



## Scott County Health Department

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### Director's Report to the Board of Health November 9, 2023

#### Director's Attended Meetings –

- Childhood Lead Advisory Workgroup & Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Joint Meeting
- Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport, Scott County Administration, and Health Department Administration
- Dr. Robert Kruse and Ken Sharp, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HSS), Dr. Katz, and Department Leadership Team
- Humane Society of Scott County, Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport, Scott County Administration, and Health Department Administration
- Iowa Counties Public Health Association (ICPHA) (2)
- Live Lead Free Quad Cities
- Local Public Health Collaborative Planning Committee
- Melissa Sharer, St. Ambrose University Master of Public Health Program
- Michele Cullen, Genesis Visiting Nurse Association
- Opioid Settlement Steering Committee (2)
- Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition
- Vera French Clinical Care Committee
- World Relief Quad Cities Davenport Location Open House

#### Recognition of years of service with the department:

Brittany Sandlin, Senior Office Assistant	1 year	November 7
Tracy Zeimet, Per Diem Nurse	2 years	November 8
Stuart Scott, Community Health Interventionist	2 years	November 8
Danielle Freund, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse	4 years	November 4
Anna Copp, Community Health Consultant	9 years	November 10
LaNae Ramos, Per Diem Nurse	10 years	November 14
Christina McDonough, Community Transformation Consultant	10 years	November 25

#### Assessment

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

#### Community Health Improvement Plan-Access to Care Workgroup

In partnership with Rock Island County Health Department, the first Access to Care Workgroup meeting was held as part of Community Health Improvement Plan efforts for both counties. At

the meeting, participants discussed what initiatives are already happening to address access to care issues, what is working well, what is not working well, and how the pandemic impacted these efforts. The group also brainstormed who else should be involved in the group and what other data and information would be useful to move forward. The next meeting will be held in early December.

#### Opioid Settlement Planning Continues

As part of the needs assessment being conducted by the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee, focus groups were held with the following subpopulations: faith sector, healthcare providers, people with lived experience, jail programming and reentry services, and individuals experiencing homelessness/housing insecurity. Participants gave insight into how opioid use impacts the community, which resources and services are available, and what else is needed to address opioid use and overdoses. The Steering Committee has started processing the results from these focus groups along with other data that has been collected over the last several months from community partners.

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

#### Communicable Disease Program

A total of 20 communicable diseases were reported during October. They included four cases each of salmonellosis and hepatitis C (HCV), three cases each of campylobacteriosis and hepatitis B, two E. coli infections, and one case each of hepatitis A, Lyme Disease, pertussis, and shigellosis.

#### Rabies Risk Assessments

In October, 22 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to 14 dogs and 8 cats. Sixteen victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposures or bites above the shoulders and seven victims started the treatment.

#### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In October, there were eight children receiving individual lead case management. Of those, four had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL, four had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL, and none had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Seven 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 the month. Of those, four had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and three 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.

Nine children attending the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services at their visit during the month of October. Five children were under three years of age and four were ages three and older. Four children accepted testing services at WIC. There were no new positives identified during these efforts.

Staff completed clearance inspections at three separate properties that were previously associated with children who had elevated blood lead levels. All three properties have been

vacant during their lead remediation phase. Two of the three properties have passed clearance. Certificates of lead hazard remediation have been filed with the Scott County Recorder's Office and property owners have been notified that their properties are now deemed lead safe.

#### Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Fifty-eight individuals received sexually transmitted infection (clinic) services during October. Four clients tested positive for chlamydia, three clients tested positive for gonorrhea, and one client tested positive for HIV at the Health Department's sexual health clinic. In total, 71 cases of chlamydia, 40 cases of gonorrhea, four cases of syphilis, and one HIV case were reported in Scott County during the month. There were 18 additional syphilis results and two HIV 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.

#### **Policy Development**

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

#### HIV Community Education and Outreach

Staff held a vendor table at the A System Within a System (AWAS) Inc., 3rd Annual African Male Youth Summit. The African Male Youth Summit is designed to give youth skills, experiences, and confidence necessary to be productive members of society.

