



## Scott County Health Department

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### Director's Report to the Board of Health September 12, 2025

#### Director's Attended External Meetings –

- CDC Response Team-All State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Health Department Update
- Davenport City Council: Proclamation for Stillbirth Prevention and Awareness Day
- I-693 Forms with Tapestry Farms, Community Health Care, Dr. Katz & Dr. Cheryl True
- Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) Local Public Health Collaborative Planning Committee
- Iowa HHS Public Health Office Hours
- Live Lead Free Quad Cities
- MEDIC EMS of Scott County Committee
- National Association of County and City Health Officials All Local Health Officials
- Quad City Health Initiative Board
- Vera French Clinical Care Committee
- Waste Commission of Scott County
- World Relief Quad Cities

#### Recognition of Years of Service with the Department:

Aubrey Hanrahan, Per Diem Dental Hygienist	1 year	September 4 <sup>th</sup>
Heather Van Hoosier, Office Assistant	4 years	September 13 <sup>th</sup>
Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist	12 years	September 17 <sup>th</sup>

#### Departure from Department:

Alicia Coppege, Public Health Nurse	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tiffany Williams, Family Health Nurse	September 17 <sup>th</sup>

#### Assessment

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

#### Potential Collaboration on Walk Audits in Bettendorf

Staff met with John Byrnes, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Bettendorf. Mr. Byrnes previously collaborated with Siouxland District Health Department when working for the Sioux City Parks & Recreation Department. Staff explained the Community Transformation Program and the department's existing partnership with the City of Bettendorf to promote health. Mr. Byrnes expressed interest in collaborating on walk audits with the Bettendorf Trails Committee.

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

#### Communicable Disease Program

A total of 23 confirmed communicable diseases were reported during August. They included six cases of campylobacteriosis, one case of cryptosporidiosis, one case of cyclosporiasis, three E. Coli infections, two cases of hepatitis B, four cases of hepatitis C, one case of Legionellosis, three cases of Lyme Disease, and two cases of salmonellosis.

#### Rabies Risk Assessments

In August, 39 individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposure to 17 dogs, 12 cats, six bats, one raccoon, and one squirrel. Two bats exposed two individuals. Fourteen victims were recommended for rabies prevention treatment for high-risk exposure or bites above the shoulders, and nine victims started treatment.

#### Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Sixty-eight individuals received sexually transmitted infection clinic services during August. Six clients tested positive for chlamydia, three clients tested positive for gonorrhea, and three clients tested positive for syphilis at the department's sexual health clinic. An additional two clients tested positive for chlamydia in the department's express clinic. In total, 65 cases of chlamydia, 32 cases of gonorrhea, and six cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month. There were 22 additional syphilis cases and one HIV case 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.

#### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In August, there were 19 lead poisoned children on the department's caseload. One case was closed in August. These children will continue receiving public health nursing services until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 10 ug/dL are obtained. Of these 18 children, one child had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL, two children had blood lead levels between 15-19 ug/dL, eleven children had blood lead levels between 10-14 ug/dL, and four children had blood lead levels less than 10 ug/dL.

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

#### **Policy Development**

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

#### Food Service Education Provided

Staff provided a food safety presentation during the back-to-school in-service meeting for Pleasant Valley Community School District's food service personnel. This presentation is an annual request from the district.

### Podcast Guest Appearance

The department's child care nurse consultant was a guest speaker on the "Child Care Chatter" podcast hosted by Child Care Resource and Referral. The topic of conversation was the importance of safe sleep for infants and how to successfully implement this practice in child care programs and support families with safe sleep at home. This podcast episode will be released in October as part of Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month.

### Community Health Fairs and Events

The Family Health team participated in the Tipton Health Fair for Cedar County and a back-to-school event in Jackson County, promoting Maternal Health, I-Smile, Hawki, and insurance information using pamphlets and promotional items as giveaways.

