



## Scott County Health Department

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### Director's Report to the Board of Health January 13, 2023

#### Director's Attended Meetings – December

- Childhood Lead Advisory Workgroup
- EMS Consultant Interview
- Equity & Emergency Management-Iowa Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Medical Director and Staff
- Iowa Public Health Association 2022 Legislative Forum
- Live Lead Free Quad Cities (LLFQC)
- LLFQC Case Management Discussion with Contractor
- Mental Health + Wellness Cohort Introduction
- Opioid Settlement Dollars Planning Discussion with Johnson County
- Quad City Health Initiative Board
- Scott County Community COVID Planning Group (2)
- Scott County High Utilizer Review Team
- Scott County Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan Steering Committee
- Scott County IT Strategic Plan Kick Off Meeting
- Scott County MEDIC EMS Transition Planning Committee (4)
- Scott County Taskforce (Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Judicial System)
- Service Area 5 HealthCare Coalition

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

Logan Hildebrant, Environmental Health Specialist	7 years	January 11
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I would like to introduce the following new employees:

Lydia Amissah-Harris, Family Health Coordinator	Start	December 19 <sup>th</sup>
Tiffany Williams, Family Health Nurse	Start	December 29 <sup>th</sup>

I would like to share the following departures from the Department:

Tia Siegwarth, Information Specialist	December 20 <sup>th</sup>
Nicole Miller, Fiscal Manager	February 1 <sup>st</sup>

## **Assessment**

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

### Community Health Improvement Plan Efforts Continue

Staff continued work on the 2023-2026 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Scott and Rock Island counties. Staff met with the QC Behavioral Health Coalition Steering Committee and the QC Trauma Informed Consortium Steering Committee to follow up on previous discussions about activities where each group was written in as implementation partners under the mental health priority area. Staff reviewed the updates made based on those discussions and asked the groups for final feedback on what would be included in the CHIP. Staff will be meeting with additional community groups in the upcoming months and hope to finalize the CHIP in early 2023.

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

### Communicable Disease Program

A total of 747 communicable diseases were reported during December. They included two cases of hepatitis C and one case of mumps. In addition, there were 744 laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported.

### Rabies Risk Assessments

In December, 24 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to 15 dogs, seven cats, and two bats. Nine victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for a high-risk exposure or a bite above the shoulders and seven started the treatment.

### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In December, there were six children receiving individual case management. Of those, one had a blood level between 20-44 ug/dL, two had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL, and three had a blood lead level less than 15 ug/dL. These cases receive case management until they meet closure criteria. Nine children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services for lead poisoning during the month. Five children have a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and four have levels less than 10 ug/dL. These children receive public health nursing support until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 3.5 ug/dL are obtained. Five children attending the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services during their December visit. There were no new positives identified during this effort.

### Sexual Health Program

Fifty-two individuals received sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic services during December 2022. Four clients tested positive for chlamydia, one clients tested positive for gonorrhea, and one client tested positive for syphilis at the Health Department's clinic. In total, 81 cases of chlamydia, 33 cases of gonorrhea, and six cases of syphilis were reported in Scott

County during December. An additional 26 syphilis cases were investigated and determined to be either out of jurisdiction, not identified as a syphilis case, or had a pending case status. These cases were closed or referred. One HIV case was investigated; it turned out to be a false-positive result.

## **Policy Development**

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

### World AIDS Day Community Health Fair

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, staff spearheaded the World AIDS Day Community Health Fair at the Muscatine Center for Social Action in Muscatine County. The purpose of World AIDS Day is to raise awareness about the testing, treatment, and resources available to fight HIV/AIDS. Over 25 vendors gathered from Scott, Muscatine, Rock Island and Polk Counties to support this effort. Collectively, over 200 servings of hot food were provided to the community, harm reduction supplies were distributed via QC Harm Reduction and the department, substance abuse and mental health resources were shared, and several individuals signed up for insurance with Iowa Total Care. The City of Muscatine provided a resource table that included Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and housing resources while the Eastern Iowa Crisis System supported the community with Crisis Intervention resources. Community Health Care assisted with COVID vaccines and Sherwin Robinson Sr., participated by providing free haircuts to community members. Muscabus provided free transportation to and from this event. Department staff administered 19 HIV tests at this event.

