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Director's Report to the Board of Health September 10, 2021

Director's Attended Meetings – July 2021

1. Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group
2. Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID Vaccine Program Assessment
3. Quad Cities COVID Coalition
4. Region 6 Local Public Health Services Contractors
5. Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Director
6. Quad City Health Initiative Funding
7. Melissa Sharer, St. Ambrose University
8. Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator and Jeremy Kaiser, Juvenile Detention Director

Director's Attended Meetings – August 2021

1. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (3)
2. Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (4)
3. Childhood Lead Advisory Workgroup
4. Quad Cities Chamber Annual Meeting
5. Scott County School Leadership (3)
6. Live Lead-Free QC
7. Scott County Department Heads
8. Vera French Clinical Care Committee
9. Local Public Health Administrators with Department of Human Services Staff
10. Ruby Batimana, Doctoral Student
11. Dr. Harre and Scott County Community Services

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

Tia Siewarth, Maternal and Child Health Consultant	4 years	August 22
Sue VanDeWalle, Public Health Nurse	4 years	August 7
Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist	8 years	September 17
Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant	9 years	August 27
Brooke Barnes, Deputy Director	13 years	August 29
Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist	21 years	August 7

I would like to introduce the following new employees:

Staci Nielson, Public Health Nurse	Start	August 23
Heather Van Hoosier, Office Assistant	Start	September 13

I would like to share the following transfers:

Jennifer Stout from Public Health Nurse to Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Nurse
September 20

Maggie Wright from 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) to .50 FTE Maternal, Child Health,
Adolescent Health Nurse September 20

Assessment

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

Community Health Assessment Focus Groups Conducted

The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee partnered with the Stakeholder Committee to host focus groups for twelve targeted population groups during the month of July. At the same time, Professional Research Consultants began conducting phone surveys as part of the Community Health Assessment in Rock Island, Muscatine, and Scott Counties. Survey collection will take place July through September. The information collected from both the phone survey and focus groups will be combined into a draft report, along with the collection of secondary local data. The goal is to have an initial draft of the report completed by October 1st, with a draft for community feedback posted mid-October, and a final report completed by mid-November. Stakeholder meetings will be held during this time to share the results and seek feedback.

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

Communicable Disease Program

A total of three hundred and fifty-six communicable diseases were reported during July. They included six cases of hepatitis C, four cases of hepatitis B, three cases of cyclosporiasis, two cases of campylobacteriosis, two cases of salmonellosis, reports of Lyme Disease, and three hundred and thirty-five cases of COVID-19.

In August, one thousand, five hundred and thirty-six communicable diseases were reported. These cases include one thousand, five hundred and fifteen cases of COVID-19. Six cases of cyclosporiasis, four cases of salmonellosis, three cases of cryptosporidiosis, two cases of hepatitis A, two e. Coli infections, and one case each of campylobacteriosis, hepatitis C, legionellosis, and mumps were reported.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In July, twenty-five individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to thirteen dogs, eleven cats, and one groundhog. In August, forty-five individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to twenty-eight dogs, twelve cats, and six bats.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In July, there were four children receiving individual case management. This number decreased to three in August. Of those, one had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL, one had a level between 15-19 ug/dL, and one had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Two children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services for lead poisoning during August. Of those, one 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.

Staff was able to close two lead properties in Davenport during July and August. The first property had minor repairs to be made. The child associated with this property had previously resided in a different property where the poisoning occurred. After moving into this new property, the child's blood lead levels dropped and the child is no longer on the case load of the clinical services team. The other property that was closed had exterior hazards that were addressed. The internal hazards had previously passed clearance standards.

An initial inspection was completed for new property associated with a lead poisoned child. Both interior and exterior hazards were located during the inspection. The property owner and the property management company have been contacted regarding immediate lead hazards and plans for remediation.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Thirty-seven individuals received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during July. Seven clients tested positive for chlamydia and three tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, one hundred and four cases of chlamydia, fifty cases of gonorrhea, and one case of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the July.

