



Scott County Health Department

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Director's Report to the Board of Health September 11, 2020

Director's Attended Meetings –July – August 2020

July

1. Emergency Management Agency COVID Meeting (4)
2. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (4)
3. Mississippi Bend Area Education School Leadership Meeting
4. COVID Logistics Briefing
5. Press Calls
6. Calls with Businesses on Events

August

1. Scott County School Leadership Meeting (2)
2. Iowa Department of Public Health Local Public Health Meeting
3. Emergency Management Agency COVID Meeting (4)
4. Quad Cities COVID Coalition (4)
5. Live Lead Free Quad Cities
6. Press Calls
7. Scott County Kids Fiscal Meeting
8. Scott County Administration and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

I would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service with the Department:

August

Sheri Saskowski, Environmental Health Specialist	2 years	August 6
Tia Siegwarth, Child Health Consultant	3 years	August 22
Susan VanDeWalle, Public Health Nurse	3 years	August 7
Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant	8 years	August 27
Ed Rivers, Director	10 years	August 30
Brooke Barnes, Community Health Consultant	12 years	August 29
Ann Jepson, Public Health Nurse	15 years	August 2
Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist	20 years	August 7
Pam Gealy, Office Assistant	30 years	August 14

September

Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist	7 years	September 17
Teri Arnold, Grant Accounting Specialist	17 years	September 22
Roma Taylor, Clinical Services Manager	41 years	September 10

We welcomed the following individuals to the department in July:

Leah Mariblana, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse	Started July 13
Melissa Thomas, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse	Started July 14
Joel Donnelly, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse	Started July 17

Monitor Health Status

Communicable Disease Program

A total of eight hundred and ninety-five communicable diseases were reported during July. They included one case of cyclosporiasis, four cases of hepatitis C, one case of pertussis and eight hundred and eighty-nine cases of COVID-19.

In August, six hundred and one communicable diseases were investigated. The diseases investigated included five hundred and ninety-six cases of COVID-19, one e. Coli infection, and one case each of brucellosis, campylobacteriosis, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. Staff was able to relocate to the Scott County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to complete COVID-19 interviews and contact tracing when the Scott County Administrative Center lost power for four days as the result of the derecho storm.

Rabies Risk Assessments

In July, seventeen individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to ten dogs and seven cats. In August, thirty-seven individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to fourteen dogs, two cats, eleven bats, and one raccoon. There were several occurrences where one bat exposed multiple individuals. The number of bat exposures during August was higher than normal; typically bats are seen in homes when the weather turns cooler. Anecdotal information heard regarding the change was that bats were displaced as the result of the derecho storm and as a result, more were found in homes.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In July, there were six children receiving individual case management. This number increased to seven in August. Of those, five had a blood level less than 15 ug/dL and two had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Eight children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services for lead poisoning during July and August. Of those, three had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and five had a blood lead level less than 10 ug/dL. These children receive public health nursing support until two consecutive blood lead levels equal to or below 5 ug/dL are obtained.

Diagnose/Investigate Health Problems and Hazards

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Fifty-four individuals received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during July. Ten clients tested positive for chlamydia and five tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, one hundred and six cases of chlamydia, sixty-five cases of gonorrhea, two cases of syphilis, and three HIV cases were reported in Scott County during the month.

In August, thirty-one clients received STD clinic services. One clinic had to be canceled because of the power outage created by the derecho. Nine clients tested positive for chlamydia and six clients tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, there were ninety-two cases of chlamydia, forty-two gonorrhea cases, and three syphilis cases reported in Scott County during the month.

Damage Assessments Completed During Derecho

Staff was able to assist the Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in completing damage assessments during the two days following the derecho. This partnership worked well because the Health Department was closed due to the power outage, staff had already relocated staff to the EOC, and had access to county vehicles. Staff went out in pairs in designated areas to document damage to personal, business, and public property. Scott County Information Technology's Geographic Information System Team had created a tool that allowed information to be collected in the field using tablets and submitted directly and mapped. Staff in the EOC could see assessment photos and information as it was collected. The data was used to assist in getting a Federal Disaster Declaration for Scott County. EMA would like to continue this partnership for future disasters.