### Winter Wellness Event at Downtown Davenport Public Library

Staff spearheaded the Winter Wellness event at the Downtown Davenport Public Library. Originally, this event was designed to highlight the programs, initiatives and services offered by the Davenport Public Library, Community Health Care and the Scott County Health Department, but quickly transformed into a city-wide resource fair. The Winter Wellness event served over 275 participants by providing ease of access to numerous health and wellness resources including but not limited to winter coats hats, gloves; hot food via St. Anthony's Parish; financial literacy; housing information; and crisis intervention services. The City of Davenport's Group Violence Intervention Program participated; this group links police and the community together to help find solutions to address gun violence. Amani Community Services provided domestic violence support resources. Iowa Total Care and Amerigroup Iowa, the two Medicaid managed care organizations, supported attendees by providing sign up and benefits counseling. The YWCA reported gifting over 300 pairs of socks; Amerigroup Iowa allocated \$10 laundry vouchers; Community Health Care provided three medical appointments via their mobile health clinic, 15 blood pressure and glucose checks, and scheduled 20 health care appointments at this event. Department staff administered 40 HIV tests, 22 influenza vaccinations (vaccine donated to the department), and 13 COVID vaccinations which included five primary series doses and eight booster doses.

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

Food Safety Task Force

Staff hosted a virtual Food Safety Task Force meeting with local entities during December. Fifty businesses expressed interest in attending. Topics discussed in the meeting were inspection frequencies, certified food protection manager certification information, employee health illness reporting, and norovirus cleanup procedures. Approximately five interested businesses were unable to make the meeting and wanted more information. In the end, 25 businesses attended the presentation and a question/answer/comment period followed. This was a successful meeting and turnout.

Support of Humility of Mary Shelter

Lead by efforts of the department's Fun Fund, staff assisted Humility of Mary Shelter during the month of December. Team members were encouraged to bring in items which were found on the Humility of Mary website as needed and or accepted items. The department met their request by delivering several boxes of winter clothing (hats, coats, gloves, and scarves) and personal hygiene items.

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

Preparedness Work on Assuring Accurate Information

The preparedness team met with Mackenzie Briggs from Genesis to discuss the Service Area 5 National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) requirements for the grant. The team also discussed and determined a system to update community contacts in EM Resource – the statewide system to track health care resources. This system allows quick access to health care provider contact information and was used considerably by the state during the majority of the COVID-19 pandemic to track resources including bed availability.

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

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Super 8 Motel, Jason Way Court, Davenport	Pest control (mice)	Re-inspection scheduled
Popeye's, North Marquette Street, Davenport	Improper hot holding temperatures and general facility cleaning	Re-inspection scheduled
McDonald's, West Kimberly Road, Davenport	No hot water; water heater not functioning properly	Resolved

Staff received a pest complaint at Super 8 Motel on Jason Way Court in Davenport. Mice and mice droppings were spotted in many areas: continental breakfast area, lobby, under vending machine and ice machine, laundry room, kitchen, etc. Bed bugs were found in multiple hotel

rooms. The facility has a pest control operator and the provider has been in contact with staff multiple times. Ten hotel rooms were inspected as well; pests (mainly dead), dust, debris, and gunk were found in all hotel rooms. A re-inspection will take place in January 2023.

#### Food Service Establishment Closure by Department

Facility	Reason	Status
Azteca 3, Spruce Hills Drive, Bettendorf	Operating with no water	Resolved

In late December, Happy Joe's in Bettendorf contacted the department about having no water. Iowa American Water had to repair valves in this area which required water to be shut off to multiple businesses which included Azteca 3, Culver's, Happy Joe's, and Wendy's. Staff contacted the food businesses in this area and Culver's, Happy Joe's, and Wendy's all closed when having no water. The Azteca 3 employee who was contacted was unaware there was not water. The business was told to close due to no water. Staff drove by all the businesses in this area, but Azteca 3 remained open; staff stopped and closed the facility. All of the businesses re-opened after the repairs were completed.

#### Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
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#### Swimming Pool/Spa Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
AmericInn, Maquoketa	Numerous Violations	Reinspection scheduled for January

#### **Assurance**

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

#### School Health Screenings Continue

Staff continued school health screenings at three more of the non-public schools during December. During the month, 58 kindergarten students received dental screenings and 336 students received vision screenings; nine students were referred for a dental evaluation and 24 students were referred for vision evaluation. One kindergarten student had serious dental concerns and was referred to the family's dental provider for follow up.