Outreach HIV/hepatitis C testing was offered during July at Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center, Center for Behavioral Health, and at the Muscatine Center for Social Action food pantry. HIV testing appointments were available outside of regular sexual health clinic hours as well. Twenty-four individuals were tested for HIV and twelve for hepatitis C (HCV).

In August, sixty-five clients received STD clinic services. Ten clients tested positive for chlamydia, four clients tested positive for gonorrhea, and three clients tested positive for syphilis at the Health Department's clinic. In total, thirty-eight cases of chlamydia, thirty-seven gonorrhea cases, and four syphilis cases were reported in Scott County during the month.

August saw nineteen individuals tested for HIV and five for HCV, with one confirmed HCV diagnosis, through outreach activities. The HIV and HCV testing was offered at Humility of Mary Shelter, Center for Behavioral Health, and at the Muscatine Center for Social Action.

Staff explored offering additional testing for sexually transmitted infections in the field, engaging in discussion with IDPH staff in both the HIV/HCV program and Community Based

Screening Services program. From the discussion, it seems possible to offer field screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in addition to HIV and HCV testing in outreach settings. Outreach staff conducted three tests for syphilis in high-risk individuals during HIV/HCV outreach this month.

Policy Development

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

Party in the Park Events

A number of programs have participated in the Party in the Park events hosted by the City of Davenport. Staff have provided health information and resources, taught hands-only CPR, offered free family activities, and given away items such as toothbrushes. The events have been great opportunities to connect with other community agencies as well as event attendees.

Maternal Health Resources Shared with Diaper Giveaway Event

The Maternal Health Program hosted a diaper giveaway event on World Breastfeeding Day in partnership with Hiney Heroes. Hiney Heroes is a local non-profit dedicated to providing diapers through partner agencies to Quad Cities and surrounding area families who need a clean, reliable supply of diapers for a healthy and comfortable quality of life. Ninety-one families were able to receive diapers for one hundred and thirty-six babies. Menstruation supplies were also given out. Maternal health-focused agencies were on hand to distribute information on their services.

Health Promotion Team Continues Messaging

The Health Promotion Team continues to share messages regarding COVID-19 prevention. At the end of July, Scott County moved into substantial transmission of COVID-19, and in August the county moved into high transmission. This information was shared with the community via social media posts, press briefings, press release, and on the website. When communities move to substantial and high transmission of COVID-19, the CDC recommends that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status. This recommendation was shared as well.

Oral Health Network Meets

The Scott County Oral Health Network held their quarterly meeting at Genesis Medical Center. The spotlight speaker was a local speech language pathologist working for Genesis VNA. Agenda items focused on drafting oral health messaging topics to continue broadcasting on WGVV radio. Members agreed upcoming topic ideas should focus on daily home care prevention and tobacco use in adolescents.

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

Planning for Tobacco Group at High School

Staff met with faculty sponsors from Davenport Central High School to plan upcoming Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP) activities for their students. To kick off the year, department staff is helping to coordinate a recruiting event to be held during school lunch. Meetings with the students will occur approximately every six weeks to help plan street marketing and other outreach activities that coincide with tobacco-related holidays throughout the year. Other creative activities and education will also occur.

Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Director Visits Department

Larry Johnson, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) Director visited the department. Discussions focused on new provisions in the 28E agreement with DIA and COVID-19 related response to food and other Health Department programs.

IDPH Community Partnership and Integrated Provider Network Meeting

Staff attended the semi-annual IDPH Community Partnership (CP) and Integrated Provider Network (IPN) virtual meeting. Both programs focus on prevention work. CPs focus on tobacco prevention and IPNs work on substance abuse, gambling, tobacco, and suicide prevention. Since the prevention work often overlaps between CPs and IPNs at both the state and local levels, collaboration is encouraged between these two programs. Katie Bee, from the IDPH Substance Use Bureau, provided an update on the alignment with the Department of Human Services (DHS). High-level overviews of both the CP and IPN programs were shared, along with information on commonalities and differences. Discussion focused on how the two programs can best collaborate at the local level, including intentional frequent communication and clarification of the work being done by each program to avoid duplication of services.

