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Director's Report to the Board of Health September 15, 2023

Director's Attended Meetings – July 2023

- Clinton County Board of Health
- Dr. Richard Vermeer and Mahesh Sharma
- Iowa HHS Delivery Alignment Assessment Town Hall
- Live Lead Free QC
- Local Environmental Health Agency Update
- Local Public Health Administrators (2)
- Local Public Health Collaborative Planning Committee
- MEDIC EMS of Scott County Transition Team (3)
- PHAB Accredited Agency Administrators with Health Management Associates (HMA)- Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) Delivery Alignment Assessment
- PractiSynergy Medical Billing Company
- Scott County Board of Supervisors
- Scott County EMS Association/Fire Chiefs Association
- Scott County Kids Fiscal Committee
- Scott County Kids/Decategorization Board
- Scott County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee
- Scott County Strategic Planning (2)

Director's Attended Meetings – August 2023

- MEDIC EMS of Scott County Transition Team (3)
- Iowa Counties Public Health Association Annual Meeting
- Melissa Sharer, St. Ambrose Master of Public Health Program
- Ken Sharp, Iowa HHS
- Ken Brockman, ORA Orthopedics
- Jail Advisory Committee
- Local Public Health Administrators
- World Relief Quad Cities Quarterly Consultation
- Live Lead Free QC Subcommittee

Recognition of years of service with the department:

Staci Nielsen, Public Health Nurse	2 years	August 23
Heather Van Hoosier, Office Assistant	2 years	September 13
Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist	10 years	September 17
Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant	11 years	August 27

Brooke Barnes, Deputy Director	15 years	August 29
Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist	23 years	August 7

Introduction of new employees:

Sherrie Petersen, Environmental Health Specialist	August 7
Alison Struck, Dental Direct Services Consultant	September 1
Alicia Coppedge, Public Health Nurse	September 20

Departure from the department:

Jordan Pape, Public Health Nurse	August 18
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Assessment

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

Opioid Settlement Planning

The Opioid Settlement Core Team identified community partners with expertise on the issue of opioid use in Scott County and invited them to participate on the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee. This committee met for the first time in July to start working through a strategic planning process for making recommendations on how to spend the funds. Steering Committee members were oriented to the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process, approved strategies, and some of the data that had been collected. Committee members discussed the current impact of opioid use in their sector and started brainstorming what barriers and resources exist in the community to be aware of moving forward with the needs assessment and strategic planning process.

The Opioid Settlement Funds Steering Committee met for the second time in August to start listing out what resources and services already exist in the community within each component of the continuum of care (prevention, treatment/harm reduction, and recovery). After discussing current resources and services, the group brainstormed additional organizations or groups to talk to about opioid use in the county. Following the meeting, Steering Committee members collected data from their own agencies to share with the group.

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

Communicable Disease Program

A total of 19 communicable diseases were reported during July. They included seven cases of hepatitis C, five cases of campylobacteriosis, two cases each of cyclosporiasis, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B, and one case of cryptosporidiosis.

In August, 17 communicable diseases were reported. Six cases of campylobacteriosis, three cases of cryptosporidiosis, two cases each of e. Coli infections and hepatitis C, and one case each of giardiasis, hepatitis B, legionellosis, and ehrlichiosis were reported.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In July, 41 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to 26 dogs, 14 cats, and one bat. Twenty victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposures or bites above the shoulders and 11 victims started the treatment. In August, 33 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to 23 dogs, eight cats, one domestic bat, and one bat. Ten victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposures or bites above the shoulders and five victims started treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In July, there were seven children receiving individual case management. This number increased to eight in August. Of those, four had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL, two had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL, and two had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Four children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services (visual inspections, education over the telephone, appointment reminders) for lead poisoning during August. Of those, three 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 3.5 ug/dL are obtained.

Five children attending the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services during their visit during the month of July. Two children were under three years of age and three were age three and older. In August, 19 children attending immunization clinic were tested for lead. Six children were under three years of age and 13 were three and older. There were no new positives identified during this effort.

