

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

September 15th, 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"> • August minutes approved
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions on written report as submitted and no additional verbal report
<u>Department Outcomes</u> <i>By Bonnie Murphy and Kari Lebeda-Townsend</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast, Cervical and Heart Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility: 40-64 years of age, 65+ without Medicare Part B, younger than 40 years with signs/symptoms, uninsured, underinsured, <250% of Federal Income guidelines and insured and in need of patient navigation • Focus areas for women: prevention awareness, rarely or never screened, 40 with signs of breast/cervical cancer, African American, Spanish-speaking, LGBTQ • Health Department provides: Health Care Services, awareness and education, support and lifestyle interventions • Challenges include: decreasing funding for screening services, finding financial assistant, varying guidelines for screening, individual barriers, changing program practices and requirements. • New in FY17/18: expanded Medication Therapy Management, new billing company to pay claims, grant from Bras for the Cause and changes in Komen Greater Iowa Funding
<u>Health Care Coalitions In Iowa</u> <i>By Ken Sharp</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division Director for Acute Disease Prevention, Emergency Response and Environment Health with Iowa Department of Public Health • Restructured 2 Grant funding programs in his division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They relate to Public Health Preparedness dollars. Have had since 2001-2002. • State General Funds come into the division for Emergency Medical services. Has been around for a few decades • Mergers in 2013-2014 Brought couple of divisions together to look at Organizational Structures within the department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bureau of EMS without a Medical Director for 10 years and without a Bureau Chief for 4-5 years. Due to a 50% reduction of funding. ▪ Oversee 930 EMS services in the state ▪ Handful of training providers ▪ Not a well-supported program within the state ▪ Decision in January 2014 to bring together the Bureau of EMS and the Center of Disaster Operations. Now the Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services • 80% of our EMS providers are volunteer. Getting volunteers to volunteer is a challenge. • After looking at reports we need to bring systems together more effectively. • Critical Access hospitals cannot provide critical care. Need to get them to level 1 or level 2 hospital. • Have not seen much improvement in systems. Let's work together and define the challenges, develop solutions, then we will pay for those solutions. • Health Care Coalition- bring strategies and solutions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a better resource to the coalitions • Staff off about 100. Until about a year ago staff did not know all 100 people. Now meeting monthly. • Putting numbers together for staffing and resources. • Preparing solutions and recommendations to the coalitions • 9 services per county. Volunteers are not interested in dealing with the administrative part. Purchase software program
<u>Public Health Director Report (written report + comments)</u> <i>By Rick Kozin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not drafted a letter to the City of Des Moines regarding Tobacco Free Policy. Want to check to see what the rules are in our own parks (Polk County Parks). They have a No Smoking Policy but is not Tobacco Free Policy • During Meningitis Vaccination campaign we provided 388 immunizations to eligible students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,300 children who are now on provisional status (all grades all immunizations). Working closely with school nurses and providers. They will be excluded if not caught up in 30-60 days. • Nola- Ready to move on with Partners about Co-Bedding
<u>Communicable Disease Update</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pertussis- saw cases in July. Early then we normally see them. Bigger years for it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School nurses have said a lot of coughing going around
<u>Community Health Updates Update</u> <i>By Chris Frantsvog</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide Prevention Coalition- 2 Flyers. Out of Darkness walk this Sunday • STD numbers will continue to be in the Communicable Disease Reports
<u>Communicable Disease Update (written report and comments)</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pertussis in July and August. Showing up earlier than past years. Will be a bad year for it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School nurses- a lot of coughing at school
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>Public Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:46

Next Meeting October 20 at 8:30am

Others present:

Rick Kozin, PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Chris Frantsvog, PCHD

Bonnie Murphy, PCHD

Mandy Penning- PCHD

Ken Sharp- IDPH

AJ Mumm- Polk County EMA

Heather Bombei, IDPH