Quarterly TFQC Coalition Meeting

Staff participated in the quarterly Tobacco-Free QC (TFQC) full coalition meeting. The group needs to rebuild its Executive Council, as the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recruitment & Public Relations executive roles are currently vacant. TFQC is seeking businesses to provide tobacco policy technical support to, and will award the Champion Award to those with a qualifying policy. The group is also trying to increase their social media presence, so will be tracking reach data and incorporating a social media minute in their meetings, where meeting attendees will like and share TFQC social media posts. County health department staff shared updates about their grant work and encouraged the participation of TFQC members in these tobacco program efforts to expand the reach of the work in the community.

Outreach to Dental Providers

Staff completed in-person outreach to all dental offices in Scott County. Working with these offices during the pandemic helped to create stronger relationships and greater interest in collaboration. The majority of the offices' staff recognized and welcomed the coordinators with open ears to learn about the updates with the I-Smile™ programs.

Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Staff attended the August 2021 Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (QCSAPC) meeting. Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. (CADS) staff offered updates on their grant work. They advised that they are in the planning stage of their strategic prevention framework. They will be focusing on problem gambling as a priority area, but will need to pick two additional areas. Possible options include tobacco, marijuana, prescription medication abuse, and methamphetamine. They plan to use community assessment data to make their selections. They advise that they are also working to support substance use workplace policy efforts at local restaurants. The department's tobacco consultant offered to cross-promote policy efforts during efforts to promote tobacco workplace policy creation and support services.

Hands-Only CPR Education Provided

The Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition (QCHC) provided a free 30-minute Hands-Only CPR training to McDonald, Woodward & Carlson, P.C. staff. Seven staff learned the two important steps to Hands-Only CPR and received a free American Heart Association Family & Friends CPR Anytime kit with a DVD and mini rescue Annie. During a follow up conversation, two staff shared that they took the Family & Friends CPR Anytime kit home to teach their family about Hands-Only CPR.

Tobacco Presentation to Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition

Scott County Health Department (SCHD) and Rock Island County Health Department (RICHD) tobacco staff presented to the Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition (QCBHC). The goal of the presentation was to collaborate with behavioral health care providers to help address the holistic health needs of their clients by encouraging providers to discuss tobacco and nicotine use with clients, and to connect those needing cessation services to the free Quitline programs in Iowa and Illinois. Staff shared behavioral health-focused tobacco data and guidance on how to refer to the Quitline. Staff also provided an overview of the local tobacco grant work that takes place in both Rock Island and Scott Counties; discussed the Tobacco Free Quad Cities (TFQC) coalition and encouraged providers to consider joining TFQC; and encouraged providers to consider incorporating a tobacco/nicotine free worksite policy to promote and support the health of clients, employees and employers. A variety of connections were made following this presentation.

Medical – Dental Integration Explored

Staff met with Beau Dexter, Genesis Health Group (GHG) Clinic Operations Director. The outcome of this meeting was collaboration with Jennifer Wilson, Clinic Manager, GHG 3rd Street to pilot a dental/medical integration project. They will work together to determine what outcomes could be expected by having a dental hygienist in the clinic one to two days per week to provide screenings, fluoride varnish, and education for patients who have chronic illness or are high risk. Staff will begin with observation of the clinic's day to day operations and then a meeting to develop a plan for implementation will occur.

Staff also met with Melissa Wood, Chief Nursing Executive, UnityPoint Health – Trinity who invited a number of staff via Zoom. Staff gave a presentation on the I-Smile programs as well as ideas on how they could potentially collaborate with emergency department referrals, in-unit education for non-ventilator hospital acquired pneumonia, and dental screenings in the medical clinic setting. The outcome of this meeting was a potential opportunity to meet with Tricia Fisher, Unity Point Clinics Director of Operations Quad Cities to discuss ways to collaborate.

