes to chloramines and poor indoor air quality. The leakage presents little risk to other swimmers. The greater risk is from fecal contamination when someone with a diarrheal type illness uses the pool. Pool management is well aware of the situation and are working with the individual to assure that there is proper sealing of the ostomy device to prevent the leakage.

Routine Food Inspection Identifies a Variety of Concerns

Staff conducted a routine inspection of Donuts & More. The facility had renovated without contacting the Health Department and is now making sandwiches. There is not a hand sink near the sandwich prep table. The sink is scheduled to be installed the first week of May. The facility was also selling kombucha tea and the keg was stamped "Simple Superfoods". Simple Superfoods went out of business a few years ago. After talking with the manager on the phone, it was discovered that the facility was buying it from the same individual that operated Simple Superfoods. The product is being made in a commercial facility in Muscatine. The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) was contacted and checked for a license (Simple Superfoods, the owner's name and Bucha Bros - name given to Donuts and More), but no license was found. The Bucha Bros owner did not answer the phone or reply to emails. A notice and order was sent to his home address and a copy of the notice and order was emailed to him.

A few weeks later, staff were told that Green Thumbers was selling kombucha tea. Staff investigated and determined the tea was from Simple Superfoods as well. Green Thumbers said they had been buying it for months. Staff spoke with Mark Speltz with DIA. Mr. Speltz wanted to know the name of licensed kitchen in Muscatine so DIA could verify the story. At that time, the Bucha Bros owner called and spoke with staff. The operator stated that he was

using a friend’s commercial kitchen in Muscatine. He purchased the tea, added flavoring, and then delivered it to just Green Thumbers and Donuts and More. He said that after the email with the notice and order, his friend did not want him using his kitchen anymore. Currently, his equipment is in a storage unit and he does not plan to continue with the tea. He refused to name the facility in Muscatine. A copy of the notice and order was sent to DIA and DIA’s inspectors will be on the lookout for any of this product.

Kombucha tea is produced using a fermentation process. As a result, it is considered a potentially hazardous food item. Therefore, it is important that it be produced in a licensed kitchen with proper procedures being followed.

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Happy Joes/Tony Sacco’s Coal Oven Kitchen, Eldridge	Facility providing food and water to dogs on patio from non-disposable dishware.	Closed

Assurance

Assure an effective system that enables access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy

First Med Pharmacy Review

In March, one hundred and ninety-six inmates received seven hundred and fifty-nine prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-eight percent with mental health medications at almost one hundred percent generic.

Assistance to Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Clients

Staff completed eight care coordination calls to connect pregnant and postpartum people to dental care and additional resources. In addition, Maternal Health services were provided for eighteen different people during the month of April. Ten individuals were assisted with Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid

Staff continued to provide services for a young woman and her baby. Staff offered additional interim mental health support as the mom returned to work. Continued topics of discussion focused on reinforcing the need for continued self-care and accessing available support systems. The client is now connected to a mental health counselor who will be able to offer ongoing, in-depth mental health care and support services. Staff rescreened the client using the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale after the final listening visit. The client’s pre-listening visits score was 17 (out of 30 total possible points, and a classification of “possible depression” for any score over 10). The client’s post-listening visits score dropped from 17 to two (a total improvement of 15 points). The client thanked staff for the listening visit support over the last several weeks, affirming that it had been an extremely helpful service.

I-Smile™ resumed providing oral health services at Head Start locations within Scott County. Dental services have also resumed in schools. I-Smile™ provided dental screenings and fluoride

varnish to students attending Washington Elementary. Select students were also identified to participate in a Give Kids A Smile event at a local dental office in May 2021.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

I-Smile™ Presentation at Iowa Public Health Conference

The department's I-Smile™ coordinators collaborated with IDPH to present at the Iowa Public Health Conference on *The Hidden Cost of Oral Disease*. The presentation focused on highlighting the affects poor oral health has on an individual's overall health. The presentation also provided data regarding the oral health status of Iowans. Staff presented local oral health initiatives and partnerships that have occurred.

Presentation to Medical Students

Community Relations, Information, and Planning staff, together with environmental health and clinical services staff, met via Zoom with medical students completing their community health rotations with Genesis Family Medical clinic. Students received information about the Board of Health, Scott County Health Department mission vision, organizational structure, process for the completion of the local community health assessment and improvement plan, environmental health programs, and clinical services.