Lead Clearance Testing

In August, staff performed a second clearance inspection at the primary residence associated with children who have elevated blood lead levels. All window troughs and floors had to be retested. The dust wipe samples that were analyzed by the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) determined that all of the window troughs passed clearance standards, but all of the floors failed clearance standards. The landlord has been notified of the lead clearance inspection results and is working on a plan to re-clean these surfaces so that they can be retested.

Staff also performed an initial clearance inspection of the interior of a secondary address (location visited on a regular basis) associated with children who have elevated blood lead levels. The dust wipe samples that were analyzed by SHL determined that nine of the twelve samples passed clearance standards. The three samples that failed were two floor samples and one window sill sample. The landlord has been notified of the lead clearance inspection results and is working on a plan to re-clean these surfaces so that they can be retested.

Senior Needs Assessment Conducted at Targeted Senior Living Properties

Bi-State Regional Commission and staff conducted senior needs assessments at Spring Village and Luther Crest in Davenport and Luther Manor and Luther Heights in Bettendorf for the Physical Activity Access project. One-hundred and twenty older Iowans completed the needs assessment. A majority of responses indicated:

- Family/friend drives them to shop, visit the doctor, or run errands;
- Largest barrier or challenge to walking and biking in their neighborhood is personal health issues;
- Most interested in learning about nutrition and injury/fall prevention;
- Rated their overall health “good”.

Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility and Quality

First Med Pharmacy Review

During fiscal year 2020, two thousand, six hundred and twelve inmates received ten thousand, two hundred and seventeen prescriptions in total. This is a duplicated number. Overall, ninety-nine percent of both the medical prescriptions and mental health prescriptions were generic.

To start off fiscal year 2021, in July, one hundred and sixty inmates received four hundred and ninety seven prescriptions. The use of generic mental health medication was at one hundred percent and overall medical prescriptions was at ninety-nine percent generic.

HIV Integrated Test Site Monitoring Call

In July, staff participated in a virtual HIV Integrated Test Site monitoring call with representatives from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). The call allowed IDPH to understand the activities and needs of the local contractors. IDPH is providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and thermometers for each agency. Staff also requested masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for the Quad Cities Harm Reduction staff doing community outreach, and hand sanitizer to be given to clients during HIV testing at outreach sites.

340B STD Medication Audit

Staff completed the IDPH required 340B STD Medication Audit without any deficiencies. The audit is performed to ensure compliance with medication administration requirements outlined by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Second Quarter CBSS Data/Quality Assurance Report

The department received the Second Quarter 2020 Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) Data/Quality Assurance Report. The report is based upon sexually transmitted disease testing performed. The report reflected the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on testing; there was a fifty-one percent decrease in testing from the first quarter in 2020 (January-March) and a decrease in testing of fifty-two percent compared to the second quarter of 2019. However, the statewide chlamydia and gonorrhea rates were slightly higher. The second quarter chlamydia positivity rate was 11.2% compared to 9.1% in the first quarter of 2020. The second quarter gonorrhea positivity rate was 6% compared to 3.9% in the first quarter of 2020.

Develop Policies and Plans

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Efforts Underway

Scott County EMA and staff met to begin the planning process for the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccine, which may occur as early as the first quarter of next year. The Health Department currently has mass clinic plans, but they do not address some of the unique issues that a clinic being held during the COVID-19 pandemic would present. This planning group spent a day discussing facility types, staffing indoor/outdoor clinics, drive through clinics, social distancing, vaccine storage, scheduling, etc.

Scott County EMA and staff developed a worksheet to help identify criteria that should be evaluated when exploring potential facilities for mass vaccination clinics. The goal was to create a sheet that details what specific items are needed based on the type of operation being performed. This sheet will allow individuals not familiar with clinic operations to visit sites and be knowledgeable enough to make the appropriate choices.

The Scott County Point of Dispensing (POD) plan has been reviewed and is being updated to address specific issues that will arise from a COVID-19 response. Job action sheets are being created to help guide operations for each position needed in a clinic.

Health Equity Committee Reconvenes After COVID-19 Hiatus

The department's Health Equity Committee resumed meetings during the month of August. While staff continue to support the COVID-19 response, there are various health equity activities that can take place simultaneously. The committee reviewed and updated the current workplan and extended it to June 2021, recognizing it will be difficult to create a new one while COVID-19 continues to demand such time and energy from the department.