Referrals Made to Services to Assist with Senior Housing Complaints

Staff answered several calls about situations in senior housing facilities. One was from a family member of a resident. The concern was about the ammonia odor in the hallway where the family member lives. The complainant was unsure if it was coming from the carpet. The Health Department often receives calls like this. These situations are challenging because the apartment building is not a regulated health care facility, yet some of the residents have health issues. This family member registered a complaint with the new onsite manager and received no assurance that the situation would be addressed. The individual was also referred to the City of Davenport's Neighborhood Services office which investigates complaints about rental housing conditions in accordance with the city's rental housing code.

Another caller was helping an out-of-town friend get a family member into a senior housing. The facility was requiring that the elderly man be "scrubbed" for bed bugs. The facility would only accept the individual if bed bug free and in fresh new clothing. The friend was told the individual could bring nothing from home, "not even a safety pin". The individual is a hoarder with a home severely infested with bed bugs. The individual is a veteran so a referral was made to Ben Enlow, Veteran Affairs Director for Scott County.

Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup

Staff attended the August Scott County Youth Suicide Prevention meeting. This meeting was held to discuss potential changes to the workgroup's structure. The group was established several years ago and has completed its previously established goals. The group now needs to develop new goals to guide direction of the coalition.

Bi-State Regional Trails Committee Explores New App

Bi-State Regional Trails Committee members agreed to learn more about designing a real-time QC Trails app to complement information available on QCTrails.org. The app would also provide directions using Google Maps and notify trail users of closures or conditions, etc. FitQuest owners offered assistance to research, develop, and market an app that can be made available to Android and Apple users. Bi-State Regional Trails Committee members agreed to continue discussions about app development. FitQuest will work closely with Bi-State Regional Commission staff and QCTrails.org partners to determine the app feasibility and design costs.

BIX Road Race Emergency Operations Center

Staff worked at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the BIX race on July 23rd. EOC operations took place onsite in the mobile command center, as well as at the Scott Emergency

Communications Center. The EOCs were staffed by representatives from the BIX planning committee, Genesis Health System, Scott County Health Department, Scott County Emergency Management Agency, local police departments, MEDIC EMS, and the Davenport Fire Department. This year's higher temperatures the day of the race led to more usage of the medical tent. Operations were reviewed for future improvement.

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

CHANGE Tool Presentation to Maysville City Council

Staff presented information on the Community Transformation Program and evidence-based Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool to the Maysville City Council. The Mayor and City Council expressed support of completing the CHANGE Tool and identified two council members to work on the project. Staff will meet with the council members to complete the CHANGE Tool assessment and review current sidewalk infrastructure in September.

Non-Public School Staff Receive Education and Planning Assistance

Staff provided medication administration training for staff at six of the non-public schools. Staff was educated on how to safely administer and document medications given in the school setting; epi pens and anaphylactic reactions were reviewed; and inhalers were discussed. Staff was very appreciative for the review of these items before the school year started. An epi pen specific training was provided at another non-public school.

Staff attended a meeting with parents and staff at a non-public school this month to discuss a student with type-1 diabetes. A health plan was discussed and the department's non-public school nurse assisted the staff with a plan on how to set things up to get the school year started.

Immunization Pre-Audits Start

The department's child care nurse consultant offered pre-audit immunization reviews to licensed child care centers and preschools to assist with preparing records for the upcoming audit. Nine centers/preschools have requested onsite visits for a pre-audit. If the records are up-to-date during the pre-audit, the audit will be completed the same day.

ISAC Legislative Policy Committee Convenes

Staff attended the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Legislative Policy Committee meeting. The Iowa Environmental Health Association did not bring any issues to the meeting, but will be supporting the Natural Resource Trust Fund (Conservation affiliate) and Local Public Health Funding (Iowa Counties Public Health Association).