Workplace Wellness Conference Attended

Staff attended the virtual *Keeping Iowa's Workforce Mission Ready 2021 Annual Conference* hosted by the Healthiest State Initiative. The opening key note focused on career, social, financial, community, and physical wellbeing and guiding principles to engage in the workplace. Breakout sessions included information on well-being, organizational culture, preparing the next generation of leaders, and assuring diversity, equity and inclusion are part of workplace wellness. The closing keynote speaker shared a personal story on how learning to prioritize work-life balance and relationships improved her health, and tips to take steps to address mental wellbeing and prevent burnout.

IDPH Hosts Webinar on Diseases

Staff attended the webinar *Updates on Current Disease Trends from the Iowa Department of Public Health*. The webinar covered emerging disease trends such as Ebola, COVID-19, and enteric illness.

Water Well Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Groundwater and Well Construction*. The presenters discussed geology and well construction. Specific geological formations determine whether wells will be productive. The geology also determines the depth at which wells will be productive.

New Disease Investigator Training

A number of newer staff attended *New Disease Investigator Training* presented virtually by IDPH. This orientation provided information on expectations of local public health, education on how to perform a disease investigation, and steps in an outbreak investigation, as well as resources to use when performing these tasks.

Iowa Conference on Public Health

The Iowa Conference on Public Health was held virtually this year. Staff attended the following sessions:

Ethics & Public Health

Dr. Roisen and Dr. Adams from St. Ambrose spoke about raising awareness about the intersection of poverty, racism, and moral injury. Political leaders will serve more effectively if they have a deeper grasp of the social determinants of health, and constituents are better able to exercise their rights and duties as voting citizens when they understand that the cost of ignorance is suffering, increased poverty, and death.

Tears to Motivate Us

Dr. Dyjack, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and Dr. Fernandez-Pena American Public Health Association (APHA) discussed the toll the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the public health and environmental health workforce and the desperate need to disconnect, relax, and recharge.

A Pilot Study on Radionuclides in Iowa Groundwater

A pilot study of one hundred and ninety-nine wells was completed to establish a baseline understanding of the concentration of radionuclide decay products (lead and polonium) in Iowa drinking water resources. The results show a sporadic presence of radionuclides at concentrations approaching a proposed risk-based limit.

Outbreak of E. coli O103 Traced to Sprouts

In late 2019, an outbreak of E.coli O103 in sprouts was identified at a restaurant chain in central and eastern Iowa. Through routine surveillance and a collaborative response between IDPH, DIA, and the Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory, the outbreak was quickly brought under control and prevented further infections.

The Seesaw and the Science of Service

Akwi Nji discussed how everyday stories (shared and experienced from community member to community member) has equal power to impact perceptions of one another. She also shared stories from Iowa's public health workforce about how they have been impacted by the pandemic and derecho.

Polk County Health Department Assists with Field Experience

One of the department's nurses traveled to the Polk County Health Department in Des Moines, Iowa to observe patient testing in their STD clinic. Polk County Health Department provides STDS services to the community all day, five days a week. Valuable resources and partnerships were obtained. This training is part of the requirements to become an STD Clinician.

Remote Learning Conference Focuses on Latinx Population

Staff attended the *2021 National Latinx Conference on HIV/HCV/SUD*. SUD stands for Substance Use Disorder. Innovative concepts, best practices and new information were presented on how to better serve Latinx communities.

Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor Refresher Course

Environmental Health staff attended the virtual sixteen-hour Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor Refresher course through Iowa Lead Safety. All three staff members earned passing scores on their final exams and will be eligible to renew their licensure through IDPH within the next several months.

National Environmental Health Association Conference

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Conference was held virtually this year. Staff attended the following sessions in part one of the conference.

Communication and De-escalation

This presentation discussed how environmental health professionals have the capacity to maintain their own behavior. This skill is extremely valuable in order to successfully gain compliance and create cooperation.

The Truth is Out There

Presenters discussed tools and approaches to use to manage rumors and misinformation on social media and the harmful impact it has on the health of the community and individuals.

Meet the NEHA History Makers

The NEHA History Task Force worked to compile data, artifacts, documents, tools-of-the-trade and records. The task force plans to create a document similar to the “Green Book” which chronicled the 50-year history of NEHA (1937-1987). All state affiliates are being asked to contribute to this project.

Leadership in Action: Results of Leadership Training from EPHLI

The CDC provided the Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (EPHLI) for several years and many of today’s environmental health leaders were graduates of the program. Three graduates discussed how the lessons they learned in EPHLI has helped their careers.