Family Health and Clinical Services staff participated in the Back-to-Swell event hosted by the Friendly House. School supplies were given in addition to information about lead poisoning prevention, I-Smile, and Hawki/Medicaid coverage to over 200 attendees who drove up to this event.

Davenport Parks and Recreation hosted a Back 2 School Bash where department staff provided education on the harms of tobacco and nicotine products, along with cessation resources to the 200 people in attendance.

Staff attended Community Health Care's BIG Latch Carnival hosted by the WIC Program. This event was held to raise awareness about lactation benefits during World Breastfeeding Week. Staff shared resources about the Healthy Pregnancy Program, Medicaid coverage, and tobacco/vaping impacts on pregnancy and resources to quit.

Staff hosted and attended the Community Baby Shower. Approximately 200 people attended the event where they received education on the harmful effects of tobacco and nicotine products, links to cessation resources, oral health screenings, and information regarding the Healthy Pregnancy Program, I-Smile, and Hawki/Medicaid.

Staff served on the planning committee for and attended the Be Ready QC Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Waterfront Convention Center. The department's booth was a collaboration with the QC Breastfeeding Coalition. Participants received information about how to continue breastfeeding effectively in emergencies or disasters. In total, 180 individuals attended the event, exceeding prior years.

### Exploration of Education Services for Youth

Staff met with Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center (YJRC) staff, who had expressed interest in providing tobacco and vaping education to youth at YJRC. YJRC staff were provided with information on what evidence-based education could be given to the youth while in the facility and shared cessation resources available upon release.

Staff presented to nine Davenport Community School District middle and high school health teachers. Staff were informed of the services and education that could be provided to them, along with education and programs that could be provided to their students, such as Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP). Teachers expressed interest in

education for their students and a few expressed interest in starting an ISTEP chapter at their school.

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

#### Service Area 5 In-Person Kickoff

Staff attended the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Service Area 5 in-person kickoff meeting in Iowa City. The region is only allocating approximately \$15,000 per county since not all funding has been received from the state/federal government. Other changes to program logistics were discussed for the year. The Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) for the region is as follows: 1) natural disaster; 2) infectious disease outbreaks; 3) mass casualty; 4) hazardous materials incident; 5) violent incident and civil disruption; and 6) operational disruptions. The vulnerable population selected for this year is children/pediatric.

#### Food Rescue Partnership Collaborates with St. Ambrose University

This fall, the Food Rescue Partnership will collaborate with an Economic Justice class from St. Ambrose University for students to choose between two class projects:

- Partner with the University of Illinois Extension Office to develop herb packages with soil, seed, pots, for balcony/doorstep gardens. Students will create educational materials for successful growth and sustainability of harvesting, consuming and storing produce.
- Partner with YWCA Quad Cities to measure the perceived food security when switching to a choice model food pantry. Students will collect data on the frequency and quantity of food access.

#### Quad Cities Flood Resiliency Alliance

Staff attended the Quad Cities Flood Resiliency Alliance meeting. The Alliance includes Scott, Clinton, Muscatine, and Louisa counties in Iowa, and Rock Island, Whiteside, Mercer, and Henry counties in Illinois and provides a forum for river stakeholders to share information, resources, flood prevention or mitigation policies, and networking opportunities to get to know partners for assistance before, during, or after flood events. Jason Conn, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, presented on the importance of conducting substantial damage determinations in the disaster environment and Ray Wolf, retired from National Weather Service, presented on the importance of flood alert systems, particularly along Duck Creek.

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

#### Immunization Pre-Audits Started

Staff began immunization record pre-audits with child care centers, met with their staff to discuss immunization record keeping, and reviewed records as they prepare for the immunization record audit later this year.

#### Public Health Emergency Response Plan Workshop Focuses on POD Plans

Staff attended the Public Health Emergency Response Plan workshop in Iowa City to begin drafting the region's point of dispensing (POD). Each individual agency will submit its plan by the end of the calendar year. The regional partners will meet monthly for updates and plan/subcommittee work.