Brainstorming Regarding Projects to Support Pedestrian Safety and Access

Bi-State Regional Commission and department staff met with Physical Activity Access project partners to conduct a site visit at the Bettendorf Hy-Vee and brainstorm pop-up projects to

increase pedestrian safety and access. Partners are interested in large reflective mirrors for truck delivery drivers and Hy-Vee pharmacy entrance and exit, cross walk paint, ledge and curb paint, and footstep paint for a temporary pop-up project. Physical Activity Access project staff plan to implement a pop-up project by September 2021.

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

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Double Crown Bar & Grill, Brady Street, Davenport	Trash being piled up in alley	Verified and resolved.
Happy Joes, West 50 th Street, Davenport	Dirty/Sticky flooring in party room #1	Verified and resolved.
Pancheros, West Kimberly Road, Davenport	Cross contamination, improper date marking, improper holding temperatures, etc.	Some components of complaint verified. Violations corrected.
Popeyes, West Kimberly Road, Davenport	Unsanitary conditions/grease in poor condition	Verified complaint, some violations corrected on site, and physical re-inspection scheduled.

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
Mississippi Valley Fair	56 temporary vendors/ 3 mobiles	Violations corrected on site or by physical re-inspection/ Satisfactory
Tug Fest	5 temporary vendors/1 mobile	Violations corrected on site/ Satisfactory

Swimming Pool/Spa Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
La Quinta, East Kimberly Road, Davenport	Underwater light loose	Reported repaired

Increase in Hotel Complaints

There were more than the usual number of hotel complaints during July. Most were unverifiable as many complainants did not report issues promptly. Hotel owners and managers say they are having a difficult time hiring and keeping responsible staff members, which contributes to mistakes being made.

Assurance

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

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund and I-Smile™ Silver Partnership

Our I-Smile™ Silver coordinator has helped sixteen veterans receive financial assistance for oral health care needs through the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund within the past year. The total amount is just under \$50,000 that the fund has paid local dentists to help these veterans.

In addition to the work with veterans, staff has worked with another patient this past month who was in need of an oral health clearance in order to have an aortic valve replaced. This resulted in getting care at the University of Iowa hospital clinics due to the individual's Medicare Advantage Medicaid combined insurance.

Department Administered COVID-19 Vaccines

Staff administered ninety-eight COVID-19 vaccines through walk-in opportunities provided Monday through Friday at the department in July. An additional twenty-two vaccinations were provided at an outreach clinic held at Modern Woodmen Park. During August, two hundred and eighteen vaccines were provided. This number includes those provided at our daily walk-in clinic, at the Scott County Jail and at five outreach clinics: Pentecostal Church of God, New Hope Church, Eagles Crest Apartments, Humility Homes and Services, and Modern Woodmen Park. All vaccinations provided were the J & J vaccine except for the August clinic at Modern Woodmen Park. That clinic was targeted to school age youth so Pfizer vaccine was administered.

Priority Dispatch Meeting

Staff attended the quarterly Priority Dispatch meeting to review the EMS response determinants and evaluate their implementation based on the calls received. EMS personnel are able to ask for the review of specific calls where they believe the response does not match the severity (or lack severity) of the event. Multiple calls were reviewed during this meeting and changes to the current determinant structure were voted on.

Doula Project Kick Off

Staff attended the Iowa Title V Doula Project Virtual Kick Off with other agencies in the pilot program. Dr. Nalo Johnson, IDPH Division Director for Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention discussed the history of the project and collective goals. Ashley Ezzio and Molly Gosselink, IDPH, provided an overview of the project basics including a draft project implementation and evaluation guide and doula visit worksheets. Agency staff had the opportunity to provide input and ask questions.

Breastfeeding Classes Continue to be Offered

Breastfeeding classes were provided at Pregnancy Resources, Women’s Choice, and virtually at WIC during August.

