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**Director's Report  
 to the  
 Board of Health  
 May 10, 2024**

Director's Attended External Meetings –

- CDC State, Local, and Territorial Health Department Update
- Hank Runge, Runge Mortuary
- Iowa Counties Public Health Association (ICPHA)
- Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2024 Local Public Health Collaborative Planning Committee
- Jail Management System Replacement Project Team (2)
- Kevin Officer, HHS Lead Program Vickie Miene, and Sofie Dollison-McGill, University of Iowa Regarding Lead Community Focus Groups
- Live Lead Free QC
- MEDIC Work Group
- Melissa Sharer, St. Ambrose University Master of Public Health Program
- National Weather Service Severe Weather Briefing (2)
- Nicole Carkner and Cheryl True, Quad City Health Initiative
- Patagonia Electronic Health Record Demonstration
- Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey Information Session (PH WINS)
- Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition
- St. Ambrose University Master of Public Health Community Advisory Board
- Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire; Brian Payne, Scott County Emergency Management Agency, and Jim Hawkes, Scott County Emergency Management Agency
- Vera French Community Mental Health Center Remodel Groundbreaking
- Workplace Culture Committee Discussion with National Association of County and City Health Officials Consultant

Recognition of years of service with the department:

Nicki Parmelee, Fiscal Manager	1 year	May 8
Mariah Bryner, Community Health Consultant	2 years	May 2

**Assessment**

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

### Access to Care Workgroup

The Access to Care Workgroup performed a data analysis of indicators related to access to care issues in Scott County. The group identified themes from the data, including disproportionately impacted populations by access to care issues, resource availability, and gaps in the community.

### Community Health Assessment Steering Committee

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) Steering Committee is finalizing the 2024 CHA survey to be administered this summer by Professional Research Consultants. The group has also reached out to community partners to participate in the CHA Stakeholder Committee. This group will assist with identifying collective strengths and opportunities to improve health and inequities and assist with prioritizing areas of need to focus efforts once the CHA is completed.

### Opioid Core Team Meets with Partners

The Opioid Core Team met with community partners to discuss the Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) grant opportunity from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) aimed at preventing opioid, stimulant, and polysubstance non-fatal and fatal overdoses. The team is still working on identifying partners to assist with the implementation of the prevention strategies outlined in the grant.

### United Way Focus Group

Staff participated in a United Way focus group to discuss approaches to enhancing collaboration in the Quad Cities addressing critical community challenges identified in their recent survey. The emerging themes were youth mental health support; access to affordable, high-quality childcare; access to emergency services; and collaboration.

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

#### Communicable Disease Program

A total of 10 confirmed communicable diseases were reported during April. They included three cases of campylobacteriosis, three cases of hepatitis C, three cases of salmonellosis, and one case of cryptosporidiosis.

#### Rabies Risk Assessments

In April, 27 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to 17 dogs, eight cats, and two raccoons. Eleven victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposures or bites above the shoulders and eight victims started the treatment.

#### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In April, there were six children receiving individual lead case management. Of those, five had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL, one had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL, and none had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Nine 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, five had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and four 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.

Four children utilizing the department's immunization clinic accepted lead testing services at their April appointment. Five children accepted testing services at WIC. There were no new positives identified during these efforts.

In April, staff attended training for the LeadCare II Analyzer System, a CLIA-waived system for determining lead in the blood. The analyzer is a point-of-care test performed on capillary blood from a finger and delivers quantitative blood lead results in three minutes. The lead analyzer increases the department's testing capacity, allowing patients and their parents/guardians to receive test results on the day of the visit. Lead testing is offered for children ages one to six years at no cost. The analyzer was provided by HHS through the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP). The department will be responsible for purchasing test strips for the machine after the initial supply is utilized.

#### Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Sixty-six individuals received sexually transmitted infection clinic services during April. Seven clients tested positive for chlamydia and two clients tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's sexual health clinic. In total, 66 cases of chlamydia, 19 cases of gonorrhea, and six cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month. There were 16 additional syphilis results and three HIV results that were investigated and determined to be out of jurisdiction, not identified as a case, or had a pending result. 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*

#### ServSafe Spring Class

The food inspection team taught a second "spring" 15-hour ServSafe class to food service employees from the Scott County area. A total of 28 students attended the class and a total of 31 individuals completed the certification exam; some individuals were eligible to take the exam without taking the course at this time. Exam scores are currently pending as the exams are being processed by the National Restaurant Association.