Staff completed clearance inspections at two Davenport properties associated with elevated blood lead (EBL) children in July. The first property was vacant while certified contractors completed the required lead remediation activities. Results from the State Hygienic Laboratory showed that three of the four flooring samples collected passed the lead clearance thresholds. The property management team is determining how to move forward with the flooring in the failing area: completing additional cleaning and another test or covering the floor with carpeting.

The second property is the primary residence of an EBL child where lead hazards were previously identified. Lead remediation work was performed on both the interior and exterior. The city of Davenport's Dream Program and the Live Lead Free QC Program collaborated to fund the lead remediation efforts at this property. Following two rounds of cleaning and sampling, the property now meets the requirements for closure.

In August, staff conducted an initial EBL lead inspection at another Davenport residence. Lead-based paint hazards were identified on both the interior and the exterior of the property. The homeowner has been given information on certified lead safe renovators and lead abatement contractors as the homeowner plans to hire a contractor to perform the lead remediation work on the property.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Seventy-two individuals received sexually transmitted infection (clinic) services during July. Seven clients tested positive for chlamydia, five clients tested positive for gonorrhea, one client tested positive for syphilis, and one client tested positive for HIV at the Health Department's sexual health clinic. In total, 99 cases of chlamydia, 33 cases of gonorrhea, five cases of syphilis, and one HIV case were reported in Scott County during July. Three of the syphilis cases were treated at SCHED. There were 25 additional syphilis results that were investigated and determined to be out of jurisdiction, not identified as a case, or had a pending case. These cases were closed, referred, or remained open pending additional results.

In August, 73 clients received STD clinic services. Eight clients tested positive for chlamydia and seven clients tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, 79 cases of chlamydia, 38 gonorrhea cases, and four syphilis cases were reported in Scott County during the month. Two of the syphilis cases were treated at the department. There were 16 additional syphilis results that were reported in August that were either out of jurisdiction, not identified as a case, or had a pending case status.

Policy Development

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

Training for Child Care Providers

Staff completed medication administration skills competency assessments with two child care center staff that took training online in June. For training credit, each participant must complete a one-hour skills assessment within 30 days of the class. Both staff successfully completed the assessment.

Staff provided the training *Back to Sleep-Tummy to Play, Reducing the Risk of SIDS & Promoting Active Tummy Time* for eight child care providers. This course, developed by the Iowa SIDS Foundation, presents research to understand Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), risk factors, recommendations for safe sleep, the child care provider's role in providing a safe sleep environment, and guidance for the importance of tummy time when infants are awake. Staff also shared resources with the attendees on the Healthy Pregnancy Program and ways to partner to support infants and families.

Lactation Education

Staff provided lactation education virtually to three participants, sharing information on infant hunger cues, feeding frequency/duration, latch, milk transfer, positioning, signs of adequate intake, reluctant nurser, and milk expression/pumping. Participants signed up for the class through WIC partnership and promotion.

Crazy Days Community Event

Staff attended the Health and Resource Fair for Crazy Days in Tipton, Iowa as hosted by Cedar County Public Health. Staff shared information about the Healthy Pregnancy Program, the Iowa HHS Doula Program, Care for Kids, I-Smile™, Hawki, and lead testing for 1 to 2 year olds. Posters promoting lead testing designed by SCHED's Health Promotion Team were tested at this event. The materials were well received, and there were many collaborative conversations had with Cedar County residents and community partner organizations.

Hands-Only CPR

The Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition (QCHC) provided a free 30-minute Hands-Only CPR training to Genesis Adventures in Nursing (GAIN) Camp, Mississippi Valley Fair staff and volunteers, Floatzilla volunteers, Safer Foundation, Party in the Parks, Jaycees of the Quad Cities, Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Bettendorf Community Expo, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, and EICC Resource Fair. More than 560 people learned the two important steps to Hands-Only CPR and each organization received a free American Heart Association Family & Friends Anytime kit with a DVD and mini rescue Annie.