#### First Med Pharmacy Review

In December, 236 inmates housed in the Scott County Jail received 890 prescriptions. During the month, 97.4 percent of medical and 98.2 percent of mental health medications were generic.

## *Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*

### Disaggregating Data Learning Opportunity

Staff attended *Disaggregate It: A Health Equity Data Training* from the Iowa Institute of Public Health Research and Policy. The training discussed an overview of public health concepts and frameworks, the importance of asking questions around data, the need to understand how bias impacts the way public health data is collected and used, and how to utilize disaggregated data. Some benefits of disaggregating data include identification of patterns or trends, increasing the understanding of a certain population's characteristics, and monitoring health inequities.

### Continuity of Operations Training

Staff viewed three online continuity of operations plan (COOP) focused trainings. Updating the department's COOP will ensure that SCHD can continue to function and offer needed services to the community in the event of an emergency. The prior plan was completed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. A COOP helps with planning how an organization will respond and who will do what in the event of specific incidents and scenarios. Having a plan in place allows for practice and testing, as well as continued evaluation and improvement.

### MAPP Assessment Revision Webinar Series

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) released the revised assessments associated with the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process. Staff attended a series of webinars by NACCHO that described the new assessments: Community Partner Assessment, Community Status Assessment, and Community Context Assessment. The full MAPP 2.0 Handbook will be released in July 2023.

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

### Social Media Team Participates in Study

The department's social media team recently completed the University of Pennsylvania's America's Regional Messaging Targeting for HIV (ARMT-HIV\_ social media study. For eight weeks, the team had evidence-based messaging to choose from and posted it to department social media. Staff completed a post-study questionnaire to provide feedback to the study organizers. Overall, no immediate benefits were noticed by staff as a result of the study (such as more likes, engagement, reach), but the team is eager to hear from the study organizers.

### Quad Cities CMS Disaster Planning Committee Reviews Exercise

Staff attended the Quad Cities Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Agency Disaster Planning Committee meeting where participants recapped the full-scale exercise that occurred in October. All participating organizations were asked to complete an after action report (AAR). The committee reviewed some of the reports and found that some organizations did more of a table top exercise instead of a true full-scale or functional exercise. Based on what the participants documented in the AAR, the committee needs all organizations to create an

Improvement Plan and submit it to the committee for review. This will help the organizations update their internal procedures to be more prepared for an actual event.

#### Vaccine for Children Program Year in Review

Members of part of the department's Immunization Team participated in the Vaccine for Children Program Year in Review call with Kelly Rooney-Kozak from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Rooney-Kozak was complimentary of the consistent immunization messaging and scripting that the department has implemented over the course of the past year.

#### *Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health*

#### Iowa Grants Update

The state released an update to the Iowa Grants software that is used for applications, contracts, financial reports, budgets, and programmatic reports related to programs funded by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Staff participated in training and are utilizing the new system. There is some increased functionality with the system.

#### Regulation of XRF Lead Paint Analyzer Adjustment

The XRF Lead Paint Analyzer Machine used for reading lead levels at homes was sent to Viken Detection Services in Burlington, Massachusetts. The State of Iowa notified health departments in the state that a regulatory change occurred with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission where if the XRF Lead Paint Analyzer Machine gets re-classified and updated, health departments will no longer have to pay between \$400.00 and \$900.00 a year to register this unit due to this change. The XRF Lead Paint Analyzer Machine will be reclassified from a Pb-200e to a Pb-200i.

#### Department Infrastructure Teams

##### *Quality Improvement Council*

The Quality Improvement (QI) Council brainstormed ideas for the February All Staff meeting training and determined that they will demonstrate a QI process with the Spark idea shared after the December All Staff meeting regarding. The team identified appropriate QI tools to use and will draft an aim statement in January. The Council began to update the Customer Satisfaction Plan.

##### *Health Equity Committee*

The Health Equity Committee reviewed staff suggestions for health equity in action projects. Staff were asked to identify ways in which activities could be implemented in the department's space, programs, and other activities that would directly address the topic of health equity. Projects will be implemented during January – June 2023 and will address the following topics: all staff health equity training; health equity webpage on SCHD's website; health equity adjustments to the images and layout of SCHD's clinic waiting room space. Additionally, the committee is finalizing a draft of the department's health equity plan.

