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Director's Report to the Board of Health January 14, 2022

Director's Attended Meetings – December 2021

1. Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (4)
2. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (2)
3. Local Public Health Administrators
4. COVID-19 Update with Scott County School Leadership (3)
5. Scott County Board of Supervisors Agenda Review (2)
6. Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator and Jeremy Kaiser, Juvenile Detention Director
7. Scott County Department Heads
8. Iowa Department of Public Health Regional Epidemiologist (4)
9. Live Lead-Free QC
10. Quad City Health Initiative
11. Adaptive Leadership Academy (4)
12. Iowa Department of Public Health and Human Services Medical Director Interviews
13. Contact Tracing After Action Report Discussion
14. Scott County High Utilizer Review Team
15. Deborah Thompson,
16. CDC All State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Health Department Update Call (2)
17. Board of Health Orientation with Sydney Schermer
18. Discussion of Role of Health Director with Dubuque County Board of Health Member

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

Logan Hildebrant, Environmental Health Specialist 6 years January 11

Assessment

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

Iowa Department of Public Health 3rd Grade Oral Health Survey

Staff met with Tony Runkle, Principal, and Jodi Quam, Nurse, from Hopewell Elementary to plan for the upcoming Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) 3rd Grade Oral Health Survey. The meeting focused on how to increase participation rates to collect valuable data regarding the oral health status of 3rd grade students living in the Pleasant Valley District. Starting in January, four local community schools will participate in the oral health survey. The other three schools are within the Davenport Community School district and include Buchanan, Jackson, and Blue Grass Elementary. Schools to participate in the survey are identified by IDPH.

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

Communicable Disease Program

A total of four thousand, five hundred and thirty-six communicable diseases were reported during December. They included two cases of campylobacteriosis, one e. Coli infection, one case each of hepatitis B, and one case of haemophilus influenzae type B. In addition, there were four thousand, five hundred and thirty-one cases of COVID-19 reported.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In December, twenty-two individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to eight dogs, eleven cats, one raccoon, and one bat. One cat exposed two individuals. Twelve victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for a high-risk exposure or a bite above the shoulders; seven victims started the treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In December, there were two children receiving individual case management. Of those, one had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL and one 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.

Sexual Health Program

Seventy-four individuals received sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic services during December. Twelve clients tested positive for chlamydia and eight clients tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, seventy-two cases of chlamydia, fifty-two cases of gonorrhea, two cases of syphilis, and one HIV case were reported in Scott County during December.

Policy Development

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

Influenza Vaccine Messaging

Staff worked to assure that influenza prevention messaging was available on billboards and social media for December, extending into January. COVID-19 messaging from the department mirrored these messages this month, promoting the website [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), which helps members of the public locate both COVID-19 vaccines and seasonal influenza vaccines.

Medication Administration Skills Competency Training

Staff provided *Medication Administration Skills Competency* training to nine childcare center providers. The training provides information on the safe administration of medications to children in care, including a skills demonstration for eight different administration types used

for various medications. For training credit, each participant completes a skills assessment within thirty days of the class. Five staff successfully completed the skills assessment during December and the other four are scheduled in January.

Quad Cities Sustainable Food Management Summit

Staff presented an opening keynote on behalf of the Food Rescue Partnership (FRP) at the Quad Cities Sustainable Food Management Summit. Over two days, forty-seven virtual attendees learned from food system stakeholders in the Quad Cities and discussed various topics about reducing food loss and waste and gaining best use out of excess food. The recorded presentations and materials are available at no cost on the conference [website](#).

Hands-Only CPR Training

The Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition (QCHC) provided a free thirty minute Hands-Only CPR training to the Cornbelt Running Club, Puryear Law P.C., and the Friends of Wapsi River Environmental Education Center. More than sixty people learned the two important steps to Hands-Only CPR and each organization received a free American Heart Association Family & Friends CPR Anytime kit with a DVD and mini rescue Annie.

Dental Public Health Education

Staff met with a University of Iowa Dental student to share public health information and educate on the importance of dental public health. Conversation focused on the I-Smile™ and I-Smile™ Silver programs and the impacts they have on the oral health status of Iowans across the state. Various initiatives that have stemmed as a result of the public health programs were highlighted.