#### St. Ambrose University World Cultures Festival

Staff attended the 2024 QC World Cultures Festival hosted by St. Ambrose University International Studies to celebrate and honor diversity and promote cultural awareness. During this event, staff attended as a vendor representing the department's Family Health program to share information on services such as Hawki and Medicaid Health insurance, I-Smile™, and Healthy Pregnancy services. Brochures and promotional items were handed out to attendees who visited the department's table. Staff met with various population groups who inquired about services and eligibility requirements.

#### Project Renewal Fit-Fest

Staff attended the Fit-Fest event hosted by Project Renewal. Staff shared information on I-

Smile™ and Hawki/Medicaid insurance. This was a community-wide event promoting health literacy for its community members and families.

#### Clinton Community College Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Staff attended Clinton Community College's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. During the event, staff shared information on immunizations, Family Health Program services, as well as Hawki and Medicaid health insurance. The program highlighted the following areas:

- **Real Talk**-What are the biggest challenges being faced today and how do they connect to Dr. King's fight.
- **Youth Power Up**-How can young people be supported in making a positive impact on the world.
- **Stronger Together**- How can bridges and understanding be built between different community groups.
- **Everyday Heroes**-What small, daily actions individuals can take to embody Dr. King's dream of equality, justice, and unity.

#### Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees

Staff attended the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees (QCAIR) Annual Citizenship Honors Dinner hosted at the Black Hawk College. Staff shared information about Family Health Services and Hawki/Medicaid insurance. Several participants inquired about how to help immigrants with insurance needs. The dinner program focused on sharing the work done for immigrants and refugees and their families to ensure they are provided with the best services possible. It also showcased the various talents, skills, and abilities these new residents bring to the country and Quad Cities community.

#### CASI Senior Resource Fair

Staff attended the Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI) Senior Resource Fair as vendors. Staff highlighted oral health care and tobacco/nicotine resources. Approximately 140 community members attended the fair and there were 44 vendors present. Staff were able to network with many of the other vendors throughout the fair.

#### Dental Hygiene

Staff attended a Carl Sandburg College Dental Hygiene Program education event. Dental hygiene students presented information on various dental advancements. Staff connected with the instructor who teaches the program's Community Dental Health course. The instructor is interested in having staff present to students on the importance of public health and what a job in public health looks like.

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

#### Low Birthweight Taskforce

Staff attended the Health Outcomes Planning Taskforce meeting focused on low birthweight. The taskforce discussed ongoing outreach efforts in bringing awareness and having conversation about low birthweight with different community organizations. The group discussed ideas about focus groups with doulas and people who have used doulas to improve birth outcomes. Augustana College representatives gave an update about the interviews they

conducted with outside organizations that are doing work in this area and their recommendations.

#### Maternal Health Outreach and Partnerships Explored

Staff worked with the Iowa Doula Collective to pass out “Snack and Learn” baskets to every labor and delivery unit and obstetrical office in the area. The baskets consisted of information about the collective, lactation and mom support group information, snacks, and promotional items. The goal of the outreach was to increase referrals to doula services from providers.

Staff met with Tracy Singleton with the Lincoln Center and Eboni Bailey with the Iowa Black Doula Collective to talk about offering maternal health and doula services to the community at the Lincoln Center. Ms. Singleton will have space available in June where doulas can offer childbirth education classes, lactation support, mom support groups, and offer postpartum support and care items. Department staff will continue the conversation and work with The Lincoln Center to help any community member who needs resources and would like to enroll in the Healthy Pregnancy Program.

Staff met with the Iowa Doula Collective and nurses from Genesis Labor and Delivery to talk about bridging the gap between doulas and medical providers. Both groups talked about maternal mortality, the importance and benefits of doulas, and how both groups can work together to help the birthing person. Doula staff will wear their doula clothing and have a badge to be able to be identifiable. The collective will give a list of names, pictures, biographical sketches, and credentials of each doula that is active through the collective to Genesis. The Genesis nurse educator will include information about the collective and doulas in their training manual and in orientation packets. Both nursing staff and doulas were receptive to feedback and will continue to work together to provide care to birthing people in Scott County.