School Staff Education

Staff provided medication administration training at eight non-public schools to 115 staff members. The school staff were educated on safely administering and documenting medications given in the school setting. In-depth training on anaphylactic reactions, epi-pens, asthma, and inhalers was completed. In addition, the staff was also presented with a basic overview of diabetes and seizures.

Morning Star Academy requested a comprehensive overview of anaphylactic reactions and epi-pens for 32 staff members. Allergic reactions, epi-pen administration, and epi pen-reactions were all covered during the training.

Staff offered an online education session to all four public school district nurses to provide information on the Scott County Health Department's services. They reviewed and provided resources on communicable disease and animal bite reporting, immunizations, childhood lead poisoning prevention, and upcoming immunization audits.

Back to Swell Event

Staff attended the annual "Back to Swell" event at the Friendly House. This free drive-thru event was offered to families in the area who were getting ready to go back to school. The department provided information on the Immunization Program for VFC-eligible children, lead poisoning prevention, Care for Kids, and the I-Smile™ program. In addition, families received free backpacks and school supplies from community donations.

Jackson County Back to School Night

Staff attended a back to school night in Jackson County at the 61 Drive-In. At the event, staff promoted services available with I-Smile™ and handed out promotional items to support back to school health.

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

Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition

Staff attended the July meeting of the QC Breastfeeding Coalition. The group discussed the various breast pumps that are being provided by insurance agencies. Staff distributed Healthy Pregnancy Program brochures, community baby shower flyers, and Scott County pregnancy and infant resource cards to the group. The group also discussed World Breastfeeding Week.

Black Breastfeeding Week Event

August 25th through August 31st was Black Breastfeeding Week. A number of staff attended a Brunch 'N' Paint event organized by the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Iowa Black Doula Collective, and Chocolate Milk Café. The event was designed to create a fun, relaxing collaborative environment where breastfeeding experiences could be shared, resources obtained, and questions answered. There were 20 participants and approximately 10 organizations in attendance and the event.

Welcome Baby Packets Delivered

Staff delivered welcome baby packets to birthing hospitals in the collaborative service area with an infant toothbrush and educational pamphlets on how to provide oral care to infants.

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

CHANGE Tool Assessment at Russell Group, Inc.

Staff met with Russell Group, Inc. to discuss workplace wellness and complete the Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool assessment. Technical assistance with implementation of policy and environmental recommendations to improve workplace wellness will be ongoing.

Assistance Provided Regarding Child Care Policies, Plans and Laws

The Child Care Nurse Consultant Program provides very diverse technical assistance to improve the quality of health and safety in early childhood care and education settings. During July and August, staff began meeting with child care centers to discuss immunization record keeping and review records as they prepare for the immunization record audit later this year. Staff met with a child care home provider to provide education and support as she prepares to enroll a child with asthma. In addition, staff met with child care center staff at two centers as they work to remodel their outdoor play spaces, reviewing plans and following the installation process. Finally, staff met with individuals at a child care center that participated in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant. All water sites tested at the center were below the action level. The facility director will continue to follow up with the grant funders for next steps and follow best practices to reduce lead exposure from water.

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

Food Service Program

Staff completed inspections of summer food service sites as required by the Department of Education. These are locations that provide free lunches to children during the summer months when school is closed.