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

Update Provided to Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Staff attended the Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting and provided an update on Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) contract services, the impact of COVID on child care in Scott County, and the role of the CCNC in the new child care quality improvement system.

HIV Community Partnership Efforts

Staff attended a collaboration meeting with Unity Point Health and CADS/Robert Young Center concerning their Building Strong African American Families (SAAF) initiative. Staff also attended the Community Resource Outreach Meeting hosted by Community Health Care, the Honor Homeless Person Memorial, as well as a coalition building meeting with Armani Family Services.

Food Safety Taskforce

The Food Inspection Team held a virtual Food Safety Taskforce meeting on December 21st. The taskforce, open to local food service establishment operators and members of the public, offered an opportunity for inspectors, establishment operators, and others to discuss important food safety topics to work together to strengthen the food industry in Scott County.

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

Iowa Public Health Association Legislative Forum

Leadership Team staff and I attended the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) 2021 Legislative Forum. This is an event where IPHA members and partners listen and engage with each other and policy makers, on important public health issues that are likely to see action during the 2022 Iowa legislative session. Scott County Health Department priorities were shared, including 1) need for increased Medicaid reimbursement for dental providers; 2) continued support for public health in light of the merger with the Iowa Department of Human Services; and 3) maintain strong infrastructure and requirements regarding childhood immunizations. There were moderated state agency and legislator panels where participants could hear their perspective on upcoming legislation and had the opportunity to ask questions.

Results of CHANGE Tool Assessment Shared with CASI

Staff met with Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI) leadership to review the workplace Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool results and recommendations. During the meeting, CASI expressed interest in an employee wellness needs assessment, strengthening the agency’s tobacco-free policy to prohibit nicotine, and various physical activity opportunities. Staff offered technical assistance to implement CHANGE Tool recommendations at CASI.

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

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Abarrotes Carrillo, West Third Street, Davenport	Fire Emergency	Facility closed until structural repairs completed

Swimming Pool/Spa Program

Facility Closures	Reason	Status
Maquoketa Area YMCA	No certified pool operator (CPO), no Virginia Graeme Baker Act (VGBA) compliance documents	Still closed-pending completion of corrective action plan
Maquoketa AmericInn	No CPO, no VGBA documents	Still closed–pending completion of corrective action plan

Both Jackson County swimming pool facilities remain closed. They have been in communication with staff and are working towards resolution of their violations. The IDPH engineer has approved the engineering plans necessary to move the Maquoketa Area YMCA into compliance. Staff will be coordinating an inspection with the state following completion of the work.

Assurance

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

First Med Pharmacy Review

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

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services

Staff attended *Title V Maternal Health Orientation and Data Entry training for Direct Care Providers* hosted by IDPH to ensure services are being correctly documented.

Staff performed dental screenings at Children's Village Hoover and West during the month of December. Collectively, one hundred and sixteen students received oral health services including a dental screening and fluoride varnish. Children with identified treatment needs will receive care coordination services to connect them to a dental home. During the month of December one hundred and forty-five children ages 0-5 received a dental service through the I-Smile™ program.

Health Screenings Continue at Non-Public Schools

Staff conducted health screenings at four more of the non-public schools this month. Thirty-eight kindergarten students received dental screenings and four hundred and thirty-nine students received vision screenings. As a result of the screenings, three students were referred for a dental evaluation and thirty-seven students were referred for a vision evaluation.

Enrollment in Program for Sexually Transmitted Infection Medication

Staff completed the annual IDPH STI 340B Treatment Medication Program Provider Enrollment Form. All health care providers receiving state-procured STI medication must complete the form. The form outlines the expectation for clinics receiving medications for distribution to STI clients. A few expectations include documentation and reporting of medication administration, retention of medication records, and medication storage.

HIV Outreach Testing and Education

HIV and hepatitis C outreach testing services were provided at the Muscatine Center for Social Action, Quad City Harm Reduction, and the Scott County Health Department by appointment. Overall forty people were tested for HIV and two people were tested for hepatitis C. In addition, testing was offered at Humility of Homes and Housing. Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine was offered as well.

