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

Director's Attended Meetings – November 2021

1. Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (3)
2. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (2)
3. Local Public Health Administrators (2)
4. COVID-19 Update with Scott County School Leadership (3)
5. Scott County Board of Supervisors Agenda Review
6. Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; Lori Elam, Community Services Director; and Jeremy Kaiser, Juvenile Detention Director
7. Area 5 HealthCare Coalition Meeting
8. Scott County Department Heads
9. Iowa Department of Public Health Regional Epidemiologist (6)
10. Vera French Clinical Care Committee
11. United Way Impact Council
12. Live Lead-Free QC (2)
13. Iowa Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services Alignment Preliminary Change Package-External Stakeholders
14. Tony Knobbe, Board of Supervisor
15. Discussion on MEDIC 28E with Leadership from MEDIC EMS, City of Bettendorf, City of Davenport, Scott County and State Leadership, Gary Mohr, Iowa State Representative, and Kelly Garcia, Iowa Department of Human Services
16. FEMA Course Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface
17. Quad Cities COVID Coalition
18. Scott County Kids Fiscal Committee
19. Scott County Kids/Decategorization Board
20. National Association of County and City Health Officials Adaptive Leadership Academy Orientation
21. Scott County High Utilizer Review Team
22. Iowa Public Health Association Legislative Forum
23. Regional Epidemiologist Site Visit

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

Vicki Doner, Correctional Health Manager	3 years	December 3
Lenore Alonso, Senior Office Assistant	16 years	December 19
Debbie Olesen, Office Assistant	17 years	December 17
Tiffany Peterson, Community Health Manager	17 years	December 6

I would like to share the following transfer:

Danielle Freund from Correctional Health Nurse to Per Diem Nurse December 31

Assessment

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

Community Health Assessment Efforts Continue

The Community Health Assessment Stakeholder Committee met to review the results of the four sessions where participants had the opportunity to prioritize opportunities for need and what impact the community may have on the need. The committee also provided their feedback to the Steering Committee members on the process and how it could be improved in future years. Committee members were encouraged to fill out the online survey for feedback on the Community Health Assessment report. There was not a clear sense of what direction the community should focus on in the Health Improvement Plan following the meeting. This topic has been added to the December agenda of the Steering Committee for further discussion.

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

Communicable Disease Program

A total of two thousand and six communicable diseases were reported during November. They included five cases of hepatitis B, five cases of hepatitis C, one e. Coli infection, and one case each of pertussis, salmonellosis, and haemophilus influenzae type B. In addition, there were one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-two cases of COVID-19 reported.

Staff from across the department have been working with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Human Resources, and Risk Management; as well as Dr. Katz on an outbreak of COVID-19 within the Scott County Jail. This is the first outbreak that has occurred since the pandemic began. Inmates and staff are being tested regularly.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In November, twenty-seven individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to eleven dogs, fifteen cats, and one bat. Six victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for a high-risk exposure or a bite above the shoulders; four victims started the treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In November, there were three children receiving individual case management. Of those, two had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL and two had a level between 15-19 ug/dL. Three children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services for lead poisoning during the month. All three have blood lead levels between 10-14 ug/dL. These

children receive public health nursing support until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 5 ug/dL are obtained.

Environmental Health staff completed a lead inspection at a new residence for a family with a child that has an existing elevated blood lead case. The home where the child lived when identified with an elevated blood lead level had numerous lead-based paint hazards identified. The family moved into a new residence. The inspection at the new address did not reveal the presence of any lead-based paint.

Sexual Health Program

Sixty-one individuals received sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic services during November. Seven clients tested positive for chlamydia, three clients tested positive for gonorrhea, one client tested positive for syphilis, and one tested positive for HIV at the Health Department's clinic. In total, ninety-two cases of chlamydia, fifty cases of gonorrhea, five cases of syphilis, and one HIV case were reported in Scott County during November.