#### Tobacco Free Quad Cities Coalition

Staff facilitated the Tobacco Free Quad Cities Coalition Meeting. Existing coalition members helped to identify sectors that had gaps, and suggested partners that could help strengthen the coalition and bring more perspectives to community partnerships.

#### Provider Panel

Staff attended the Scott County Provider Panel whose mission is to advocate for and support appropriate mental health response to children and youth in the Quad Cities community. The Rock Island County Advocacy Center presented on problematic sexual behaviors in children and how their services can help individuals facing those issues.

#### Youth Wellness Coalition

Staff attended the Youth Wellness Coalition facilitated by Bethany for Children & Families, The Martin Luther King Center, and The Project of the Quad Cities. This relatively new coalition reviewed ideas and themes from its prior meeting and formed three subcommittees that will work to help youth in the Quad Cities. The subcommittees are legislative/advisory, events, and activities and resources.

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

### CASI CHANGE Tool Recommendation Reviewed

Department staff met with CASI staff to revisit workplace Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool recommendations from January 2023. During the meeting, CASI staff expressed interest in resuming the workplace wellness committee, implementing an employee wellness survey, creating a lactation room, and adding a water bottle refill attachment to an existing water fountain. Staff will continue to support CASI as they enhance the culture of wellness.

### Efforts to Support Continuity of Operations with Agencies Underway

Staff helped facilitate the quarterly meeting of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Certified Agency (CMS) Disaster Planning Committee. This committee includes representatives from long-term care facilities, dialysis facilities, surgery centers, etc. that have a requirement to be engaged in and exercising preparedness plans/planning. This meeting featured ServPro as a guest speaker regarding water damage prevention and recovery. In addition, Karen Buchanan from Friendship Manor in Rock Island, discussed her first-hand experience with a water damage event at her facility. These conversations were an introduction to next quarter's topic which will be about Continuity of Operations Plan best practices.

### Plans Developed to Support Child Care Centers

The department's child care nurse consultant met with a child care center director to discuss supervision challenges on the playground. The discussion included active supervision, or moving about the space, and anticipating children's behaviors and intervening before they occur. Resources were provided to the director and department staff will hold a playground supervision and sun safety class for center staff in May.

Staff met with a center director to discuss behavior concerns in a classroom and suggested staff add visual schedules and more transition reminders for the children. During this visit, department staff also identified a child with a special health need requiring emergency medication. Additional guidance was provided, and follow-up is ongoing to ensure that center staff have the proper documentation and are prepared to respond to a medical emergency.

### Mass Fatality Planning Workshop

Staff and I attended a local public health plan workshop to discuss mass fatality preparedness plans. The workshop was coordinated by the Iowa Service Area 5 Healthcare coalition. The workshop included discussions with other health departments about what to include in a mass fatality plan and who to involve in developing and testing plans. Department and Scott County Emergency Management Agency staff shared their experiences responding to the Davenport building collapse event.

*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>
GD Xpress, North Pine Street, Davenport	Sanitation, Pests	Resolved

Cold Stone Creamery, Utica Ridge Road, Davenport	Sewer Line Collapse; Defective Grease Trap	Resolved
Cedar Street Inn, Cedar Street, Davenport	No Working Restrooms	Resolved
KFC, Elmore Avenue, Davenport	Out of Order Restrooms	Resolved
Wendy's, West Locust Street, Davenport	Sanitation	Resolved
Casey's, Jones Street, LeClaire	Cooler Temperatures; Food Source	Resolved
HyVee Fast and Fresh, East Kimberly Road, Davenport	Sanitation	Resolved
California Burritos, Falcon Avenue, Bettendorf	Food Handling	Resolved

Food Service Program Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
Cold Stone Creamery, Utica Ridge Road, Davenport	Sewer Line Collapse; Defective Grease Trap	Resolved
Cedar Street Inn, Cedar Street, Davenport	No Working Restrooms	Resolved