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

### Food Program

#### Verified Food Service Complaints

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Complaint Status</b>
Brent's Firehouse Coffee, Maplecrest Road, Bettendorf	Adulterated Food	Resolved
Expresslane, Gret River Road, Pleasant Valley	Improper Hot Holding	Resolved
Kwik Star #1005, Eagle Ridge Road, LeClaire	General Facility Sanitation	Resolved
Sports Fans Pizza, Grant Street, Bettendorf	No Hot Water	Resolved

#### Food Service Program Closures

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Status</b>
Sports Fans Pizza, Grant Street, Bettendorf	No Hot Water	Reopened

#### Temporary Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tug Fest 8/7/2025	8	Violations corrected on site
QC Air Show 8/23/2025	35	Violations corrected on site

### Tattoo Program

The Health Department was alerted to a tattoo event that occurred at The Pour House, a Davenport bar. Photos and promotions were posted on social media leading to a Cease-and-Desist Order being issued to the owner of the bar. Tattooing is only allowed in properly permitted tattoo establishments where alcohol is prohibited. The owner said it was a one-time event.

### Public Health Nuisance Program

The Scott County Health Department received a complaint about sewage on the ground at a lot in Rivercrest Estates. The City of Princeton public works director contacted the owner of the park to get the repair work completed. Recent communication with the director reported repairs were underway.

### **Assurance**

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

### Sexual Health Education and Testing

In August, staff presented safer sex education and testing at the Center for Alcohol & Drug

Services, Inc. (CADS), in addition to conducting testing at the county jail. A total of 34 HIV tests and 32 sexually transmitted infection tests were administered. Clients with positive results were either treated on-site or referred to their healthcare provider for appropriate follow-up care.

#### Medication Administration Training Completed at Non-Public Schools

Staff from five non-public schools completed their medication administration hands-on demonstration with department staff. School personnel demonstrated their knowledge of the six rights of medication administration and how to administer different types of medication, such as oral tablets, liquid medications, and eye drops, as well as emergency medications such as an epinephrine auto-injector.

#### Oral Health Services Provided at MercyOne Genesis Diabetes Foodplex

Staff met with six clients at the MercyOne Genesis Diabetes Foodplex, a food pantry staffed by dietitians and customized for the needs of people with diabetes. Four of these participants had dental screenings, and all six received oral systemic health education and dental hygiene products.

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

#### 2025 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Learning Collaborative

Staff attended the 2025 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Learning Collaborative hosted by the University of Iowa Institute for Public Health Practice, Research and Policy HHS. The event highlighted successful programs and services from across the state of Iowa that address and prevent childhood lead poisoning, including several case studies involving lead poisoned children. The keynote speaker, Dr. Kari Patel, shared New York City's approach to hazardous product identification and remediation that includes store surveillance, public education, and removal of products from store shelves. Other sessions included Addressing Lead in Consumer Products, Iowa Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs Updates, Case Reports, Lead in Water, and Regulatory Requirements for Lead Service Line Replacements.

#### Adaptive Leadership Training

Staff attended the *Adaptive Leadership* session offered through the Public Health Improvement Training. Adaptive leadership is a practical leadership framework to help organizations tackle complex problems. It arose from 30 years of research at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) developed tools and resources to help public health practitioners apply it to their work. Attendees learned the foundations of the adaptive leadership theory, framework, and tools, how to classify and differentiate between adaptive and technical challenges, and how to apply the principle of "getting on the balcony" to assess and diagnose adaptive challenges from a broader perspective.

#### Breastfeeding Support Webinar

Staff attended the Great Lakes Breastfeeding webinar, *Pouring with Wisdom: Honoring Our Past, Nourishing the Future*, where presenters explored the intersections of legacy and

innovation in breastfeeding support highlighting how long-standing advocates have laid the foundation and how today's professionals are expanding and transforming the field.

