

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

February 20, 2015

Members present: Donald Anderson, Bobbretta Brewton, John Olds, Thomas Newton, Reylon Meeks

Members absent:

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January minutes approved.
<u>Partnership Grant Update</u> <i>By: Megan Aucutt</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control and Lung Health, American Lung Association In Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for 3 additional counties- Approved and received more grant money. Added 2 full time staff members 1 Intern- working on Worksite Tool and Worksite assessment kit 10 month and 8 month contracts (8 month contract is for the 3 new additional counties) Working with pharmacies to stop selling tobacco products. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Hy-Vee 3 worksites have implanted polices 5 multi-housing have implanted polices 3 schools have updated nicotine polices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEP, Urbandale and DMPS Law passed last year that you have to be 18+ to buy E-Cigarettes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law started July 2014 Finding businesses that have smoke free polices but our allowing them to use E-Cigarettes. They need to update polices including E-Cig Reylon- We needs to take it to the next level and have businesses not stay in hotels that are not smoke-free. That will get them to become smoke free.
<u>Public Health Director Report</u> <u>(written report + comments)</u> <i>By Rick Kozin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Ebola or Measles cases in Polk County or in Iowa. No Spike in MMR vaccinations. What is the process to change the code for religious exemptions for vaccinations to match the law? No formal legislative to do it. Need to take a closer look. The plan this year is to do the Virtual Jumpstart instead of having it in a gym during the summer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have commitments from all 7 providers that will give us capacity to try out the new model of helping kids get the medical services they need to be ready for school and to have a medical home. Reylon- sees how many appointments are kept and not kept. How long do we have them as a medical home? Track and see if it makes a difference. Juan and Rick went to Orlando 2/26-2/18 for the orientations of the Emerging Leaders Public Health program sponsored by the Kresge Foundation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polk County Health Department was 1 of 12 other Health Departments in the country. Polk County Health Department was the smallest of those 12 Rethink what our role is? Moving forward with Coventry Health Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick has signed paper work and a contract should be coming soon.

<p><u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> (written report + comments) By Scott Slater</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunization Services Contract with the Iowa Department in Public Health grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has increased 10% • If we continue to grow the grant amount will increase • Heather Bombei (Regional Community Health Consultant for our Local Public Health Services Grant) will be coming next week to do the Local Public Health Services compliance review with Scott. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott is preparing for the 2 day audit. • They are the largest grant. • Happens every 3 years
<p><u>Immunizations</u> By Carmin Hutch and Susan Brooks</p>	<p>Polk County Health Department Provides immunizations to all ages at affordable prices. (Carmin Hutch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Immunizations- catching up or completing vaccines, green card, college requirements, work requirements, international travel, routine adult recommendations, annual influenza, disease outbreak, and disease contact. • Trends- healthcare reform, increase medical providers providing immunizations, licensed pharmacist able to provide immunizations, heavy marketing by large chains and incentives for vaccinations (gift cards, gas points, etc.) • Influenza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children- Clinics held at feeder schools in conjunctions with another school activity to increase numbers and efficiency. Also depends on how active the nurse at the school is. • Elderly- Senior centers and senior fairs • Low income- low income housing, homeless shelter and treatment programs • 30-40 PRN nurses worked in 2014-2015 • PRN budget decreased in 2014-2015 • Number of vaccinations in 2014-2015 increased from the previous years. • Childhood Immunizations (Susan Brooks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine for Children Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0-18 years old ▪ No insurance ▪ Underinsured ▪ Medicaid Enrolled ▪ Alaskan Native/Native American • Significant increase for vaccinations in 2014 • Most of our patients that we see our Medicaid enrolled and then no insurance. • Donations for vaccinations went up dramatically in 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking a different approach on how to ask them ▪ Asking them if there is any amount they can donate? • Numbers from Polk County schools that were turned into the state showed that 2597students were under immunized. Polk County currently has around 81,000 students enrolled.
<p><u>Health Planning and Education Update</u> (written report and comments) By Tammy Keiter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Tomorrow Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking answers/topics to put into the plan • Polk County Health Department in prompting this survey by having a station in the clinic lobby and by putting it on social media. Also Ana (Polk County employee) will be addressing the Tomorrow Plan. She has written an article and will promote it on the radio.

<u>Communicable Disease</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January we had no active pulmonary cases of TB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have got 2 months will no active pulmonary cases of TB • Have no cases of Measles in Polk County or Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of suspected measles has increased • Many Physicians have never seen a case of measles
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>Public Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Aucutt- Our the only exemptions for not getting immunizations religion? No, they also include medical. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many physicians will not see patients if they refuse vaccinations that our required for school unless it is a religious belief or medial. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is legal for them to do this. • No check and balance of being exempt. Easy for anyone to fill out a form and get it notarized so they can go to school without vaccinations.
<u>Adjournment</u>	Meeting adjourned at 9:24

Next Meeting March 20, 2015 at 8:30

Others present:

Rick Kozin, PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Tammy Keiter, PCHD

Kari Lebeda Townsend, PCHD

Mandy Penning, PCHD

Ralph Marasco, Co Attorney

Cari Spear, VNS of Iowa

Carmin Hutch, PCHD

Susan Brooks, PCHD

Phil Maloney, PCHD

Megan Aucutt, ACA

Cynthia James, DMU