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
Hob Nosh	11	Violations Corrected On Site

Swimming Pool/Spa Program

Staff typically conduct one annual, comprehensive inspection of swimming pool/spa facilities and then do additional inspections based upon complaints. After visiting the Double Tree Hotel based upon a complaint, staff noted several deficiencies and found no one at the pool with the knowledge to properly operate the pool. Management agreed to close the pool. In April, staff conducted an additional comprehensive inspection detailing all the violations. This report was reviewed with a manager who was new since the pool was closed and who agreed to correct all violations within the week. The reinspection three days later confirmed all violations had been corrected and the pool was allowed to reopen.

Swimming Pool/Spa Program Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
Hampton Inn, Clinton	Various serious violations	Remains closed since March 2024
Double Tree Hotel, East 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Davenport	Various serious violations	Reopened

Hotel/Motel Program

Staff conducted routine hotel inspections of three guest homes in LeClaire: Wide River Inn, Old Mill Captain's Quarters, and Paws & Relax. Additionally, staff investigated complaints at four different hotels; three were unverifiable. The fourth complaint regarding a stained mattress

and a ripped chair at Ramada by Wyndham on Utica Ridge Road in Bettendorf was justified. The owner agreed to discard the items.

#### Tattoo Program

Staff inspected and approved a new tattoo establishment on Progress Drive in Davenport. Wave of Wellness is a medical spa with microblading services.

#### **Assurance**

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

#### Lead Inspector Refresher Training

Staff attended (virtually) a mandatory 16-hour Lead Inspector Refresher Training Course required every three years. The class was taught by Jamie Papian, Iowa Lead & Asbestos Safety. Staff were successful in passing the test required of attendees.

#### Future Fest Resource and Career Fair

Staff participated in the Future Fest Resource and Career Fair held at the Bettendorf Area Education Agency. The focus of the event is to provide resources and career information for junior and seniors from local high schools who will be aging out of the foster care system.

#### Preschool Toothbrushing Program

I-Smile™ Program staff worked the Collaborative Service Area 15 child care nurse consultants to help facilitate a toothbrushing program for a preschool that is moving to full time next year. Staff provided dental screenings and education to the class this year and the teacher is motivated to implement a toothbrushing program starting in the fall.

#### Potential Co-Location of Healthy Pregnancy Program Services

Staff met with leaders from UnityPoint Health-Trinity Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinics, Julie Sersland, Clinic Manager, and Noel Bush, Clinic Director, to propose a partnership with the Healthy Pregnancy Program. UnityPoint staff showed interest in staff being present at their clinics and are exploring how to make that happen. In follow up to the initial meeting, they requested a sample memorandum of agreement for co-locating services and are checking on information security details for UnityPoint.

#### Screening and Referral Process for Substance Use Developed

The Sexual Health Team completed the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training to align with the new Integrated HIV and Viral Hepatitis Testing Services (ITS) grant requirement. Clients receiving an HIV or hepatitis C test who report injection drug use within the past five years will be offered a substance use disorders (SUD) screening. Individuals with a positive SUD assessment will receive a brief intervention and referral to treatment based on their SUD assessment score. Starting May 1, 2024, the new ITS requirement will be implemented and utilized during the sexual health clinic and outreach testing events.



### Assistance Linking to Medicaid

Staff is working with Community Health Care Edgerton Clinic to assist anyone that is pregnant and in need of Medicaid due to being dropped because of their insurance lapsing. Staff also set up a resource table in the waiting room to aid anyone who may need resources.

Staff provided Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility determinations this month. Staff assisted four clients needing insurance coverage for pregnancy care and another for a child whose Medicaid had lapsed and needed behavioral health medication.

During an education session with Genesis Hospital direct care staff, a registered nurse thanked the department's Family Health team for helping a family member find prenatal care when they moved to Davenport. The individual needed assistance accessing health coverage and finding a local provider. The nurse also expressed appreciation for the oral health education being provided in the hospital setting.