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status	Month
Stout's Irish Pub 2, 53 rd Avenue, Bettendorf	Sanitation, Date Marking	Resolved	July
Central Avenue Tap, Inc., Central Avenue, Bettendorf	Sanitation, Pests, Food Handling	Resolved	July
Cabos Cantina & Grill 2, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	Sanitation, Pest Issues	Still In Progress	July
Steak N Shake #215, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	No Working Restrooms	Resolved	July
Arby's, Brady Street, Davenport	No Hot Water	Resolved	July
The Fun Station Quad Cities, S 14 th Avenue, Eldridge	Pest Issues	Resolved	July
Save More, East Locust Street, Davenport	Expiration	Resolved	August
Jesse's Mart, East Locust Street, Davenport	Food Temperatures	Resolved	August
Oh So Sweet by Tiphonie, East 2 nd Street, Davenport	Food Handling and Poor Sanitation	Resolved	August
Osaka Sushi, Inc., West Kimberly Road, Davenport	Date Marking	Resolved	August
El Compita Mexican Bar & Grill, East Kimberly Road, Davenport	No Water	Resolved	August
Popeye's, North Marquette Street, Davenport	Poor Sanitation	Resolved	August
Steak N Shake #215, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	Poor Sanitation	Resolved	August

Food Service Program Closures

Facility	Reason	Status	Month
Steak N Shake #215, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	No Working Restrooms	Reopened	July
Arby's, Brady Street, Davenport	No Hot Water, Walk-in Cooler Not Working	Reopened	July

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status	Month
Red, White, and Boom	12 (8 temporary & 4 mobile)	Violations Corrected On Site	July
Bettendorf 4 th of July	10 (temporary)	Violations Corrected On Site	July
Bix/Ragbrai	14 (12 temporary & 2 mobile)	Violations Corrected On Site	July
Mississippi Valley Fair	63 (59 temporary & 4 mobile)	Violations Corrected On Site; Physical rechecks performed	August
Tug Fest	10 (9 temporary & 1 mobile)	Violations Corrected On Site	August
World of Outlaws	7 (6 temporary & 1 mobile)	Violations Corrected On Site	August

Tattoo Program

One tattoo establishment that changed locations and business name in Scott County has been inspected and approved for a state permit.

Swimming Pool/Spa Program

The City of Muscatine contacted staff regarding inspection records for one of the Muscatine Park Department's Mississippi Mist interactive water feature. The Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) now has authority over the swimming pool/spa program and was contacted for assistance. A joint inspection between the department and DIAL was conducted in August with minor violations noted by staff. The state completed an accident investigation and post-construction inspection due to some modifications that had been made and an incident that had occurred at the facility.

At the request of the owners, staff completed a walk-through inspection of the pool at The Travelodge Hotel in Muscatine. The pool has been out of service for several years due to a damaged roof. The mechanical room is in disarray and missing some components. The new owners plan to refurbish the pool and reopen it in the next year. They were advised to contact a reputable pool contractor for guidance and obtain a state permit prior to completing any work.

The department investigated a complaint regarding the R. Richard Bittner YMCA in downtown Davenport. The complainant stated the side walls of the pools had scum lines at the water levels that had not been cleaned frequently enough to avoid build-up. The complaint was justified and resolved upon reinspection a few days later.

In August, the West Family YMCA (West Locust Street, Davenport) spa was reopened after a reinspection confirmed previously identified violations were corrected. The Sonesta Select Hotel (Golden Valley Drive, Bettendorf) pool, which had been closed since January 2023, was

reinspected and violations were corrected. The pool was allowed to reopen. The spa remains empty and closed with a barricade while the new owner decides whether to reopen it.

Swimming Pool/Spa Closures

Facility	Reason	Status	Month
Staybridge Suites, Progress Drive, Davenport pool & spa	No drain safety documents, test kit expired, no certified pool operator	Reopened	August

Assurance

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

Healthy Pregnancy Program Delivers Service at Scott County Jail

Staff interacted with a pregnant Scott County Jail inmate at one of her prenatal appointments. The inmate enrolled in the Healthy Pregnancy Program and was interested in being supported by a doula through the Black Doula Program. This was the first time the potential to implement the program with an inmate had occurred. After internal discussion, as well as with leadership from the Scott County Jail, a meeting was set up for the assigned doula to meet with jail staff to discuss the program requirements as well as jail requirements. The decision was made to move forward, and the doula completed the required jail training. The doula was able to attend appointments, be at the birth, and make postpartum visits to provide education and support.