### *Legislative Committee*

The Legislative Committee discussed the training offered by Deborah Thompson on the legislative process at the November All Staff meeting. The group prepared a follow-up survey for staff on the training in an order to capture feedback from the department. In addition, the committee reviewed the state association legislative items developed and planned the materials to share with the Board of Health to assist in their legislative discussion. Finally, resources were received from Madison Dane County Health Department on how their local health department manages legislative work. The resources will be helpful in developing a guide for the work of the Legislative Committee.

### *Workforce Development Committee*

The Workforce Development Committee continues to make plans for the Workforce Development Survey to be launched in early 2023. The survey assesses against the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals developed by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice. The competencies were most recently revised in October 2021 so the survey used previously is being updated to assure alignment with the new competencies.

### *Workplace Culture Committee*

The Workplace Culture Committee did not meet formally, however members of the committee participated in an orientation to the University of Iowa College of Public Health/Institute for Public Health Practice's Learning in Practice Leadership Cohort on Creating Wellness and Resilience. The Leadership in Practice Leadership Cohort is a new initiative and receives funding from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. There are six sessions as part of the learning opportunity. Committee members are excited to participate in future cohorts; dates for Cohort 1 were in conflict with schedules. During the session, presenters did share that additional training materials will be created for individuals and organizations that are unable to commit to being a part of the cohort. The committee felt that many of the topics discussed are in alignment with topics and resources being discussed for the department's plan and workplan.

### *Health Promotion Team*

The Health Promotion Team extended the Department of Motor Vehicle ads being shown at the driver's license bureau through the end of June 2023. The OnMedia COVID ads continue via Mediacom cable and internet and two additional WGVV 92.5 FM radio ads were created and are airing. The bus and bus shelter ads were extended through February. The team reviewed the FY23 workplan and are working on revising the department's Inventory Procedure.

### **Meetings Attended by Staff**

Be Healthy QC State Update  
Ben Hermann. Quad Cities Trails App  
Bettendorf Healthy Hometown  
Bettendorf Wellness Committee



Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Planning Group (2)  
Environmental Protection Agency Regional Food System  
Food Rescue Partnership  
Food Rescue Partnership Recognition Program Overview with Links Restaurant  
Iowa Hunger Coalition Monthly Meetup  
Iowa Public Health Association 2022 Legislative Forum  
Integrated Testing Services 2023 Program Updates  
Janet Hill, Rock Island County Health Department  
Janet Hill, Rock Island County Health Department & Nicole Carkner, Quad City Health Initiative  
Live Lead Free Quad Cities  
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network Workplace Workgroup  
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition Steering Committee  
Quad Cities CMS Disaster Planning Committee  
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board  
Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium  
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee  
Quad City Housing Cluster  
Qualtrics  
River Way Steering Committee  
Service Area 5 HealthCare Coalition  
State Food Contracts Call  
Tobacco Free Quad Cities Community Education Workgroup (2)  
Waste Commission of Scott County  
WISEWOMAN FY23 Bimonthly Call

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 December 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022***

<b><i>Education To:</i></b>	<b><i>Presentation Date</i></b>	<b><i>Total Audience</i></b>	<b><i>Requesting Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
<i>Community</i>				
	12/12/2022	8	Safer Foundaiton	Tobacco/Vaping
	12/13/2022	4	QC Modern Mamas	Hands-Only CPR
	12/13/2022	13	Fairmount Pines HS	Oral Health Education
	12/13/2022	6	Midcity EHS	Oral Health Education
	12/14/2022	7	Colleen Williams-Safer	Adolescent Health Services
	12/16/2022	3	Tipton Headstart	Oral Health Education
	12/20/2022	18	NAACP Youth chapter Carolyn Johnson	Handwashing and Child Health Services



## ***Media Inquiries between December 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022***

<b><i>Request Date</i></b>	<b><i>Nature of Request</i></b>	<b><i>Request From</i></b>	<b><i>Newspaper</i></b>	<b><i>Radio</i></b>	<b><i>Television</i></b>
12/13/2022	Influenza	Television			KWQC-TV6