First Med Pharmacy Review

During fiscal year 2021, two thousand, two hundred and seventeen inmates received seven thousand, seven hundred and sixty prescriptions in total. This is a duplicated number. Overall, ninety-nine percent of the medical prescriptions and close to one hundred percent of mental health prescriptions were generic.

To start off fiscal year 2022, in July, one hundred and ninety-nine inmates received seven hundred and seven prescriptions. The use of generic mental health medication was at close to one hundred percent and overall medical prescriptions was at ninety-eight percent generic.

*Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*Self-Care and Resiliency Training

A large percentage of staff attended the “Self-Care and Resiliency Building: Bouncing Back During Exceptional Times,” training facilitated by Ann McNellis from Transitions Mental Health. The training focused on how chronic stress impacts our brains and bodies and ways to develop resiliency within the work culture.

Session 3 of National Environmental Health Associations Annual Education Conference

In July, staff attended the third session of the National Environmental Health Association’s Annual Meeting. The following are descriptions of a sampling of the sessions.

The Collaborative: A Coordinated and Concentrated Approach to Reducing Foodborne Illness
The New Era of Smarter Food Safety blueprint represents a new approach to food safety that leverages technology and tools to create a safer and more digital, traceable food system. One core element of the blueprint, New Business Models and Retail Modernization, addresses how to protect foods from contamination as new business models emerge and change to meet the needs of the modern consumer. This presentation discussed this core element as it relates to the issues, objectives, stakeholders and feedback process and used the Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative to discuss how retail partnerships are used to leverage strategic priorities of New Era.

National Center for Environmental Health-CDC's Safe WATCH Program: Short and Mid-Term Outcomes

CDC staff summarized data regarding what the CDC's Safe Water for Community Health (WATCH) program has achieved to date. Forty-two million American residents continue to use private wells and other federally unregulated drinking water systems as their primary drinking water source. Most health departments have jurisdiction over those systems, and if drinking water contamination occurs, the workforce of their safe drinking water programs is the first to respond. The Safe WATCH program supports those local and state programs to enhance their capacity to respond and protect their communities' wellbeing.

Using Informatics to Advance Environmental Health Practice and Innovation

The CDC Water, Food, and Environmental Health Services Branch (WFEHSB) is supporting the work of environmental health (EH) informatics through collaborative activities that:

- promote timely public data and information sharing to detect and address existing or potential exposures to environmental health hazards;
- support best practices for innovative use of existing data and electronic information to design interventions; and
- identifies environmental and health outcome indicators for assessing the need for and impact of environmental health services.

Exelon Nuclear Power Plant Reception Center Training

Staff attended the Reception Center Training at North Scott High School. In case of an event at the Exelon Nuclear Plant that would require evacuation of parts of Scott County, the evacuees would be sent to North Scott High School so they can be scanned to ensure there is no radiation on them. Fire Departments from Davenport, Donahue and Eldridge were on hand to practice using the equipment and walk through the procedures of how to decontaminate someone.

Breastfeeding Certification Education

Our Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health nurse attended a sixteen-hour International Board Certified Lactation Consultant Cram Course. This course provided a wide variety of breastfeeding education in preparation for international board lactation consultant certification.

Re-Standardization for Food Inspections

Our department's food program standardization officer was re-standardized in the food program by Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Staff. Re-standardization consists of six joint inspections to ensure uniform inspections across the state.

Advocacy Webinar Recorded

Staff recorded a webinar on advocacy for a graduate nursing class at Mount Mercy College. Discussion focused on the process to get the food fee bill passed in 2018 and to discuss environmental health as it applies to the assurance core function.

Public Health Law Academy Training

Staff attended an online training on *Structure of Government: Exploring the Fabric and Framework of Public Health Powers*. This course is part of the Public Health Law Academy on Train.org. The Iowa Public Health Association is sponsoring and moderating these trainings.

Environmental Assessments in Food Service Training

Staff completed the CDC's Environmental Assessment Training Series 101 training in August. This training information on the role of environmental assessments in investigations for foodborne outbreaks.