HIV/Hepatitis C Counseling, Testing, and Referral Outreach Services

Staff provided HIV and hepatitis C counseling, testing, and referral services during five mobile testing events in July. These events were held at Muscatine Center for Social Action, Goodwill of the Heartland, Pearl City Outreach, Quad City Harm Reduction, and Walgreens. Additional testing occurred at Walgreens during August and will be the last event at Walgreens for the remainder of the calendar year.

First Med Pharmacy Review

During fiscal year 2023, 2,763 inmates received 10,506 prescriptions in total. This is a duplicated number. Overall, 97.7 percent of the medical prescriptions and 98.9 percent of mental health prescriptions were generic.

Presentation to Genesis Family Medical Center Leads to Referral

Staff presented to Genesis Family Medical Center (FMC) on how I-Smile™ and I-Smile™ Silver can partner with medical providers to accept dental referrals and offer training for Cavity Free Iowa. Within a few days, a dental referral was received from FMC for a client in need of dental care.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

Radiological Reception Center Training

Preparedness staff attended the annual Reception Center Training at North Scott High School. In the event of a radiological emergency, the reception center would be staffed by first responders and public health personnel and used as a location for evacuees. There would be numerous stations including monitoring and decontamination. Staff practiced the Dosimetry Control Officer briefing for first responders and received feedback from Scott County Emergency Management Agency staff.

Health Equity in Early Childhood Policy

Staff attended the webinar *Health Equity in Early Childhood Policy* presented by the Center for American Progress. The panelists shared that access to health care, early learning opportunities, family economic security, and secure housing improve the long-term outcomes for children and families. Policies and procedures that support the whole family can positively impact children's growth and development.

Iowa School Nurse Conference

Staff attended the Iowa School Nurse Conference in Ankeny during July. Topics covered included pediatric emergencies, autism, school safety, rashes in school-aged children, tracheostomy care, gender-affirming care, and harm reduction. Staff had the opportunity to network with nurses from various schools in Scott County.

Septic Systems 101

Staff attended the webinar, *Septic Systems 101* presented by The Private Well Class. The course covered tank pumping, septic system resource websites, water softeners, and flooding protocols.

Training Series on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Staff participated in an online training series from Project Launch on the topic of infant and early childhood mental health. The five sessions presented by experts from across Iowa included a variety of topics that impact children's social and emotional development. Topics include the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and Iowa specific data; how perinatal mood disorders can impact women and their children; treatment for common behavior problems for children with autism; understanding the meaning of infant and early childhood mental health; and how child abuse and neglect impacts child development.

Children Exposed to Violence Conference

Staff attended EveryChild's annual conference where Tonier Cain gave the presentation, *Healing Neen: One Woman's Path to Salvation from Trauma & Addiction*. Through the presentation, Ms. Cain shared her experience with trauma informed care and her story. She is a recovered drug user who has had 83 charges and 61 convictions. She lost four children to the child welfare system and while in prison during her fifth pregnancy, she decided to change her life. She went into a special program that helped incarcerated mothers and was able to

overcome her struggles, becoming a homeowner, business owner, author, producer, publisher, and trainer. She spoke on how providers should not aim to change the individuals they work with, but to provide patience, love, and support.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Learning Collaborative

Staff attended the University of Iowa Institute of Public Health Research and Policy and Iowa Department of Health and Human Services *Learning Collaborative on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention*. This was the fourth annual learning collaborative on childhood lead poisoning prevention to advance lead poisoning prevention through collective impact and bring together all partners that are working toward eliminating lead poisoning in Iowa. Sessions included information on the common sources of lead poisoning, testing in well water, and the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic had on blood lead testing rates.