A vendor table was held at the Support Advocacy Learning (SAL) Community Services' Community Healing: Breaking the Domestic Violence Chain event at the Fairmount Library. The vendor table included HIV and HCV prevention and intervention strategies while promoting the auxiliary services of the Scott County Health Department.

Finally, staff held a vendor table at the WellSpire well-being fair. The fair aimed to connect older adults with wellness resources from throughout the community.

#### Tobacco Free Quad Cities Annual Report

FY23 report for Tobacco Free Quad Cities was reviewed and published on the coalition's website. A copy of the report can be found in the correspondence area of the Board of Health packet.

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

#### Discussion of Expansion of Oral Health Services

Staff met with Molly Gerard, Independent Living Lifestyle Director and Melissa Christensen, Senior Living Advisor for Silvercrest at Garner Senior Living Community to discuss the I-Smile™ Silver program and the benefits of oral health screening and education within their community.

Staff met with the new Director of Senior Services at the Center for Active Seniors, Inc (CASI). An educational event with CASI's senior advocates will be scheduled. CASI senior advocates

help families navigate the health care system and are a strong referral source for I-Smile Silver™.

#### Food Rescue Partners Meet

Department staff represented the Food Rescue Partnership during a food rescue collaboration meeting with Food Rescue U.S., River Bend Food Bank, and Churches United of the Quad City Area. The organizations shared barriers to efficiently rescuing food throughout the Quad Cities and brainstormed strategies to increase communication and workflow between organizations. The organizations agreed to draft a food rescue flow chart to share with partners.

#### Scott County Oral Health Network

Staff facilitated the quarterly meeting of the Scott County Oral Health Network. This group brings local partners together to discuss oral health topics and learn about oral health resources. The guest speaker at this meeting was Paula Anderson, RDH of Myomatters who presented on myofunctional therapy. Myofunctional therapy is used to strengthen the tongue and orofacial muscles to correction the improper function of those muscles.

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

#### Hepatitis C Elimination Planning Regional Meeting

Staff participated in the Regional Hepatitis C Elimination meeting. The vision of the initiative is to make Iowa a place where new HCV diagnoses are rare, every person knows their HCV status, and all people living with HCV have access to curative treatment. The strategic plan serves as a roadmap to the historic goal of eliminating HCV.

#### Resource Enhancement and Protection Assembly

Staff attended the regional Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Assembly hosted by the Scott County Conservation Board. The REAP program has helped fund outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education since 1989. Following a REAP overview, attendees gathered in workgroups to brainstorm and recommend action steps for Scott and Muscatine County. Five attendees volunteered to serve as delegates to represent Scott and Muscatine Counties at the statewide REAP Congress in January 2024.

#### Animal Protection Service Discussions

Representatives from the City of Davenport, City of Bettendorf, and Scott County (administration and health) met to discuss animal protection services being delivered via contract with the Humane Society of Scott County (HSSC). HSSC sent a termination notice for the end of February 2024 to the City of Davenport, based upon terms in the agreement. Neither Scott County nor the City of Bettendorf has received a termination, but the types of services delivered and the volume of services are different between the agreements.

An additional meeting was held with the governmental partners, as well as HSSC leadership (board and staff). The focus of this meeting was for all parties to have a joint discussion regarding the challenges and ways to address the difference between the contracted amount and the actual amount it is costing HSSC to deliver animal protection service. The City of Davenport is considering how they may be able to deliver required animal control and

protective services internally should negotiations between the two entities not result in a new agreement.

Having more than one animal protection agency in a community is not uncommon; however it is different than how it has been delivered in Scott County. The challenge will be working through the various policies and procedures, particularly as it relates to animal bite follow up which crosses all of Scott County, and determining how to assure that the program remains strong and individuals and providers know who to contact in order to establish bite follow-up.

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

#### Founded Food Service Complaints

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Complaint Status</b>
Theisen's Inc. of Davenport, Brady Street, Davenport	Pest control	Resolved
Clint's Pizza, West 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Davenport	General Facility Sanitation, Pest Control	Ongoing
Oriental Food Store, West River Drive, Davenport	Misbranding/Mislabeled, Pest Control, Poor Personal Hygiene	Ongoing
Save More, East Locust Street, Davenport	General Facility Sanitation	Ongoing
DoubleTree by Hilton, East 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Davenport	Pests, Sanitation	Resolved

#### Temporary Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Status</b>
Paranormal Cirque	2	Violation Corrected on Site

#### Swimming Pool/Spa Program

An attorney representing the City of Bettendorf in a lawsuit requested copies of inspection reports for the former Splash Landing pool. An individual is suing the City for an injury allegedly sustained on the waterslide. Inspection reports were provided. No deficiencies related to the waterslide had been noted in these reports.