Advancing Equity in Aging Conference

Staff attended all five sessions of the Advancing Equity in Aging Conference. The conference highlighted how the aging experience is shaped dramatically by experiences throughout life, and vast inequities exist in access to education, jobs, housing, healthcare, social networks and more.

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

Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network Workgroup Publication Released

Staff continues to participate in the Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) workplace workgroup. On July 7, 2021, the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (JOEM) published the work group's paper titled "Physical Activity Surveillance for Work and Commuting: Understanding the Impact on Population Health and Well-being". Following publication of the paper, the PAPREN workplace workgroup facilitated focus groups to interview employers, vendors, and employees on the benefits of developing a physical activity surveillance toolkit for workplaces.

Community-Based Screening Services Second Quarter Report

The department received the Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Second Quarter Data and Quality Assurance Reports. The CBSS coordinator reported that sexually transmitted infection testing has increased approximately 12% compared to last quarter. The second quarter positivity rate for chlamydia was 8.9% compared to 9.6% during the 1st quarter. The positivity rate for gonorrhea remains approximately the same as last quarter at 4.8%.

A few highlights from the report included the highest positivity rate (6.2%) for gonorrhea was seen in those 30 to 34 years of age. The highest positivity rate (13.5%) for chlamydia was seen in those aged 15 to 19 years old. During the second quarter, sixty-four percent of those positive for chlamydia reported symptoms on the day of testing compared to forty-four percent of those testing positive for gonorrhea. Individuals tested at the rectal or oropharyngeal sites were more likely to test positive for gonorrhea (26%) than for chlamydia (12%).

Restaurant Grading Survey Article Issued

In 2020, staff participated in a restaurant grading survey through the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). From that survey, NEHA published the article [Disclosing Inspection Results at Point-of-Service: Affect on Foodborne Illness Outcomes and Recommended Practices | National Environmental Health Association: NEHA](#). As a follow-up to this article, staff participated in an online interview regarding restaurant grading systems in our jurisdiction.

Discussion of Process for Remediation Assistance

Staff met to discuss the current process for environmental staff when Live Lead-Free Quad Cities (LLFQC) funds are involved in a remediation. Staff is spending a large amount of time finding and working with contractors to complete the work. The short-term goal is to have a few contractors, and staff will provide the homeowners with their contact info. The homeowner will have to arrange inspection times and get bids to submit to LLFQC for approval. The long-term goal is to have LLFQC hire someone who can manage the applications and inspections when it involves a home that is not on the environmental health caseload.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Discussion of DHS/IDPH Alignment at Local Public Health Services Region 6 Contractor Meeting

Staff and I attended the Local Public Health Services Region 6 Contractor Meeting. An update was provided on the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Department of Public Health alignment. As proposed the goals are to better leverage funding sources and the ability to identify potential for expanded funding sources; break down siloes to create a unified, integrated behavioral health system, and provide better access to services and easier navigation of the system for those they serve. They are currently exploring options for aligning programs, services, and operations more closely in order to better serve the health and human services needs of Iowans.

Demonstration of Pool Software

Scott County Information Technology staff demonstrated the pool software being developed for our department. Discussion was had on differences that are needed for tanning and tattoo. The pool program portion will be finished and then work will begin on the tanning and tattoo portions.

Radio System Adjustments

Staff attended the August Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition meeting. A topic of long discussion during this meeting was the fact that the region, as a whole, has a low performance score with the monthly radio testing. Some of the failure to respond is due to poor connectivity in certain types of buildings. Our Health Department was unable to receive several months' worth of testing due to connectivity issues. Staff worked with RACOM and Facility and Support Services to correct this issue by adding an antennae to the building.