Trauma, Emergency, Disaster Conference

Staff attended the Illinois Trauma, Emergency, Disaster Conference (TEDCON). TEDCON combines trauma, emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, and public health concepts into a two-day conference. During times of need, such as a mass casualty incident or community stressor, these specialties must seamlessly work together for optimal outcomes. The conference included a wide array of engaging speakers, covering topics such as human trafficking, large scale fire responses, use of drone technology, perspectives from public information officers, and the health effects of climate change.

St. Ambrose University Nursing Advisory Board

Staff attended the St. Ambrose University Nursing Advisory Board meeting where attendees were given a program update on staff changes, nursing enrollment, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) passage rates, graduation numbers, and a new online school of nursing opportunity for LPNs and RNs.

Child Care Nurse Consultant Regional Meeting

Staff attended the Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) Regional meeting, hosted by Healthy Child Care Iowa staff. The meeting included a train-the-trainer for the updated 2023 Medication Administration course for Iowa child care providers. The course will now be available in two formats, in-person taught by a CCNC, or online in an on-demand format. CCNCs will still meet with all participants for a one-hour skills competency assessment within 30 days of the course and for reassessments every 1 to 2 years. Following the meeting, staff met with four child care center staff that took to the online training to complete the skills assessments using the new checklist. All four successfully completed the skills assessment.

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

Physical Activity Policy and Research Evaluation Network

The work of the Physical Activity Policy and Research Evaluation Network's (PAPREN) Transportation Subcommittee members was described in the paper, "Installing and Maintaining

Sidewalks – Whose Job Is It Anyway? A Review of 12 Municipalities’ Policies and Practices”. The paper discusses the year-long process to research policies regulating sidewalk construction and maintenance at a municipal level. A random sample of twelve municipalities was stratified by four Census regions and three population sizes. Data were coded and aggregated to develop descriptive statistics for the sample and results indicated that none of the municipalities took sole responsibility for construction of new sidewalks and only one took full responsibility for sidewalk repair/replacement.

Insight Sought from Key Informants

Staff conducted a series of key informant interviews with HIV Program priority populations. The interviews were conducted to gain information to improve marketing and service delivery to these priority populations. Additionally, staff collaborated with the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition to host a hepatitis C prevention focus group.

Statewide Meetings Related to RAGBRAI

Food Program staff participated in multiple meetings with DIAL regarding food operations associated with the statewide RAGBRAI event. DIAL is establishing incident command for these types of events and is hosting calls with contractors to assure strong communication between the state and local contractors. Following the event, an after-action review was completed where participants discussed areas of strengths and areas of improvement.

Second Quarter CBSS Data and Quality Assurance Report

The department’s Sexual Health Program received the Community-Based Screening Services Program’s Second Quarter Data and Quality Assurance Report. The positivity rate for chlamydia was 6.9 percent, a slight decrease from 7.8 percent in the first quarter. The positivity rate for gonorrhea slightly increased from 2.9 percent to 3.3 percent compared to the first quarter.

Of those who tested positive for chlamydia in the second quarter, 57.1 percent were female, 54.0 percent were 24 years old or younger, and 60.3 percent did not report symptoms. Of those who tested positive for gonorrhea in the second quarter, 71.1 percent were male, 33.1 percent were 24 years old or younger, and 89.4 percent were found during a visit for a sexually transmitted illness. The final finding identified was that a high percentage of tests positive for trichomoniasis were identified in individuals ages 25 years or older, with approximately 75% of the infections found in females.

Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition Training and Exercise Plan Workshop

Staff attended the Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition’s Training and Exercise Plan Workshop. The workshop established a five-year schedule for both exercises and coalition trainings, making sure they align with state and federal requirements. The exercises allow the coalition to establish coalition plans as well as individual agency response.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Introduction to New State Contacts

Staff met with the department's new Iowa HHS Tobacco Control Community Health Consultant, Laura Bell. The prior consultant retired in July. This was an introductory meeting that discussed Scott County tobacco activities and identified support that department Tobacco Program staff might need moving forward during this grant period.