Policy Development

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

Presentation at Quad City Minority Partnership Youth Conference

Staff presented general health information during the 2021 Quad City Minority Partnership Youth Conference held at Augustana College. The platform for the presentation was an interactive jeopardy game. Questions for the jeopardy game included STIs, smoking, COVID-19, adolescent vaccination, and communicable diseases. Approximately, twenty-five students attended each workshop session.

Discussion on Medicare

Oral health staff met with Pamela Miller from Aetna. She is a customer relations representative assisting older Iowans with navigating Medicare and discussing advantage plan options. Ms. Miller is interested in partnering with I-Smile™ to host a lunch and learn for Community Health Care, Inc. staff to educate them on the benefits available to their patients and be a resource for any questions the clinic may have.

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

Tobacco-Free Quad Cities Coalition Meets

The Tobacco-Free Quad Cities (TFQC) Coalition held their quarterly full coalition meeting. As a group, meeting attendees completed the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Partnership Assessment Tool. The tool will help to establish a baseline understanding of which organizations are at the coalition table, what community sectors they represent, and current level of engagement in the coalition's work. After completing the tool, the community sectors lacking representation include "Businesses or Employers," "Individuals/Groups Representing

Communities that Experience Health Inequities,” “Individuals or Families,” “Policymakers or Elected Officials,” and “Media”. This shows that there is much potential for bringing on additional coalition partners that will help to offer a broader and more diverse perspective. The coalition plans to discuss the results further at the next full group meeting in February 2022. Additionally, it is anticipated that IDPH will be sharing more coalition building guidance that TFQC can utilize as the fiscal year continues.

Discussion on Results of Bettendorf Hy-Vee Pop-Up Project

Bi-State Regional Commission and Health Department staff facilitated a meeting with partners on the Physical Activity Access grant pop-up project focused on safety measures for pedestrians. Throughout the pop-up project, comment cards were available to Young Management Corporation residents and Hy-Vee patrons. Nineteen responses indicated that a majority walked to Hy-Vee, noticed the pedestrian safety measures, and 33 percent felt safer when walking to Hy-Vee. Following discussion, Geifman First Equity (Hy-Vee) agreed to maintain the paint and large mirrors as many compliments were received.

Hawki Coordinator Meeting

Staff attended the Hawki Coordinators Fall Meeting. Jean Johnson, IDPH Hawki Coordinator, presented on the history of Hawki, how it has evolved, and where the program is heading. Local Hawki coordinators worked in small groups discussing opportunities for outreach efforts to Hawki audiences and ways to strengthen the program.

Scott County Kids Clinical Review/Provider Panel

Staff attended the Scott County Kids Clinical Review/Provider Panel. The meeting included a presentation given by Stephanie Hernandez, Director of Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice Program at Family Resources. She reviewed the Youth Assessment Program recently launched. A care coordinator assists with creating a care plan, and ongoing support and follow-up is offered to further support the youth and family.

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

TFQC Champion Awards Presented

On behalf of the Tobacco-Free Quad Cities (TFQC) Coalition, staff presented Genesis Health System, River Bend Food Bank, and the Scott County Board of Supervisors with the TFQC Champion Award. This honor is given to local organizations that help to support TFQC’s mission of reducing the impact of tobacco and nicotine in our community by having a comprehensive tobacco and nicotine-free workplace policy. Qualifying policies have a minimum of the following components: 1) covers all products not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for cessation use; 2) applies to employees and visitors; 3) is in effect at all times; and 4) includes company vehicles. TFQC is seeking additional organizations in the community that either are immediately eligible for the award, or could qualify with additional technical support to create a new or strengthen an existing policy.