### Care for Yourself/Breast and Cervical Cancer Spring Meeting

Staff attended the virtual Care For Yourself/Breast and Cervical Cancer Spring meeting. A physician provided a presentation on cervical cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment and was available for questions. The Care For Yourself Program provides eligible women between the ages of 21 and 64 years of age with free or low-cost breast cancer screenings (clinical breast exams and mammograms) and cervical cancer screenings. Staff work with Genesis Center for Breast Health on program implementation. The FY25 application for funding will be released by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services in May.

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

#### Black Maternal Health Webinar

Family Health Team members attended the webinar *Our Future Belongs to Us: Amplifying Innovations in Black Maternal Health!* The webinar was facilitated by Healthy Birthday, Count the Kick and UnityPoint Health. Black Maternal Health Week was April 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and is a week-long campaign founded and led by Black Mamas Matter Alliance to build awareness, activism, and community building to amplify the voices, perspectives, and lived experiences of Black mamas and birthing people. The week also serves as an opportunity for organizations to come together globally to improve Black maternal health outcomes. The webinar highlighted creative emerging solutions to improve black maternal health.

#### Webinars Promoting Doula Usage

Staff attended the Black Maternal Health Week webinar, *Black Doula Day Virtual Pep Rally*. The event aimed to celebrate the joy of Black birth, honor holistic restoration, and ensure sustainability in Black maternal health efforts. The rally created a safe space for doulas, mothers, birthing people, and supporters to come together in solidarity and learn how to promote health.

Staff attended the National Institute for Children's Health Quality the webinar, *Impact of Doulas on Maternal and Child Health Outcomes*. This webinar highlighted the benefits of doula services

and doulas' roles in improving birth outcomes, promoted increased legislation to reimburse doula services through Medicaid, and described the current landscape for doulas in healthcare.

#### National Institute for Children's Health Quality Webinar on Safe Sleep

Significant racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities exist among sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) and breastfeeding practices in the United States. Combining infant safe sleep (ISS) and breastfeeding promotion on the community level presents opportunities to address these racial/ethnic disparities and associated socioeconomic, cultural, and psychosocial influences. The National Institute for Children's Health Quality's (NICHQ) webinar, *Their Choices Are So Powerful*, highlighted findings from a recent NICHQ-led study, *Community-based approaches to infant safe sleep and breastfeeding promotion: a qualitative study*. The study addressed two questions: (1) What are the areas that community-level organizations need support to serve their population's needs around safe sleep and breastfeeding? and (2) What tools or resources could assist them in improving their work promoting safe sleep and breastfeeding?

#### National Oral Health Conference

Staff attended the National Oral Health Conference. Some of the courses attended were: *Advancing Oral Health Equity: Perspectives from the Federal Front*; *Creating Diverse Partnerships to Promote Medical-Dental Integration*; *Cannabis and Dental Public Health*; *Improving Older Adult Oral Health Care Through Care Partner Education*; *"MOTIVATE at Home"*; *If I Had Known I Was Going to Live This Long, I'd Have taken Better Care of Myself*; *Early Childhood Caries: A Paradigm Shift*; and a *CDC Community Water Fluoridation Update*. In addition to the education received, staff were able to connect with other I-Smile™ and I-Smile™ Silver staff from across the state of Iowa.

#### Philly Joy Bank Project Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Spreading Joy: Advancing Maternal and Child Health Through Guaranteed Income*. The webinar was facilitated by Drexel and provided information about the Philly Joy Bank, a pilot project in Philadelphia providing guaranteed income to families expecting a child and living below the federal poverty line in Philadelphia. Program staff are hoping to monitor the families participating to determine if their maternal and child outcomes are better than those who do not receive a guaranteed income. Philadelphia has the worst maternal and child outcomes out of the ten largest cities in the United States.

In Iowa, House File 2319 was passed during the 2024 legislative session prohibiting local governments from implementing guaranteed income programs. An existing pilot/research project, UpLift, in Central Iowa had been evaluating the impact of providing 110 program participants with a supplemental income of \$500 per month with no work requirements or restrictions on how the money can be spent (<https://upliftiowa.org/>).

#### Iowa School Nurse Conference

Staff attended the 2024 Annual Iowa School Nurse Conference where presentation topics included disabilities, endometriosis and periods in the school setting, Project Adam, vaping, dating violence, school violence, and mental health. The information received was informative, and the event provided networking opportunities with other school nurses.