Upon inspection of the swimming pool at the Cambria Hotel in Bettendorf, it was noted that a door from the indoor pool opening onto an outdoor patio did not have the required "No lifeguard on duty" sign. The manager was resistant to provide the sign stating that the door was not an entry, but only an exit. With the door having a handle on the outside, it is considered an entry. The facility subsequently provided the required sign.

## **Assurance**

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

### Wellness Wednesdays

Staff spearheaded Wellness Wednesdays during October to extend the availability and accessibility of walk-in HIV and hepatitis C testing at the department. Individuals who presented for HIV testing received a \$10 gift card. Throughout the month, over 30 sought testing.

### Informing List Large Due to Medicaid Recertification

The October Informing list contained 445 children who were either newly eligible for Medicaid coverage or had already been on Medicaid but needed to re-certify. Staff was able to obtain an inform completion rate of 53%, meaning that contact was made with the family or client. When inform completion occurs, staff can assess needs, answer questions, and connect clients to community resources.

### MEDIC EMS of Scott County

The work related to MEDIC EMS becoming a unit of Scott County government continues to intensify the closer the calendar gets to January 1, 2024. Scott County Human Resources, Information and Technology Services, and Facility and Support Services worked with MEDIC EMS leadership to host four onboarding sessions with future county employees. The meetings allowed future employees to learn about county systems and benefits, complete forms, and ask questions. The information gathered is being used to establish computer profiles, employee human resource profiles, and printing building access cards. There is a lot of work on contracts and agreements being done, budgets being established, bank accounts being established, etc. The final acquisition agreement between Scott County and MEDIC EMS will be taken to both boards in late November.

### Iowa Mission of Mercy

Staff spent three days at the Iowa Mission of Mercy, a free dental care event, organized by the Iowa Dental Association Foundation in Waterloo. They helped with set-up and led the Exit Interview station. The event is held annually in one location within the state and serves thousands of individuals.

### Influenza and Tdap Vaccine Offered to Child Care Providers

Staff offered free influenza and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) 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. Two centers held onsite vaccine clinics for staff and one home provider visited the department. Thirty-four flu vaccines were given during October. Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa funds the vaccine.

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

### Multidrug-Resistant Organism Threat Tabletop Exercise

Staff attended an interactive discussion-based tabletop exercise to address how hospitals and long-term care facilities identify and respond to the multidrug-resistant organism threat, carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB). The tabletop exercise group discussion included measures for tracking and containing the spread of CRAB, isolation and environmental measures in place at facilities, and resources to contact for management and containment of resistant bacteria at a local, county, and state level. The St. Ambrose University Institute for Person-Centered Care and the Iowa Institute of Public Health Research and Policy were responsible for the exercise.

### Nurses as Leaders Presentation

Staff attended *the Nurses as Leaders* presentation hosted by Genesis Medical Center. Dr. Lindell Joseph, University of Iowa College of Nursing professor, presented the framework for transforming the professional identity and brand image of nursing. The goal is to advance the concept of nurses as leaders across all nursing settings. Stakeholders have been engaged and will help unify the brand image and professional identity of nursing.

### Iowa Healthiest State Initiative's Obesity Roundtable

Staff attended the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative's Obesity Roundtable in Des Moines. Presenters facilitated solutions-focused discussion on the report, *Obesity's Impact on Iowa's Economy and Labor Force*, and explored various interventions needed to address obesity in Iowa.

### Midwest Dental Public Health Meeting

The department's dental hygienists joined dental and public health professionals at the Midwest Dental Public Health meeting and participated in educational sessions about reducing racism in dental public health, trauma informed care, and details about refugees in Iowa. There was also a presentation from dental public health professionals from the neighboring states of South Dakota, Michigan, and Minnesota who discussed how their states provide equitable access to oral healthcare.