Hawki Board Meeting

Staff listened to the April Hawki Board Meeting. Kurt Beherns, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, shared the Hawki managed care organization (MCO) Second Quarter report. The report included data on ages, wellness exams, lead, vision & hearing screenings, as well as immunizations. Amelia Alibasic shared how DHS planned to “unwind” COVID medical assistance eligibility starting in April 2021 with discontinuing benefits to those approved for Medicaid in error and reviewing eligibility for those 19 and older on Hawki to determine if they qualify for Medicaid. Additional steps will start tentatively July 2021. Outreach efforts were discussed as more in-person activities are beginning to occur.

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement

Community Information Gathering Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine

Staff developed a survey to assess the perspective and knowledge of the African American community regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Thirteen African American business owners were asked six questions. Some feedback from customers of the businesses was gained regarding

hesitancy and receipt of vaccine, interventions for increasing receipt of vaccine, and potential to become a vaccination site. Additional outreach to other groups for information gathering will also be conducted.

PHAB Guidance on

Staff participated in a PHAB Guidance on Scope and Process webinar to learn more about PHAB updates and reaccreditation activities. PHAB is continuing to use the same reaccreditation standards, but is currently working on updates to the process and will release them once they are finalized. The Accreditation Team has met to discuss reengaging staff and foundational department committees after a long pause due to COVID-19 response activities.

Medication Administration Audits

Staff began medication administration audits at four of the non-public schools to ensure quality care is being provided for students receiving medication in the school setting.

Dental Screening Audits

Scott County dental screening audits were completed and a summary report can be found in Attachment 2.

Community-Based Screening Services Report

The STD/HIV Program received the First Quarter 2021 Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Data/Quality Assurance Report. The statewide chlamydia positivity rate from January-March 2021 was 9.6 percent and the statewide gonorrhea positivity rate was 5.1 percent. Although CBSS is seeing an increase in testing since the pandemic began, specimen collection was still thirty percent lower compared to first quarter in 2020.

PrepMod User Group

Staff from Scott County Information Technology and the Health Department met with the PrepMod User Group. This user group brings together PrepMod staff and other product users from around the Midwest states to coordinate their COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Participants shared challenges, work-arounds, and best practices they have used.

Priority Dispatch Review

Staff attended the Priority Dispatch meeting where participants continued the response determinate evaluation process. This is a quarterly process where local agencies come together to how evaluate the effectiveness of any changes to the response determinants that were previously made. Data on response times for the last few months was evaluated and determinants were adjusted to closer reflect what the agencies felt would make safer conditions for the community.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Budget Amendment

The second budget amendment of the year was submitted to County Administration. The primary focus of this amendment was to address grant and Medicaid revenue and

expenditures. In addition, salary expenses for overtime, as well as retirement payouts were included. Overall the department's finances are strong.

Job Description Adjustments

With a vacancy in the Child Health Consultant position, staff took the opportunity to adjust the job description to meet the contract requirements for education and responsibilities associated with the Maternal Health Social Worker role. In addition, the name will change to Maternal and Child Health Consultant. There was no budget impact as a result of this change. The Board of Supervisors approved the title and description change on May 13th.

EMS Contingency and Transportation Agreements Renewed

The Scott County EMS Contingency and Transportation Agreements were due for renewal. In the past they had different expiration dates. Because they require signatures of a variety of entities, the decision was made to align the expiration dates. Both agreements will now fall within the same five year cycle. These documents have been signed and posted on the Health Department website.

Meetings Attended by Staff

American Academy of Sanitarian's By-Laws Committee
AOK Health & Wellness
Be Healthy QC Coalition
City of Bettendorf Wellness Committee
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee (3)
Community Health Care-Edgerton OB High Risk Providers
Community Health Care-WIC staff meeting
Food Rescue Partnership
Hawki April Board Meeting
Heather Murphy Doonan, Reagan Advertising
Iowa Environmental Health Association Annual Business Meeting
Iowa Public Health Association Annual Business Meeting
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice
Iowa Society of Public Health Education Board
Live Lead Free QC
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Region 6 Contractors
Molly Gooselink, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Nalo Johnson, and Sylvia Navin, Iowa Department of Public Health
National Environmental Health Association Food Policy Subcommittee
National Environmental Health Association Food Safety Committee
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation (PAPREN) Parks & Green Spaces
PAPREN Transportation
PAPREN Workplace
Prep Mod User Group
Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
Quad Cities Earth Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board