#### Public Health Academy of Iowa

At the Local Public Health Contractor's meeting, HHS presented the Public Health Academy of Iowa (PHAI). This is a new onboarding program for local public health administrators to enhance understanding of roles and responsibilities within the Iowa public health system. The purpose is to build consistent understanding across agencies, support orientation and training efforts, strengthen collaboration between local public health and Iowa HHS, and promote consistent messaging and effective partnerships. Agencies were encouraged to integrate this onboarding into routine staff training and use it as a tool for broader education within their communities.

#### Introduction to Crisis Emergency and Risk Communication Course

Staff attended the Introduction to Crisis Emergency and Risk Communication (CERC) course hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via Johnson County Public Health. The course covered the six core principles of crisis emergency and risk communication, tactics for overcoming psychological barriers to message receipt, and a template for drafting key messages and supporting points.

#### Birth is Ceremony Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Birth is Ceremony: Reclaiming Birth Work* hosted by the Michigan Breastfeeding Network. This webinar focused on the ways birth is treated as a ceremony across cultures; the importance of postpartum nutrition on the mind, body, and spirit; how traditional and nourishing foods play a vital role in wellness; and traditional ways the ceremony of birth is closed in a healing way after the baby is born.

#### Bed Bug Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *Beyond the Bite: An Integrated Approach to Bed Bug Control*. The webinar emphasized the importance of an integrated approach by assessing each situation, rotating chemicals, using multiple strategies, and realizing there is no magic solution to addressing bed bugs.

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

#### Transition to New Iowa Disease Surveillance System

On August 25, Iowa HHS launched the updated version of the Iowa Disease Surveillance System (IDSS) 2.0. In preparation for IDSS 2.0 implementation, staff completed training and were provided with a manual for navigating the system. There were a few minor challenges that staff experienced, including not receiving assigned cases but identifying closed hepatitis cases in their queue. Overall, the transition went as expected.

The previous version of IDSS experienced significant challenges during 2020 and 2021 when COVID-19 was classified as a reportable disease. While HHS (Iowa Department of Public Health at the time) knew the system needed an upgrade, the volume of cases and users far exceeded

the capacity of the system to operate efficiently. The new web-based system has been under development for several years and was largely funded by federal dollars.

#### Family Engagement Event Seeks Feedback Regarding Resources

Staff with the Child Health and I-Smile programs partnered with agencies from Clinton to host the department's first family engagement event in Clinton County. The event was focused on children's mental and oral health. Several panelists shared information on mental health services and dental health for children. Many service providers/vendors were also present to share resources with attendees. Participants were asked for feedback about the mental health and dental resources that the department's Child Health and I-Smile programs provide to families.

#### Quality Assurance Inspections Completed

The Food Inspection team completed three quality assurance inspections this month. Quality assurance inspections are a requirement of FDA Voluntary Standard 4: Uniform Inspection Program. This standard applies to the jurisdiction's procedures to ensure uniformity among regulatory staff in the interpretation of regulatory requirements, program policies, and compliance/enforcement procedures.

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

#### PHAB Reaccreditation Update

The department was notified that the PHAB Accreditation Committee, on August 28, 2025, made its decision to continue accreditation of the department! The reaccreditation application was submitted in December 2023 and documentation in June 2024, so this process was a long time coming. There is a plan to formally recognize the achievement at the October Board of Health meeting once the plaque from PHAB acknowledging reaccreditation has been received.

#### Department Infrastructure Teams

##### *Health Equity Committee*

The Health Equity Committee has engaged in conversations about how to still host meaningful Brave Conversations sessions that comply with recent executive orders and state legislation. The Committee has chosen to dive deeper into physical and intellectual disabilities and the health inequities that exist. It is believed that beneficial conversations and potential action can be identified in these conversations.

##### *Health Promotion Team*

The Health Promotion Team met with KWQC TV6 to learn about their marketing options and for them to learn about the department's programs. The FY25 Annual Report highlights have been gathered, and work is underway on the design of the report.