### Maternal, Child, Adolescent, and Oral Health Fall Seminar

Staff attended the Maternal, Child, Adolescent, and Oral Health Fall Seminar. The seminar addressed family engagement and the "why" behind family engagement requirements and expectations for contractors. Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant updates were provided, which identified the goals for the upcoming year for each of the programs. There was an opportunity for each agency to ask questions and find out what other agencies are doing, including challenges and successes. There were several roundtable discussions that included a short presentation from the facilitator and discussion/reaction among table participants.

### Domestic Violence Training

Staff attended the event, *Community Healing: Breaking the Domestic Violence Chain*. The conference opened with keynote speaker: Makayla Tapia, sharing her story, *Turning Pain into*

*Power.* There were several breakout sessions from community leaders who provide services to priority population groups.

#### Cannabis Synthetics Webinar

Staff attended the educational event, *Cannabis Synthetics 101: An Introductory Webinar for Regulators*. During this Association of Food and Drug Officials' webinar, presenters discussed current policies in the United States, the science behind cannabis, and what is on the horizon for cannabis, including food safety.

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

#### Community CHANGE Tool Assessment

Staff met with Nevada Lemke, Eldridge City Administrator, to discuss community wellness and completed the Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool assessment. Staff will continue to follow up with the City of Eldridge to provide technical assistance to implement policy and environmental recommendations to improve community wellness.

#### Food Inspection Team Completes Quality Assurance Inspections

The food inspection team completed three quality assurance inspections during the month of October. Quality assurance inspections are required for regulatory programs that are enrolled in the Retail Regulatory Food Program Standards; Standard 4 addresses requirements related to having a uniform inspection program.

#### Health and Safety Checklist Assessments Completed

Staff conducted two Health and Safety Checklist assessments at childcare centers. Follow-up with both programs is ongoing. The checklist is a compilation of best practice standards, that if followed, are most likely to prevent adverse outcomes for children/staff in early care and education settings. This assessment is a required component of Iowa's quality rating improvement system, Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K), for providers applying for levels 3-5.

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

#### Department Infrastructure Teams

##### *Quality Improvement Council*

The Quality Improvement (QI) Council is planning additional staff training on QI tools. The team reviewed the QI project submission for the Food Program's 2023 Risk Factor Study; QI Council members will facilitate this project to review the highest violations identified during inspections and develop ideas to address them. The QI Council is monitoring customer satisfaction surveys being completed and assisting with planning for others.

##### *Health Equity Committee*

The Health Equity Committee facilitated Health Equity 101 Module 2 staff training. The interactive training, presented by the University Wisconsin-Madison Population Health



Institute, explored how the distribution of power affects health and strategies to advance health equity by shifting conditions of power. Staff increased their knowledge and skills for planning programs around health equity and earned continuing education toward their annual department-required professional development hours.

#### *Health Promotion Team*

The Health Promotion Team presented the updated Department Branding Strategy Guidelines to staff at the October All Staff meeting. The guidelines ensure that SCHD is promoted in a clear, accurate, consistent, and professional manner to community partners and the public. The FY2023 Annual Report was finalized and disseminated in a variety of ways; a copy is found in correspondence. The team also discussed COVID messaging in the community and took steps to pursue advertisements via OnMedia and Mesmerize utilizing grant funds.

#### *Legislative Committee*

The Legislative Committee continues to work on developing the plan that defines and describes the department's efforts regarding legislative work. The Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) and Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) both released draft legislative priority documents for review by members. IPHA's final priorities will be released in December and ISAC's will be released in late November. These final priorities will be shared with the Board of Health. The Urban County Coalition also finalized their priorities, which can be found in the new business section of the Board of Health packet. In December, staff will be co-presenting with Linn County to IPHA members regarding the department's work to establish Board of Health position statements and how those are being used.

#### *Workforce Development Committee*

The Workforce Development Committee members completed the Public Health Workforce Calculator, a tool developed by the de Beaumont Foundation, University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Systems, Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), Public Health National Center for Innovations, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support. The tool enables local health departments to estimate staffing levels to support Foundational Public Health Services. The results, and team discussion regarding them, will be included in the department's updated Workforce Development Plan.