Staff attended the Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Program webinar to introduce the new CBSS Coordinator, Jodie Liebe. Ms. Liebe worked for IA HHS as a disease intervention specialist for many years before transitioning to her new position. Colleen Bornmueller, the previous CBSS coordinator, will work for the next few months to support Ms. Liebe and assist as an STI Program Specialist.

Department Infrastructure Teams

Quality Improvement Council

The Quality Improvement (QI) Council reviewed the leadership and staff results from the NACCHO Culture of Quality Roadmap survey and determined a combined score of the various elements. It was noted that the areas scoring the lowest include customer focus, leadership, and infrastructure. The QI Council determined that they wanted to focus on these areas in the FY24 workplan. The customer focus priority will focus on the foundational element, "meeting and exceeding customer expectations". All service areas will be expected to complete a customer satisfaction survey. QI Council members will provide technical support as staff develop their surveys and reports. The QI Council members will analyze the results of the customer satisfaction surveys and determine if QI projects are needed. The leadership priority will focus on the "culture" foundational element. QI Council members will develop and implement a survey to assess staff concerns about engaging in QI. The QI Council members will share the results of the survey with leadership and develop a plan to address the findings. The QI infrastructure priority will focus on the foundational element, "QI planning". The QI Council will review performance indicators quarterly and use this information to help identify QI projects.

Health Equity Committee

The Health Equity Committee distributed and analyzed the first annual health equity assessment for department staff. The approximately 40 question survey, based on the abbreviated version of the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) health equity assessment, gathered feedback from staff on their personal knowledge of health equity and social determinants of health, the integration of health equity work in their programs, and the understanding and implementation of health equity work at the department level. The committee identified three primary areas of opportunity for upcoming health equity work:

- Outreach;

- Program areas engaging in group discussions about how their work could address health equity;
- Involving groups in the community with planning and delivery of programs.

These focus areas will be incorporated into the future work of the committee and the department. The committee also finalized plans for training to be offered to staff this fall regarding equity topics.

Health Promotion Team

The Health Promotion Team arranged for staff to receive branded laptop bags to not only protect their laptop when out in the field, but also to promote the SCHD brand. The team worked to update the department's Branding Strategy, which will become an attachment to the Communication Procedure when it is next updated. The updated Branding Strategy will be presented to staff in October. The team is currently developing the FY23 Annual Report.

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee has heard updates from committee members regarding efforts related to policy being led by other groups. One member is on the Iowa Public Health Association Legislative Committee and reported on the committee's summer planning session. In addition, staff from accredited local health departments has been meeting monthly to discuss a topic, and the most recent one was related to policy work. In some respects, the department is ahead of others in the formalization of efforts; however, much work remains regarding establishing and building relationships. Through the Be Healthy QC group, technical assistance is being received regarding policy from the Prevention Research Center at Washington University in St. Louis. Staff and committee members have participated in webinars hosted by this group.

Workforce Development Committee

The Workforce Development Committee is in the process of updating the department's Workforce Development Plan. As part of this process, the Public Health Accreditation (PHAB) measures associated with workforce development were reviewed and compared with the department's existing plan. In addition, the team reviewed the workforce development survey that was completed earlier in the year and identified areas of focus for the FY24 workplan.

Workplace Culture Committee

On August 31st, the Workplace Culture Committee hosted an All Staff development training day to learn about communication and behavioral strengths and to support a healthy workplace culture. Consultant, Heather Woody, led staff through a workshop based on DISCstyles™ self-assessments to better learn how to communicate and collaborate with teammates from a strengths-based viewpoint. The workshop included several team building activities to generate discussions and encourage teamwork.