The Health Department celebrated World AIDS Day at NorthPark Mall by offering free and confidential HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C testing. Additional materials about STIs were also distributed during the World AIDS Day event.

New condom distribution sites were established at Jack's Bar, Boozie's Bar and Grille, and Essentials Vape and Smoke Shop. More than fifteen thousand condoms were distributed throughout the community in the month of December.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

Sexual Health Program Training

All staff working in the Sexual Health Program (SHP) receive a variety of formal and informal, hands-on learning. One of the department's newer public health nurses participated in the three-day training, *Fundamentals of HIV Prevention*. This training covers many principles related to pre- and post-test counseling, delivering results, partner notification, etc. New staff continues to train with mentor staff in the Sexual Health Clinic.

Certified Pool Operator Education

Staff attended continuing education class for pool operators, and engaged in discussions regarding compliance issues.

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

IDPH Quality Improvement Site Visit

Members of the department's Immunization Team participated in a Vaccine for Children Program Quality Improvement (QI) Site Visit with IDPH. The group reviewed various metrics and discussed the implementation of a QI project that will take place over the course of a year to see if they make an impact on the vaccination rates for those individuals in the department's medical home.

Sexual Health Program Medical Chart Audit

The Sexual Health Program (SHP) Medical Chart Audit procedure was updated this month. The purpose of the chart audit procedure is to define the process utilized to audit the records of clients seen in the department's Sexual Health Clinic to ensure that required information is documented and staff are following department procedures.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Communicable Disease Program Site Visit

Members of the Communicable Disease Team met with IDPH regional epidemiologist, Diana Von Stein, for a routine site visit related to the Communicable Disease Program. This was the first time staff had been able to meet Ms. Von Stein in person.

FY21 Annual Report Released

In December, the department's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report was published on the website and distributed to email subscribers in GovDelivery. Portions of the report were excerpted by

channel 4, WHBF “Our Quad Cities” TV station. The report can be found in the Correspondence section of the Board of Health packets.

Meetings Attended by Staff

Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar – Region 7
AOK Network Meeting
Back to Basics – A Quad City Health Initiative Be Healthy QC Event
Brittany Classen, Ashley Digman, and Dave Larson, The Group
Buffalo City Council
Center for Active Seniors (CASI)
Community Health Assessment & Improvement Plan Townhall – Regions 5 & 6
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Community Resource Outreach Meeting
Environmental Protection Agency Food Systems
FFY23 MCAH and 1st Five RFP Planning – Cedar, County, Jackson, and Scott Counties
Food Rescue Partnership
Georgia Stear, Child Abuse Council
Hopewell Elementary
I74 Bridge Ceremony
IDPH Doula Project – Title V Agency Monthly Meeting
IDPH Healthy Child Care Iowa CCNC Regional Virtual Meeting
IDPH Site visit with Diana Von Stein, State Epidemiologist
IDPH Title V Maternal Health Orientation & Data Entry
Iowa Immunizes Coalition
IPHA 2021 Legislative Forum
Kierrah Williams, Doula
Live Lead Free QC
Maysville, Iowa City Council
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) Workplace Workgroup
Physical Activity Access Meeting (2)
Quad Cities Earth Coalition
Quad Cities Food Management Summit
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Quad Cities Sustainable Management of Food Summit
Quad Cities Youth Conference Planning Committee
Ride the River
River Way Steering Committee
Tobacco Free Quad Cities Community Education Workgroup
WISEWOMAN
YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley Child Care and Family Services Board

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



Attachment 1

Education provided between December 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	12/11/2021	9	Birdie's Nest Child Care Center	Medication Administration
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	12/1/2021	16	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project
	12/15/2021	17	Genesis	Genesis Oral Care Project



Media Inquiries between December 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
12/1/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
12/2/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
12/7/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
12/7/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
12/8/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
12/8/2021	COVID-19 Tests	Television			WQAD-TV8
12/10/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
12/13/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
12/15/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
12/20/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
12/21/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
12/22/2021	Covid	Television			WHBF-TV4
12/26/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
12/28/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
12/30/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4