

»» NEWSLETTER ««

POLK COUNTY HEALTHCARE COALITION

Coming together as a team to plan for and respond to healthcare impacted disasters.



TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
DR. TRACY EKHARDT
DR. HEIDI SHRECK
BRENDA MCGRAW
JILL HEILSKOV
SCOTT DRAPER
REBECCA MORRIS
NATE ALLEN
LAURA KACER
FRANNY MEDEIROS

»»» HEALTHCARE COALITION LAUNCH

After a reschedule due to excessive amounts of snow, we held our first Polk County Healthcare Coalition meeting on Friday, January 19, 2024 at the Polk County Emergency EOC. Discussion focused on the invitational nature of this group and the formation of an Advisory Team

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT «««

You don't have to think back too far to recognize our local healthcare organizations faced many challenges during the COVID pandemic. It is also safe to expect healthcare related situations will continue to impact our facilities at a growing rate. The idea of creating a local HCC continues to gain momentum. Our newly formed HCC provides our community of healthcare professionals the opportunity to capitalize on and harness the strong relationships forged, trust that was developed, and the sharing of resources that occurred out of necessity during difficult times. You are invited to join us.

Out of necessity
comes innovation

FORMATION OF AN ADVISORY TEAM

Bringing decisionmakers to the table.

Representing	Organization	Member	Alternate
Hospital	Unity Point	TBD	TBD
Hospital	MercyOne	TBD	TBD
Hospital	Broadlawns	TBD	TBD
EMS	Central Iowa EMS	Rebecca Morris	
EMA	Polk County EMA	Laura Kacer	
Clinics		Julie Raasch	Dr. Shreck
Public Health	Polk County Health Department	Franny Medeiros	
Association	Iowa Hospital Assoc.	Jennifer Nutt	

Advisory team membership will continue to be updated as confirmations are confirmed.

➤➤➤ BETTER TOGETHER

The return on investment with our HCC holds great potential for participants. It didn't take long for ideas to surface that would positively impact our whole community. Here are just a few of the ideas generated:

- Develop a clear process for identifying and accessing resources.
- Standardize and streamline communication among organizations.
- Review and update existing MOUs between healthcare organizations.
- Consider our under resourced populations in our planning.

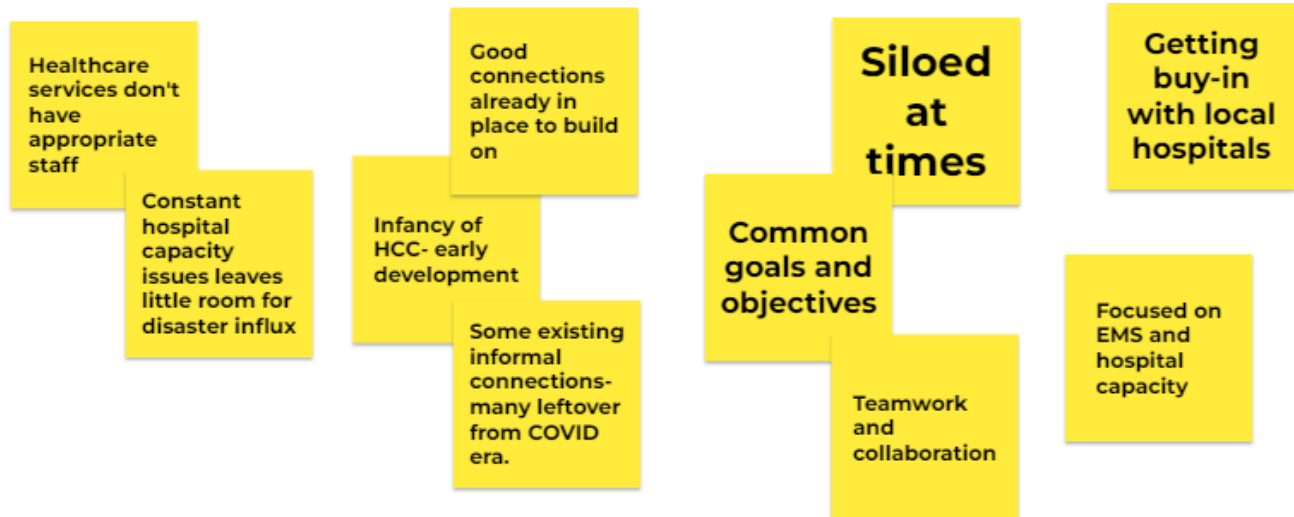
➤➤➤ AMPLIFYING OUR EFFORTS

Our HCC is in the early stage of development. Sharing this message with others helps! The Polk County HCC is an inclusive community of Polk County stakeholders.

POST-IT NOTE THOUGHT GENERATOR

COMMON THEMES EMERGED DURING OUR MEETING

»»» WHAT IS OUR POLK COUNTY CURRENT REALITY?



»»» WHAT STRUGGLES DO WE SHARE?

HCC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE ASKED TO SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON THESE THREE AREAS:



»»» HOW COULD OUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A LOCAL HCC?