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

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Washington Mini Mart, Washington Street, Davenport	Ants in fountain pop machine	Verified & Resolved
Rob's Smokin J's, Washington Street, Davenport	Selling food without a license	Verified & Resolved
Probstei Inn Bar & Grill, West Kimberly Road, Davenport	Cross contamination/ improper hand washing/no certified food protection manager on staff	Verified & Resolved

Swimming Pool/Spa Program

Facility Closures	Reason	Status
The Bridges	Not approved for year-round operations	Closed
Days Inn East, East Kimberly Road, Davenport (October closure)	No chlorine, no testing, numerous other deficiencies	Resolved after

This summer, it was discovered that The Bridges, an apartment complex in Bettendorf, had been operating their spa year-round. After confirming with IDPH that the spa was not approved for use year round, staff contacted the facility to remind the pool operator that the spa was not permitted to be open in freezing temperatures. The response from the maintenance manager was they were unaware and had nothing in writing from IDPH or Scott County regarding this restriction. IDPH responded with an abundance of correspondence between IDPH and this individual documenting lengthy discussions when the facility was first constructed two years ago. IDPH advised the maintenance manager that the spa should be closed, drained and properly winterized immediately. The maintenance manager advised IDPH that he would do so immediately. IDPH cited numerous violations related to the operation of the spa under freezing conditions. The maintenance manager stated that the owners intend to make the changes to the facility that would permit the spa to operate year round. IDPH plans to do an inspection of the facility prior to opening for next year's outdoor bathing season.

IDPH sent copies of email messages to several Scott County pool facilities advising them that because their registrations have lapsed, they cannot be open. One of them is a medical rehabilitation therapy pool that had previously allowed community members to use the pool. Even though the facility has discontinued this practice, IDPH has advised this facility that it cannot be open until a therapy exemption form has been submitted. Another is a swimming pool at a hotel that has changed ownership and has not had their pool open to guests through the pandemic. A third one is a hotel pool and spa that staff visited a few months ago. The new

managers elected to close the pool and spa due to the number of violations observed. They agreed to contact staff for an inspection when the violations were corrected.

Assurance

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

First Med Pharmacy Review

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

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services

Staff continues to provide Presumptive Eligibility applications for pregnant individuals, children, and adolescents. This month, staff completed an application for an infant, but the child was not approved for immediate, temporary Medicaid due to income guidelines. The family was provided with additional community resources and staff recommended the family apply through the Iowa Department of Human Services for the most exact eligibility determination.

Non-Public School Health Screenings

Staff conducted health screenings at four of the non-public schools during November. Fifty kindergarten students received dental screenings and three hundred students received vision screenings. Six students were referred for a dental evaluation and four students were referred for a vision evaluation.

Child Care Vaccinations

Staff offered free influenza and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) vaccine to child care providers. Child care centers with seven or more staff wanting vaccine can schedule an onsite clinic, or providers can schedule an appointment at the Health Department. Five centers held onsite visits for vaccine for staff. Forty-four influenza vaccines were given during November. Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa funds the vaccines.

COVID Vaccinations

Staff continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at the Health Department and at the Jail. The primary vaccine being given is the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. However, the department did offer Pfizer for individuals coming to the department's childhood immunization clinic during a special clinic offered at the LULAC Center. This clinic targeted individuals twelve and older. Staff also has regularly been offering vaccine for Humility Homes and Services residents.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

Education on Public Health Policy

All staff are asked to complete annual training on one of the core public health competencies. Our Community Tobacco Consultant chose to focus on increasing public health policy knowledge. The following trainings were completed: *Public Health Policy and Advocacy* from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, *Strategy and Policy Development in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In* from the Region 2 Public Health Training Center and *Public Health Policy Making Process* from the North Dakota Public Health Training Network.

Primary topics covered in the trainings include: typical sections of a standard policy document; steps in the policy creation and implementation sequence; consideration of key influences that impact the policy making process (e.g. constituents, political parties, media, social interest groups, etc.); a need to assess both policy allies and opponents; utilizing a systems thinking approach when creating policies; selecting effective advocacy approaches (e.g. using evidence based research and gaining and maintaining access to decision makers); developing clear and compelling policy advocacy messages; and delivering these messages using the most appropriate communication channel.

Mental Health for Early Childhood Workers Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Supporting the Mental and Emotional Health of Early Care and Education Workforce Beyond COVID-19*. The presenter shared data on COVID-19's impact on the mental and emotional health of early childhood educators, and gave both long- and short-term practices to support workplace wellness.

Pediatric COVID Vaccine Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines: CDC's Recommendations for Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series in Children 5-11 Years Old*. The presenters provided an overview of COVID-19 in children, the vaccine, and possible side effects for this age group.