### CPR Certification for Employees

As part of the department's Employee Health Program, staff have offered CPR training for a variety of county employees. In April, staff worked with MEDIC EMS or Scott County to deliver the classes for two departments. The classes were taught at MEDIC EMS headquarters where a training room is designed to support regular CPR training. Work is underway to determine if it would be a more efficient and cost-effective process if employees in need of CPR received their training through MEDIC EMS of Scott County rather than the Health Department.

### Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference

A variety of staff attended the 2024 Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference. Department staff were also members of the conference planning committee. The speakers presented their experiences with school shooting response and recovery; ransomware attacks; human trafficking awareness; tornado response and recovery; and using humor to cope with the stress of caregiving professions.

### Socioeconomic Differences and Poverty Simulation Workshop

Staff attended the *Socioeconomic Differences and Poverty Simulation workshop* where attendees lived through four weeks (four-15 minute sessions) as a low-income family member on a limited budget who had to provide the necessities for their family (i.e., food and maintaining a home). The simulation emphasized the challenges that low-income families experience every day. The simulation also highlighted the barriers of social determinants of health and inequities that hinder low-income families from living their full potential. The simulation was followed by a presentation on economic differences and the impact on the three classes of people (poverty, middle class, and wealth).

### Workplace Well-Being Conference

Staff attended the Workplace Well-Being Conference hosted by the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative. Interactive roundtable discussion sessions emphasized workplace recommendations from the *U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory: The Health Effects of Social Connection*. Additional sessions focused on *The Case for Character and the Sum of Our Choices, Addressing Obesity in the Workplace*, and *Caring for Self While Caring for Others*.

### Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region's Sequential Intercept Mapping Conference

Staff attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region's Sequential Intercept Mapping Conference and delivered a presentation on Community Health Assessment data related to mental health and substance use in Scott County. Staff also provided a brief overview of the strategic planning process used for the opioid settlement funds and strategies that have been recommended for implementation.

### Iowa Substance Abuse Conference

Staff attended Iowa's Annual Governor's Conference on Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery, which was held virtually. Sessions included updated data and evidence-based strategies for addressing opioid use and overdoses in communities.

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

#### Community-Based Screening Services Quality Report

The department received the state's First Quarter 2024 Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Quality Report. There was a 5.3 percent decrease in testing (7,891) among the CBSS test sites in the first quarter of 2024 compared to the first quarter of testing (8,335) in 2023. The positivity rate for chlamydia in the first quarter of 2024 was 7.4 percent, a decrease compared to 7.6 percent in the first quarter of 2023. The positivity rate for gonorrhea also decreased from 3.0 percent in the first quarter of 2023 to 2.6 percent in the first quarter of 2024.

#### Healthy Pregnancy Program State Site Visit

The Healthy Pregnancy (Maternal Health) team met with HHS consultants, Sommer Trower and Nafla Poff-Dainty for an annual site visit. Direct care charts were reviewed and progress toward fiscal year 2024 programmatic objectives was discussed. Overall, the feedback from HHS was positive, although there will be a few documentation items for the team to work on. A site visit report detailing strengths and areas for improvement is expected in the coming weeks.

#### Dental Screening Audits

Dental screening audits were completed in Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Muscatine Counties and a summary report for Scott County can be found in Attachment 2.

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

#### **PHAB Reaccreditation Update**

Staff are making great progress towards the completion of narratives and the gathering of examples for the department's PHAB Reaccreditation efforts. As of May 7, 88 percent of all of the PHAB required documentation is complete. Of the remaining 12 examples, five of the examples are related to information being gathered from other departments. The team is developing a final review process for each example gathered. Once this has been completed for all 115 required elements, the items will be uploaded to the PHAB electronic database. Submission is expected to take place during the June 17 All Staff meeting.

#### **Department Infrastructure Teams**

##### *Quality Improvement Council*

The QI Council has been working with all of the service areas to finalize customer satisfaction surveys and reports. As reports are finalized, they will be shared with staff and the Board of Health. The QI Council drafted all of the assigned reaccreditation measures. Plans are underway to complete the next QI Culture Assessment of staff and leadership during the month of May.