Meetings Attended by Staff-July

Be Ready QC Planning Committee
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
BIX 2023 Medical Response (2)
Brian Payne, Scott County EMA
CCNC Regional Meeting
Cedar County Board of Health
City of Davenport Red, White, and Boom Follow Up
Clinton County Board of Health
HHS Medicaid for Elderly
Iowa Environmental Health Association Professional Development Group
I-Smile™ Coordinators
Jackson County Board of Health
Live Lead Free Quad Cities
Maternal Health Directors
Molly Keenan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NAACP Health Committee
Opioid Settlement Core Team (2)
Opioid Settlement Steering Committee
Quad Cities Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Facility Disaster Planning Committee
Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
Quad Cities Housing Cluster
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board
Region 6 Meeting – Succession Planning Workshop
River Way Steering Committee
Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition
The Group-Health Care Providers
Tobacco Grant FY24 Kick Off
Waste Commission
WIC Staff
WISEWOMAN Program Contractors

Meetings Attended by Staff-August

Access to Care Planning Group (2)
American Lung Association and Americans for Non-Smokers Rights Tobacco Check-In
Be Ready QC Planning Committee
BIX 2023 Medical Response
Food Rescue Partnership Stakeholders
Food Contractors
Grants to Counties Program Update
Iowa Immunizes Coalition

Iowa Environmental Health Association Professional Development Group
Iowa Jobs for American's Graduates Business Alliance
Illinois Violent Death Reporting System
Janet Hill, Rock Island County Health Department
Laura Bell, HHS
Live Lead Free QC (LLFQC)
Local Public Health Plan Review
Low Birth Weight Taskforce
OnMedia (2)
Opioid Settlement Core Team (2)
Opioid Settlement Steering Committee
PAPREN Transportation Workgroup
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition
Quad Cities Housing Cluster
Quad Cities CMS Facility Disaster Planning Committee
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board
River Bend Food Bank Nutrition Committee
River Way Steering Committee
Sara Clark, Russell
Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition
Service Area 5 Vulnerable Populations
Taelor Denton, Food Rescue U.S. and Colleen Doak, St. Ambrose University
Tobacco Site Visit with Laura Bell
St. Ambrose Nursing Advisory Board
Tobacco-Free Quad Cities Coalition
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



Education provided between 7/1/23 and 8/31/23

Education To:	Presentation Date	Total Audience	Requesting Organization	Description
<i>Community</i>				
	7/12/2023	24	Maquoketa Optimist Club & Maquoketa Rotary Club	Healthy Pregnancy and Child Health Programs
	7/21/2023	300	Every Child	Hawki and Child and Adolescent Health Services
	8/3/2023	6	Safer Foundation	Tobacco/vaping education
	8/11/2023	4	Safer	Child and Adolescent Health Services
	8/17/2023	100	City of Davenport	Tobacco/vaping education
	8/24/2023	2	Pregnancy Resources	Safe sleep, oral health and tobacco use in pregnancy

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	8/26/2023	40	NAACP	Tobacco/vaping education maternal health
	8/26/2023	40	Davenport NAACP	Healthy Pregnancy Program and breastfeeding
	8/30/2023	30	Scott Community College	Tobacco and vaping cessation
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	7/12/2023	18	Genesis	Reduction of non-ventilator acquired pneumonia through oral care
	7/19/2023	1	Pregnancy Resources	Lactation
	7/26/2023	16	Genesis	Reduction of non-ventilator acquired pneumonia through oral care
	7/26/2023	60	St. Ambrose University	Food safety

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	8/9/2023	18	Genesis Hospital	Reduction of non-ventilator acquired pneumonia through oral care
	8/23/2023	15	Genesis Hospital	Reduction of non-ventilator acquired pneumonia through oral care
	8/25/2023	12	St. Paul Lutheran Church Preschool	Universal precautions
	8/29/2023	8	Child Care Resource and Referral	Back to Sleep-Tummy to Play



Media Inquiries between 7/1/23 and 8/31/23

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
7/10/2023	Other	Television			WQAD-TV8
7/13/2023	Other	Television			WHBF-TV4
7/20/2023	Heat	Television			KWQC-TV6
7/28/2023	Tobacco	Radio		WVIK Augustana	
8/1/2023	Tobacco	Radio		WVIK Augustana	