#### *Workplace Culture Committee*

The Workplace Culture Committee continues to develop plans regarding efforts to learn more about the department, what brings joy and what are the pebbles, as discussed in the Joy in Work Toolkit. The Committee also discussed the various roles of individuals/teams within the department regarding continuing the work to learn more about each other and how approaches can be adjusted following the DiSC profile assessments and training from this summer. Finally, the committee was part of the final review process of the department's Hours of Work Procedure. While the Leadership Team took the lead on the update, having the voice and comments from the Workplace Culture Committee allowed for additional adjustments and clarifications to be made.

### **Meetings Attended by Staff**

Access to Care Planning Group  
Access to Care Workgroup  
Alexa Stallings, Iowa HHS  
Be Healthy QC  
Cedar County Early Childhood Board  
Celebrate Recovery Opioid Focus Group  
Destination Recovery Homes Opioid Focus Group  
Dr. Kruse and Ken Sharp, Iowa HHS  
Equitable Advocacy for Public Health  
Food Rescue Collaboration  
Genesis Medical Center  
Greg Ludwig, City of LeClaire  
Hands Up Communication  
HHS/Child Care Resource and Referral Statewide Meeting-Child Development Homes  
Iowa Environmental Health Association Inspectors  
Iowa Environmental Health Association Professional Development Committee  
Iowa Harm Reduction – Quad Cities (2)  
I-Smile™ Coordinators  
Jackson County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children  
Kelly Meyer, OnMedia  
Kristin Humphries, East Moline Superintendent  
Live Lead Free Quad Cities (LLFQC)  
Maternal Health Contractors  
Mayor Anthony Heddlesten, City of Riverdale  
Michele Cullen, Genesis Visiting Nurses Association  
Nevada Lemke, City of Eldridge  
Opioid Settlement Core Team (4)  
Opioid Settlement Steering Committee  
PAPREN Transportation  
Quad Cities CMS Disaster Planning Committee  
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) Parks and Green Spaces  
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition  
Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference Planning Committee  
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition  
Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium  
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee  
Quad City Housing Cluster  
Region 6 Local Public Health Departments  
Scott County Kids Health Committee  
Resource Enhancement and Protection Assembly  
Scott County Jail Opioid Focus Group  
Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition  
St. Ambrose University  
Tobacco-Free Quad Cities Coalition  
World Relief Open House

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 October 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023***

<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>				
	10/2/2023	50	North Scott High	Tobacco Cessation
	10/3/2023	34	West Highschool	Tobacco Cessation
	10/4/2023	40	Trinity Lutheran School	Hands-Only CPR
	10/6/2023	8	Safer Foundation	Oral Health
	10/6/2023	3	Vera French Housing	Tobacco and Smoke Free Homes
	10/6/2023	8	Safer Foundation	Oral Health
	10/10/2023	216	Garfield Elementary	Tobacco Cessation

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	10/11/2023	56	Wittenmyer Headstart	Oral Health
	10/11/2023	21	Campus for Kids Daycare	Oral Health
	10/17/2023	7	Safer Foundation	Adolescent Health and Handwashing Demonstration
	10/17/2023	10	Blackhawk Bank & Trust (Davenport)	Hands-Only CPR
	10/18/2023	83	City of Bettendorf (Day 1, 2 Sessions)	Hands-Only CPR
	10/19/2023	89	City of Bettendorf (Day 2, 2 Sessions)	Hands-Only CPR
	10/23/2023	10	Blackhawk Bank & Trust (LeClaire)	Hands-Only CPR
	10/23/2023	40	Clinton Headstart	Oral Health
	10/24/2023	30	WellSpire at the Summit Nursing Home	Tobacco Resources

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	10/25/2023	100	Project Renewal	Tobacco Resources
	10/25/2023	16	Mid City Headstart	Oral Health
	10/26/2023	16	Family Enrichment Headstart	Oral Health
	10/27/2023	28	Jefferson Elementary School	Oral Health
	10/30/2023	30	Sunshine Learning Center	Oral Health
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	10/11/2023	40	Trinity Lutheran School	Hands-Only CPR



## ***Media Inquiries between October 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023***

<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>
10/2/2023	COVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
10/17/2023	Medical Examiner	Newspaper	Detroit News		