Meetings Attended by Staff-July

American Academy of Sanitarians Board
American Academy of Sanitarians By-Laws Committee
American Academy of Sanitarians Finance Committee
Angela Drent, Siouxland District Health Department
Be Healthy QC Coalition
Bettendorf Health Hometown – Workplace Subcommittee
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
Care for Yourself Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Annual Meeting
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Denise Hoteling, St. Ambrose University MPH Student
DIA Food Contracts call
Elizabeth Kenney, Community Health Care
Food Rescue Partnership
Iowa Environmental Health Association Fall Conference Planning Committee (2)
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice
Iowa Title V Doula Project Kick Off
Jessica LaPage, Medline
Katie McBurney, Sylvia Navin, Dr. Bob Russell, Iowa Department of Public Health and Tina Plett-Kalainoff
Live Lead Free Quad Cities
MCNA Dental Provider Portal Training
Michelle Dehaven, Wichita State University
National Association of County and City Health Officials Local Health Department Academy of Science
Oral Health Network
PAPREN Park Prescription Subcommittee
PAPREN Workplace (3)
Physical Activity Access Quarterly Meeting
Physical Activity Access Site Visit and Meeting at Bettendorf Hy-Vee
Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Regional Public Health Meeting
Teresa Pangan, UnityPoint Health – Trinity
Tobacco Free Quad Cities Community Education Workgroup

Meetings Attended by Staff-August

American Academy of Sanitarians Finance Committee
AOK Health & Wellness Workgroup
Bettendorf Health Hometown Workplace Workgroup (2)
Bettendorf Wellness Committee
CASI
Cedar County Public Health

CHC Dental Clinic Leads
CHC WIC Monthly Staff meeting
Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA CHIP) Meeting
with Linn and Johnson Counties
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
DIA Food Contract Call
Don Owens and Joann Muldoon, IDPH
Don Owens, IDPH
Food Rescue Partnership
Healthiest State Initiative Annual Walk Committee
IDPH Community Partnership and Integrated Provider Network Meeting
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice
Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal Assessment
Iowa's Title V Doula Project
James Cushing, Wellmark
Jennifer Johnson and Rodney Tatum, Davenport Central High School
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Mark Speltz (DIA Food Bureau Chief)
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MCAH Region 6 Meeting
McDonald, Woodward & Carlson, P.C.
Molly Gosselink, Iowa Department of Public Health
PAPREN Parks & Greenspace Workgroup
PAPREN Workplace Workgroup
Physical Activity Access Meeting (4)
QC COVID Coalition (2)
QCSAPC
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition Promotion Team
Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
Quad Cities Earth Coalition
Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board
RiverWay Steering Committee
Ruby Mateos, Student
Tobacco Free Quad Cities Coalition
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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



Education provided between July 1, 2021 and August 31, 2021

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	7/19/2021	40	Stepping Stones- Hayes	Oral Health Education
	7/20/2021	65	Stepping Stones- Jefferson	Oral Health Education
	7/21/2021	62	Stepping Stones- Madison	Oral Health Education
	7/22/2021	150	City of Davenport	Hands-Only CPR
	8/6/2021	136	Maternal Health Program	Diaper Giveaway Event and Education
	8/9/2021	7	Maysville City Council	CHANGE Tool
	8/10/2021	5	Safer Foundation	Tobacco and Oral Health Education

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	8/12/2021	407	Friendly House	Back to School Event
	8/16/2021	7	McDonald, Woodward & Carlson, P.C.	Hands-Only CPR
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	7/14/2021	32	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	7/28/2021	0	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	8/4/2021	20	Genesis Family Medical	Maternal Health Education
	8/4/2021	50	St. Ambrose	Food Safety Practices
	8/11/2021	5	The Group Obstetrics and Gynecology	Maternal Health Program Overview
	8/11/2021	5	The Group	Maternal Health Program Overview
	8/11/2021	18	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project

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	8/18/2021	40	Pleasant Valley Community School District	Food Safety Practices
	8/19/2021	30	North Scott Community School District	Food Safety PracticeFood Safety Practices
	8/24/2021	42	QC Behavioral Health Coalition	Tobacco Grant Activities and Quitline Iowa Referral Process
	8/25/2021	15	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	8/25/2021	0	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project