

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

October 21, 2016

Members present: Donald Anderson, Thomas Newton, Anne Bacon, Bobbretta Brewton

Members absent: Reylon Meeks

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September Minutes approved
<u>Iowa Food Bank</u> <i>By Matt Unger, Program Manager</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization vision- a hunger free Iowa • Food insecurity affects 1 in 8 in Iowa (1 in 5 kids). Program serves 180,000 in Iowa. Polk County food insecurity rate is 12.5% (approx 56,000 people) • Program serves 55 counties in north-central, central and south-central Iowa (42 from DSM facility). Member of Feeding America, a nationwide food bank network. Four other food banks cover remaining Iowa counties • 43% of those served don't qualify for federal programs • Mainly a distributor of food to a partner network that includes pantries, shelters daycares, school pantries, mobile pantries and Backpack program. Work with 400 partner agencies • Food sources: purchase, receive \$ from donations, get from retail outlets. Single largest produce source is from retailers • Last year in Polk County, 2.7 million pounds of food distributed (25% of total) • Seeing an upward trend in clients, especially since beginning of last recession • Upcoming goal is to meet the needs of seniors, immigrants and refugees and impoverished rural Iowans
<u>Community Nursing and Home Care Aide Services</u> <i>By Julie Swett, WesleyLife Director of Home Health and Hospice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program goal is to keep people healthy in their homes, avoiding more costly institutional care by providing nursing and/or home care aide services on site • Clients seen are those who do not qualify for other programs and have no other funding source and little to no family support. Sliding fee scale makes services affordable. Many stay on service for several years. • Challenges- MCO's hired some existing staff; market for direct care workers is very competitive, lack of qualified candidates, lack of updated training materials. This led to a long waiting list last year (275) for services across all programs. • Successes- new staff hired and being cross-trained to work in all program areas, waiting list has been reduced to nearly zero, monthly staff meetings held, employee recognition program instituted • Future- integrate and cross train existing (old) staff across all programs, develop connections in the community, recruit additional staff

<p><u>Public Health Director Report (written report + comments)</u> <i>By Rick Kozin</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Report (formerly called Chart Book) handed out to members • Handout on Invest Health initiative- goal is to help mid-sized communities in ways to fund community projects differently- consider packaging as investments • Update on Healthy Homes/asthma mitigation program- over 30 homes have had work done in Polk County • Flu shot numbers are down this year at Health- possibly due to widespread availability in community, incentives from others, no mist this year, others started giving shot earlier in season • Back To School partner meeting to discuss/explore how to handle upcoming year, PCHD childhood immunization clinics very busy now- these immunizations could have been given before school year started
<p><u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review (written report + comments)</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of HUD Lead repair grant delayed 2 weeks- began 10/17/2016 • Issue with one Medicaid MCO not reimbursing for VFC administration fee- looking into resolution
<p><u>Health Planning and Education Update (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Tammy Keiter</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan Cadenillas will present at December BOH meeting on Health Report handed out today. Board Members asked to review report on what data/topics might be missing and need to be added
<p><u>Communicable Disease Update (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to Zika guidelines- new recommendation states that all men with possible Zika virus exposure (through travel to an area with ongoing Zika transmission or sexual exposure) should wait at least 6 months after symptom onset or most recent possible Zika virus exposure (if asymptomatic) before trying to conceive. Recommendations for women remain unchanged: women with possible Zika virus exposure are recommended to wait to conceive until at least 8 weeks after symptom onset or most recent possible Zika virus exposure (if asymptomatic). • In Iowa, 400 tests for the virus have been performed to date, with 16 positives, none being pregnant women
<p><u>Air Quality (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Jeremy Becker</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report change- will now include data in the fiscal year format • Compliance monitoring plan has been submitted to EPA and DNR. Covered agencies in Polk County include 17 major sites (year visits) and 958 minor sites (visits at 3 year intervals) • New- stakeholder group meetings will be held yearly for both groups • New- sampling will be extended year round for ozone. New sampling site in Sheldahl.

<u>Environmental Health (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Bret Vandelune</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits are steady • Polk County now does own mosquito trapping in unincorporated areas of the county (Sites are Jester Park, <i>Yellow Banks</i>, Bark, Norwoodville and Saylor). Testing is done by ISU entomology. Can now get more consistent data for decisions regarding spraying.
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	None
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:30

Next Meeting November 18, 2016 at 8:30

Others present:

Rick Kozin, PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Tammy Keiter, PCHD

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Matt Unger, Iowa Food Bank

Julie Swett, WesleyLife

Cari Spear, VNS

Karen Goff- Broadlawns WIC Program