##### *Health Equity Committee*

The Health Equity Committee hosted a training during the April All Staff meeting on the updated Health Equity Plan and its Engaging Communities Toolkit. The toolkit was created to support staff in understanding the importance of engaging communities in program planning. It describes steps to take to create authentic relationships and meaningful discussions around

health and strategies the department can employ to improve health. The Health Equity Committee will act as a resource to staff and teams as they undertake community engagement work in the future.

#### *Health Promotion Team*

The Health Promotion Team reviewed its FY24 workplan and all items listed are complete or underway. The Inventory Procedure is currently being passed around for final signature. The team reviewed the assigned PHAB measures and were able to finish all assignments before the end of the month. Potential Health Promotion Strategy ideas were discussed for FY25. The team selected the topics of vaccines (perhaps specifically highlighting measles) and vaping.

#### *Public Health Policy Committee*

The Public Health Policy Committee compiled and reviewed evidence related to the review and update of laws impacting public health required by PHAB. Fortunately, during the last five years, the department had several examples to consider: Establishment of a local Tanning Ordinance and the repeal of both the Waste Haulers and Emergency Medical Services Ordinances. The committee also finalized materials to be sent to city elected officials describing the services the department provides routinely in their communities.

#### *Workforce Development Committee*

The Workforce Development Committee continued its work on revamping the department's New Employee Onboarding process. A subcommittee is developing a welcome packet that will include introductory information for the department, the county, and public health. Committee members also completed their review of PHAB required narratives and reports.

#### *Workplace Culture Committee*

The Workplace Culture Committee finalized its PHAB accreditation documentation describing projects that had been completed during the previous year. Committee members also participated in an interview with a consultant hired by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to gather best practices from local health departments to support the development of an implementation guide to supplement the Joy in Work Toolkit released by NACCHO in 2022. Planning for additional staff discussion sessions also continued.

#### **Meetings Attended by Staff**

Access to Care Workgroup  
Care For Yourself/Breast and Cervical Cancer Contractors  
Community Health Assessment (CHA) Steering Committee  
George Verastegui and Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department  
Healthy Pregnancy Coalition  
HHS Doula Program Contractors  
Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing Food Contractors  
I-Smile™ Coordinators  
Jennifer Craft, UnityPoint Health – Trinity Muscatine  
Laura Bell, HHS  
Madison Elementary Community Partner  
Maternal Health Contractors

Nathan Fitzgibbon and Amy Johnson, CASI  
Opioid Core Team  
Overdose Data to Action in States Community Partners  
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) Parks & Green Spaces  
Workgroup  
PAPREN Transportation Workgroup  
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition Promotion Team  
Quad Cities CMS Disaster Planning Committee  
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition  
Quad Cities Housing Cluster  
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition  
Quad City Elderly Consortium  
Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium  
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee  
Renee Parks, Washington University at St. Louis  
River Action Explore & Seek  
River Way Steering Committee  
Scott County Kids Early Childhood Leadership  
Scott County Kids School Health Committee  
Service Area 5 After Action Meeting  
Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition  
Tobacco Free Quad Cities (TFQC) Full Coalition  
United Way Women United Focus Group  
Youth Wellness Coalition

Attachment 1: Reports from our database on education the department provided to the community and education the department provided to service providers

Attachment 2: School Dental Screening Requirement Audit Summary 2023-2024



## Education provided between April 1, 2024 and April 30, 2024

<b>Education To:</b>	<b>Presentation Date</b>	<b>Total Audience</b>	<b>Requesting Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Community</i>				
	4/1/2024	11	The Group and CHC WIC	Lactation Calss
	4/3/2024	15	YMCA Palmer Early Learning Center	Oral Health
	4/4/2024	23	Assumption High School	Public Health and Public Health Careers
	4/5/2024	13	Ruhl & Ruhl Davenport	Hands-Only CPR
	4/5/2024	8	Safer Foundation	Harmful Effects of Tobacco and Nicotine Products
	4/5/2024	50	YMCA Davenport Early Learning Center	Oral Health

