

## Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

July 21, 2017

Members present: Donald Anderson, Reylon Meeks, Simon Geletta, Anne Bacon

Members absent: Thomas Newton

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June minutes approved</li> </ul>
<u>Public Health Director Report (written report + comments)</u> <i>By Rick Kozin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme Heat                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zion Lutheran Cooling Center (Open until 11 Wednesday and Thursday)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 person each night</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Zion Lutheran open overnight for a shelter</li> <li>• Outdoor events have cancelled</li> <li>• Encouraging media to scroll events that have cancelled (same as they do during the winter time)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meningitis Vaccination                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggressive Outreach</li> <li>• Haven't seen a big movement in numbers</li> <li>• About 4,000 kids in Polk County have not received it yet</li> <li>• Thinking about setting aside vaccine only appointments                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Around 2,000 appointments set aside</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health Department willing to collect certificates and we will keep track of it                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open to other ideas?   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Bacon- use social media</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Received 2 more years of funding for Healthy Homes Des Moines Asthma Project</li> </ul>
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review (written report + comments)</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Preparedness Funding                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding since 2002</li> <li>• New 24 County Service areas</li> <li>• 11 Counties</li> <li>• Fiscal Agent</li> <li>• Funding for Public Health, EMS and Emergency Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Changing Community Conditions and Addressing Health Inequities</u> <i>By Ana Coppola</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequities are the disadvantages of one social group in comparison to other social groups</li> <li>• People of color have significantly worse health outcomes than white Americans</li> <li>• Inequities cannot be addressed until we become clear on how policy, law, governance and culture have been constructed in our country</li> <li>• Inequities are the disadvantages of one social group in comparison to other social groups</li> <li>• In Polk County, people of color have significantly worse health outcomes than white Americans on every indicator of the Social Determinants of Health.</li> <li>• Inequities cannot be addressed until we become clear on how policy, law, governance and culture have been constructed in our country- historical inequities.</li> <li>• In Iowa, obesity rates for young children 2-4 years old are 14.7% in 2014</li> <li>• In Iowa, the prevalence among adults was higher in blacks 35.4%; and Latinos 34.0%; than among whites 31.6% in 2015</li> </ul>
<u>Health Planning and Education Update (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Chris Frantsvog</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ana Coppola accepted a position as an Public Health Planner</li> </ul>

<u>Communicable Disease Update</u> (written report and comments) By Kari Lebeda Townsend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 E 'Coli cases in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No outbreaks</li> <li>• 2 cases that were related. They were siblings</li> <li>• Primary adults</li> <li>• Over half have traveled</li> <li>• 3 babies. 2 that traveled</li> </ul> </li> <li>• STD cases were also high in June. 411 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing a great job of identifying contacts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Air Quality</u> By Brent Blanchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 4<sup>th</sup> numbers were really high. Combination of weather and fireworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hourly averages were consistent throughout the day then spiked around 7pm</li> <li>• Numbers started to come back to normal around 6pm the following day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Environmental Health</u> By Dave Williamson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime season for swimming pool inspections- contracted by the State of Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Staff Members</li> <li>• Half way through them</li> <li>• Complete them by the middle of August</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mosquito Surveillance- 2<sup>nd</sup> year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses 2 different traps</li> <li>• Send samples to ISU</li> <li>• Counts have been really low</li> <li>• Sprayer went out a couple times in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow the Des Moines Policy and Procedure</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$33,000 Grant to test water wells free of charge and to plug them</li> </ul>
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reylon- have seen a decrease number of SIDS at the hospital but have seen an increase of Co-Sleeping (parents sleeping with babies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Children passed away in Polk County last year of co-sleeping</li> <li>• Would like to start a campaign with Polk County to help educate and prevent co-sleeping</li> <li>• Boxes With Babies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:40

**Next Meeting August 18, 2017 at 8:30am**

Others present:

Rick Kozin, PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Tammy Keiter, PCHD

Kari Labeda-Townsend, PCHD

Mandy Penning, PCHD

Chris Frantsvog, PCHD

Ana Coppola, PCHD

Cari Spear, VNS

Dave Williamson, Environmental Health

Brent Blanchard, Air Quality