Regional Public Health Meeting
River Way Steering Committee
Scott County Kids Early Childhood Coalition
Scott County Oral Health Network
Sonya Loynachan & Denise Attard-Sacco, Iowa Department of Public Health, and Diane Koster
and Terry Pool, Genesis Health System
University of Iowa Center for Disability & Development
YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley Child Care and Family Services Board

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

Attachment 2: School Dental Screening Requirement Audit Summary 2020-2021



Education provided between April 1, 2021 and April 30, 2021

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	4/1/2021	7	CHC Edgerton	Overview of SCHD Maternal Health program services, especially focused on the mental health services
	4/7/2021	5	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	4/15/2021	8	WIC	Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health programs and service
	4/21/2021	15	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	4/23/2021	9	PROMISE Jobs	Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health programs, Hawki, and Presumptive Eligibility



Media Inquiries between April 1, 2021 and April 30, 2021

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
4/5/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
4/5/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
4/15/2021	Roma Taylor	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
4/28/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
4/28/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4



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To: Scott County Board of Health
From: Leah Kroeger, I-Smile™ Coordinator

RE: School Dental Screening Requirement Audit Summary 2020-2021

It is the role of each county Board of Health, or their designee, to audit all kindergarten and ninth grade school dental screening certificates of students attending public or accredited non-public schools in Scott County and provide a report to the Iowa Department of Public Health. Below you will find a summary of the findings from the dental screening audit completed in Scott County for the 2020-2021 school year. The results of the audit are due to the Iowa Department of Public Health on May 31, 2021. Data and percentages included in this report is based on the number of students who submitted either a valid Certificate of Dental Screening or a Certificate of Dental Screening Exemption in compliance with the state law.

Compliance

The pandemic significantly affected dental screening compliance across the county. Collectively county compliance is 64 percent. Kindergarten compliance dropped to 89 percent; in a typical year compliance is consistent at 100 percent. As expected ninth grade compliance drastically declined. During the 2020-2021 school year, only 42 percent of ninth grade students complied with the requirement. Davenport High Schools continue to have the lowest compliance rates. During the 2020-2021 school year, no financial hardship or religious exemption forms were reported.

Treatment Needs

This year, treatment needs across the county declined (-2%) with roughly 15 percent of kindergarten and ninth grade students requiring dental care. Enrollment across the county has decreased by 98 students; 50 more students enrolled in ninth grade while 148 less children enrolled in Kindergarten. Treatment needs beyond preventive care (by percent of enrolled students) has increased in Bettendorf (+1%), and Pleasant Valley (+2%) districts. Students requiring dental care has decreased in Davenport (-2%), North Scott (-2%), and Non-Public (-4%) school districts. The number of students requiring dental care slightly declined in Davenport schools, however roughly one in five students still requires dental treatment (22%).

Provider Type

Dentists provided 73% of completed dental screenings. The pandemic caused dental offices to close for an extended amount of time. Dental screening data shows an increase in the number of screenings completed by physicians and nurses (26%). Due to COVID restrictions and staff

availability, the I-Smile™ program did not provide gap-filling dental screening services during the 2020-2021 school year.

Challenges

COVID-19 presented a number of unique challenges. Many students and families opted to pursue home-based learning. Dental offices shut down and faced a backlog of overdue patients upon reopening making accessing preventive care more challenging. School COVID restrictions limited the ability of outside resources and programs to provide services. Low compliance rates do not provide an accurate assessment of children's oral health in our community. Significantly, less children received dental care and likely more children are experiencing unmet dental treatment needs as a result that remains unseen.

Opportunities

Continued collaboration between the medical and dental communities is essential to improving oral health in our community. Our goal is to continue to decrease the number of children with unmet dental needs, reduce healthcare costs, and provide gap-filling services through the I-Smile™ program.

Audit Results

Certificate Submitted	Percent	
	Kindergarten	9 th Grade
Certificate of Dental Screening	89%	42%
Certificate of Dental Screening Exemption	0%	0%
Treatment Needs		
No Obvious Problems	82%	90%
Requires Dental Care	15%	9%
Requires Urgent Dental Care	3%	1%
Screening Provider Type		
Dentist	59%	100%
Dental Hygienist	2%	0%
Nurse	38%	--
Physician	1%	--
Physician Assistant	0%	--

Dental Care Required Beyond Preventive Services				
District	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Davenport	22%	24%	22%	19%
Bettendorf	16%	15%	13%	12%
Non-Public	8%	12%	7%	7%
Pleasant Valley	10%	8%	10%	9%
North Scott	10%	12%	16%	14%