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	4/10/2024	58	North Scott High School	Harmful Effects of Tobacco and Nicotine Products
	4/11/2024	100	Bellevue Elementary School	Oral Health
	4/11/2024	43	North Scott High School	Harmful Effects of Tobacco and Nicotine Products
	4/12/2024	10	Safer Foundation	Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition, Hands-Only CPR
	4/16/2024	20	West Branch Early Learning Center	Oral Health
	4/22/2024	50	Briggs Elementary School	Oral Health
	4/26/2024	25	St Josephs Preschool De Witt	Oral Health
	4/30/2024	30	SCHD-Serv Safe	Food Rescue Partnership



<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>
	4/30/2024	250	HHS	Future Fest Resource and Career Fair: Provide education materials and community resources to high school junior and seniors transferring out of foster care or those with service needs.
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	4/10/2024	15	Genesis Hospital	Prevention of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia Through Oral Care
	4/16/2024	1	Genesis Family Medicine Residency Program	Scott County Health Department Overview
	4/24/2024	19	Genesis Hospital	Prevention of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia Through Oral Care



## ***Media Inquiries between April 1, 2024 and April 30, 2024***

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May 10, 2024

To: Scott County Board of Health  
 From: Jodi Jorgensen, I-Smile™ Coordinator

RE: School Dental Screening Requirement Audit Summary 2023-2024

It is the role of each county Board of Health, or its designee, to audit all kindergarten and ninth grade school dental screening certificates of students attending public or accredited non-public schools in Scott County and provide a report to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Below you will find a summary of the findings from the dental screening audit completed in Scott County for the 2023-2024 school year. The results of the audit are due to HHS on May 31, 2024. Data and percentages included in this report are based on the number of students who submitted either a valid Certificate of Dental Screening or a Certificate of Dental Screening Exemption in compliance with state law.

### Compliance

Collectively, county compliance was 64 percent. Kindergarten compliance was 95 percent, while ninth grade compliance continues to be a challenge, 37 percent of ninth grade students complied with the requirement to submit a screening certificate. During the 2023-2024 school year, 56 financial hardships, and one religious exemption form were reported at the high school level.

### Treatment Needs

This year, data on treatment needs across the county indicates that roughly 16 percent of students require dental care or urgent dental care. By grade, 20 percent of kindergarten students and 9 percent of ninth grade students require dental care.

### Provider Type

Dentists provided 44 percent of completed dental screenings for kindergarten students and 86 percent for High School students. Dental hygienists including IS@S completed dental screening for 13 percent of kindergarten students and 14 percent of high school students. Dental screening data shows 42 percent of kindergarten dental screenings were completed by school nurses and the remaining one percent were screened by physicians.

### Challenges

The community has seen many dentists retire, many of whom were also Medicaid providers. This has been burdensome for many families looking to establish dental care, as Scott County already experiences a shortage of dental providers.



### Opportunities

The I-Smile™ Coordinator supports the school nurses by offering training to provide dental screenings which has increased the percent of kindergarten students screened; screening by a nurse is not allowed for ninth grade students. SCHD continues to provide I-Smile™@School services at elementary schools in the region and the number of children served is expected to grow through this program. In addition, the Cavity Free Iowa Program is promoted to local medical offices. This program trains medical providers to offer more dental screenings within their offices and refer for dental needs. The goal is to continue to decrease the number of children with unmet dental needs, reduce healthcare costs, and provide gap-filling services through the I-Smile™ program, particularly since dental services are difficult to access across the state.

### Audit Results (%)

	Kindergarten	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Both Grades
<b>Certificate Submitted</b>			
Certificate of Dental Screening	95%	37%	64%
Certificate of Dental Screening Exemption	0%	6%	2%
<b>Treatment Needs</b>			
No Obvious Problems	80%	90%	84%
Requires Dental Care	16%	1%	14%
Requires Urgent Dental Care	3%	<1%	2%
<b>Screening Provider Type</b>			
Dentist	44%	86%	57%
Dental Hygienist	13%	14%	13%
Nurse	42%	NA	NA
Physician	1%	NA	NA
Physician Assistant	0%	NA	NA

### Treatment Needs Over Time- Dental Care Required Beyond Preventive Services in the Past Six Years