##### *Public Health Policy Committee*

The Public Health Policy Committee refined timelines and activities included in its FY26 work plan. There was discussion on the ways that national organizations such as the National Association of County and City Health Officials and Association of State and Territorial Health



Officers are bringing the collective voice of public health to federal legislators. The committee is capturing public health stories from across the department to utilize in a variety of situations to highlight public health work at the local level.

#### *Quality Improvement Council*

The Quality Improvement (QI) Council finalized its FY26 workplan. Charters have been completed for two QI projects and meetings have been scheduled with teams this fall. The QI Council reviewed the fourth quarter performance measures and did not identify any potential projects.

#### *Workplace Culture Committee*

The Workplace Culture Committee was unable to meet during August.

#### *Workforce Development Committee*

At its August meeting, the Workforce Development Committee finalized timelines and responsible parties associated with the FY26 workplan. The performance measures related to staff education were reviewed; the committee affirmed its recommendation to exclude per diem continuing education from reporting. The group is in the process of reviewing the results of the training portion of the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS) to identify potential training areas of focus for FY26.

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

Anthony Winkler, MercyOne Genesis Family Medical Center  
Be Ready QC Planning Committee (2)  
Bettendorf Wellness Committee  
Cedar County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children  
Colleen Doak and Deke Gould, St. Ambrose University  
Community Health Care Dental  
Davenport Trails Committee  
Iowa HHS Behavioral Health District 7 Advisory Council  
Doug Hoenig and Catherine Rockwell, KWQC TV6  
Dr. Nels Ewoldsen  
Food Rescue Partnership  
Hailey Meacham, University of Iowa MPH Student  
Iowa Academy of Science Chapter  
Iowa HHS Behavioral Health District 7 Advisory Council  
Iowa HHS Community Health Assessment-Health Improvement Plan Quarterly Update  
Iowa Public Health Association Social Media Community of Practice  
Jackson County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children  
John Byrnes, City of Bettendorf  
Amanda Madison, Wood Middle School  
Live Lead Free QC  
Madison Community Partner Coalition  
Matthew Beam, Rock Island County Health Department  
Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) Academic Detailing Community of Practice  
OD2A-S Local Public Health Community of Practice

OD2A-S Peer Recovery Coach (PRC) Data Collection  
OD2A-S Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) Community of Practice  
Prentiss Hood, Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center  
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition  
Quad Cities Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Disaster Planning Committee (2)  
Quad Cities CMS Quarter 3 Tabletop Exercise  
Quad Cities Flood Resiliency Alliance  
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board  
Quad Cities Regional Disaster Planning Committee  
Region 6 Local Public Health Contractors  
Quad Cities Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition  
Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium  
Quad Cities Youth Conference Planning Committee  
Quad City Emergency Planning Committee  
Quad City Region Incident Management Team  
River Way Steering Committee  
Rodney Tatum, Central High School  
Scott County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children  
Service Area 5 Executive Committee  
Service Area 5 Healthcare Coalition  
Service Area 5 Public Health Emergency Response Plan Workshop  
YWCA Quad Cities

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 August 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025***

<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>				
	8/4/2025	4	Virtual Lactation Class	Lactation
	8/6/2025	20	Community Health Care	Tobacco and Vaping
	8/9/2025	200	Davenport Parks & Recreation	Tobacco and Vaping
	8/11/2025	3	North Scott High School	Hands-Only CPR & AED
	8/11/2025	1	Maternal Health Client	Childbirth
	8/14/2025	13	Davenport High Schools	Hands-Only CPR & AED
	8/16/2025	150	Scott County Health Department	Tobacco and Vaping

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	8/6/2025	22	MercyOne Genesis Hospital	Prevention of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia through Oral Care
	8/20/2025	19	MercyOne Genesis Hospital	Prevention of Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia through Oral Care



## ***Media Inquiries between August 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025***

<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>
8/21/2025	Other	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/27/2025	Nuisance	Newspaper	North Scott Press		