Webinar Regarding Suicide Prevention

Staff attended the webinar *School Health Learning – Suicide Prevention*. Presenters provided an overview of suicide among school age children, signs to watch for, increased stressors on children, and resources available.

Education on Vaccine Hesitancy

Staff attended the webinar *How to Talk to Vaccine Hesitant People*. The presenter provided an overview of why people may be vaccine hesitant and how to provide clear, consistent, and evidence-based responses.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Session of the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Conference

The department's maternal, adolescent, and child health nurses attended a portion of the Iowa State Medical Examiner Conference discussing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Presenters shared information on SIDS prevention, what information is collected at a SIDS crime scene, and resources to review including Rachel Moon's Safe Sleep webinar and NCFRP.org. In the webinar by Dr. Moon, she discussed strategies to support safe sleep environments in early childhood education programs.

Education on Breastfeeding and Marijuana

Staff attended the Breastfeeding Grand Rounds presented by the University of Albany School of Public Health. The topic of discussion was marijuana use during pregnancy and breastfeeding. During this session, attendees learned about the potential health effects of marijuana and current recommendations about use during pregnancy, when breastfeeding, and or exposure to an infant.

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

Iowa Department of Public Health Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Workgroup

Staff continues to participate in the IDPH MCAH Informing Template Workgroup meetings. The group is looking for ways to increase informing rates. They are exploring different wording in program materials as well as different technology methods, such as texting.

After Action Report Follow-Up

Staff met to discuss the After Action reports for both the COVID clinic and contact tracing responses. Improvement plans were created and timelines were established for each of the concerns that were listed. Moving forward, the department will be focusing on succession planning for key responsibilities, work from home/offsite telework capabilities, and identifying additional point of dispensing locations for future events.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Point of Dispensing Site Information

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant required each of the participating agencies to submit a listing of all their designated point of dispensing (POD) sites and some specific site information. This information was compiled in order to begin planning a statewide resource list for the distribution of medical countermeasures. The Health Department listed current POD locations, as well as potential locations that are being assessed for future use.

Meetings Attended by Staff

Adrian Long, Doula

Adrienne Allen, Doula

Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Breast and Cervical Cancer – Care For Yourself Fall Meeting

City of Bettendorf Wellness Committee

City of Buffalo Mississippi River Trail Expansion

Community Health Assessment Stakeholders

Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Davenport Central High School ISTEP
Environmental Protection Agency Food Waste Research
Food Rescue Partnership
Food Rescue Partnership Board
Hawki Fall Meeting
Health Equity in Action
Healthiest State Annual Walk Debrief
IDPH Doula Project – Title V Agency Monthly Meeting
IDPH Physical Activity Access
Iowa Immunization Coalition
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice
I-Smile™ Silver Quarterly
Julia Ganda, Doula
Kathy Wine, River Action
Lifelong Smiles Quarterly
Live Lead Free QC
MCAH Informing Template Workgroup
Megan Middaugh, Unite Iowa
Michele Cullen, Genesis Visiting Nurses Association
Pamela Miller, Atnea
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) Workplace Workgroup
PAPREN Equity & Resilience Workgroup
PAPREN Parks & Greenspaces Workgroup
Physical Activity Access
Physical Activity Access Pop-up Project
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Quad Cities Youth Conference Planning Committee
River Way Steering Committee
Safer Foundation ISTEP
Scott County Board of Supervisors
Scott County Kids Clinical Review/Provider Panel
Scott County Kids School Health Committee
St. Ambrose University
Tobacco-Free Quad Cities

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 November 1, 2021 and November 30, 2021

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	11/16/2021	32	Quad City Minority Partnership	Health Topics That Impact Youth
	11/29/2021	5	Safer Foundation	Tobacco Use Prevention and ISTEP Meeting Facilitation
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	11/3/2021	17	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	11/17/2021	10	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project



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

Request Date	Nature of Request	Request From	Newspaper	Radio	Television
11/5/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
11/9/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
11/10/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
11/12/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
11/30/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6