

## Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

November 16, 2018

Members present: Yogi Shah, Simon Geletta, Thomas Newton, Reylon Meeks, Anne Bacon

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October minutes approved (with one correction noted per Tom Newton)</li> </ul>
<u>Iowa Department of Public Health Update</u> <i>By Heather Bombei</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY 18 summary of activities Polk County spent their Local Public Health Services grant funds on.</li> <li>FY 19 funding reduced by \$50,000. Formula to calculate is a base for each county, then based on number of low income and elderly residents. State funding has been on a steady decline.</li> <li>Dr. Quinlisk has retired as State Medical Director, replaced by Dr. Caitlin Pedati.</li> <li>IDPH received their site visit for national accreditation- will find out at end of month. Two county health departments in state are accredited and two others are pursuing. Polk is not pursuing at this time.</li> <li>Discussion on IDPH's 8 departmental priorities – suggestion from Simon Geletta that state should consider a more specific evidenced based intervention program targeting obesity.</li> </ul>
<u>Public Health Director Report</u> (written report + comments) <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed 2019 schedule of department outcome presentations agreed on.</li> <li>Grant required and community programs topics listed for additional presentations.</li> <li>Suggestion from Tom Newton that for some of the more familiar PCHD programs giving presentations, focus should be on what's new.</li> <li>Polk County chosen for NHANES survey over 2 months this spring. PCHD will assist with suggestions for a staging area for trailers and getting information about the study out to the community.</li> </ul>
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report as submitted- no additional questions</li> </ul>
<u>Community Nursing and Home Health Services</u> <i>By Heather Frank</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCHD subcontracts with Wesley for delivery of public health nursing and home care aide services in Polk County</li> <li>FY 2018 served 58 nursing and 200 HCA clients. Currently waiting list of 55 clients for HCA services (personal and environmental care).</li> <li>Serve &gt;18, un and underinsured, low income, stop gap, medically fragile, those with minimal support services.</li> <li>An average of \$377-\$566 is spent per month providing client care.</li> <li>Goal is to keep clients out of costlier institutional settings.</li> <li>Continued need for services due to aging baby boomers.</li> <li>Challenges include decreased state funding, a consistent workforce and a wait list.</li> </ul>
<u>Community Health Updates Update</u> <i>By Chris Frantsvog</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reylon Meeks asked how provider reporting on STIs is proceeding, and I replied that the results are mixed, but generally have increased in the way we need them to.</li> <li>Tom Newton asked about the note in the Community Health report about the New Iowans conference in which one of the participants had identified a need for a one-stop center for social services. He asked if there isn't already such a thing. Chris said he would research this and get back to him.</li> </ul>

<u>Communicable Disease Update</u> (written report and comments) <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeing an increase in pertussis across the state- majority of cases are in unvaccinated individuals.</li> <li>• Also starting to see flu deaths</li> <li>• Since November 1<sup>st</sup> team has been working on 2 outbreaks- 1 norovirus and the second suspected to be also</li> </ul>
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	Reylon Meeks would be interested in a presentation from the Babies Need Boxes program.
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:15 am

**Next Meeting December 21, 2018 at 8:30am**

Others present:

Helen Eddy PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Chris Frantsvog, PCHD

Heather Bombei- IDPH

Heather Frank- Wesley Life