Enforce Laws and Regulations

Inspections of Tattoo Facilities

Two tattoo establishments changed locations and therefore required pre-opening inspections in order for permits to be issued for the new locations. In addition, IDPH requested assistance in locating a Scott County tattoo artist whose permit was to be revoked due to falsification of information submitted on the artist permit application. Staff visited the tattoo establishment where the artist was working and later spoke to the facility operator who notified the artist in question. The operator indicated that the artist would file an appeal to IDPH.

Nuisance Complaint Unfounded

A complaint of unhealthy conditions at the downtown Davenport Family Y was investigated. The complainant had a number of issues with the men's steam room in the men's health club. Upon investigation, staff found the steam room, and related facilities, showing signs of wear indicative of the age of the facility, but nothing that constituted a public health nuisance.

Pool Inspections Resume

Routine inspections of outdoor pools resumed in June and July. Due to the governor's proclamation allowing pools quickly after her announcement, staff informed pool operators that they could open seasonal pools as long as they were in compliance with the Iowa Swimming Pool Rules. The operators were advised to observe the COVID-19 health practices according to the Centers for Disease Control and IDPH. Some outdoor pools chose not to open for the season; the ones that did open were inspected. At one of the outdoor pools, electrical hazards related to bonding and grounding were noted. City building officials were consulted and the facility hired an electrician to remedy the hazards.

Complaint at Local Hotel Found to be Justified

A complaint was registered about fecal matter found on the sheets at a local hotel. In speaking with the manager, she indicated that the housekeeper assigned to the room had not changed the sheets between guests as the bed appeared to not have been disturbed. The manager advised the housekeeper that this was not acceptable and the bedding is to be changed between guests regardless of the appearance.

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Vendors	Status	Month
Mississippi Valley Fair Food	14	Satisfactory	August

Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Discusses Social Distancing Enforcement

Food inspection staff participated in two Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) contractor calls during July to discuss potential plans and procedures for addressing social distancing violations throughout the state. DIA sought feedback from local contractors on several proposed plans for enforcement. Once the Governor issued her directive regarding enforcement, DIA held a webinar to describe the enforcement process for establishments that have a food license. For the first verified violation, our department will issue a verbal warning. The Iowa Alcohol and Beverages Division (ABD) can issue up to a one thousand dollar fine if the facility has a liquor license. For the second verified violation, DIA will suspend the food license for seven days and ABD will suspend liquor license for seven days. For the third verified violation, DIA will revoke the food license and ABD will revoke the liquor license. There is a process to appeal decisions as well as investigate, verify, and document complaints.

Research for new insights and innovative solutions

Community Health Assessment Steering Committee Links with COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee met to discuss the 2021 Community Health Assessment. Dave Donovan, Scott County EMA, provided an overview of COVID-19 recovery planning efforts and discussed coordination of survey questions with the upcoming Community Health Assessment. The partners were in agreement that this partnership would be valuable, although the timelines for the completion of the Community Health Assessment and the unknown timeline of the pandemic may not quite line up. It was discussed that a point

in time survey could be conducted and the EMA's report would be fluid. The committee will continue discussion of the timeline, questions, and logistics at the next meeting.

Discussion of Diversity with Scott County Employees

Department heads, managers, and Human Resources staff were invited to participate in a discussion with representatives from the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The representatives reviewed the demographics of employees hired at Scott County and offered encouragement and assistance in increasing the number of minorities, specifically African American individuals, hired and promoted within Scott County. Ideas were discussed for recruitment, as well as opportunities to partner with the African American community to promote career opportunities, such as mentorship, job shadowing, career fairs, resume review, and more.

Overview of Qmatic System

Staff met with a representative from the Scott County Treasurer's Office for a demonstration of the Qmatic Queue Management System. The Treasurer's Office and the Iowa Department of Transportation use this system for scheduling appointments and verifying appointments upon arrival at the office. As the department continues discussions regarding vaccine clinic planning, it would be helpful to have an electronic system with which individuals with internet access could schedule their own appointments. Options for individuals without internet access and/or knowledge would still be available. This system will be considered if a similar system is not provided through the Vaccine Administration Management System being developed.

Assurance

Link People to Needed Personal Health Service

Presumptive Eligibility Services Continue Virtually

During July and August, staff assured health insurance coverage for eight women, children and infants through providing Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Medicaid application services. These services are being provided virtually. Coordination with other providers such as translation services and school nurses was required. Individuals were also provided with information on family practice and pediatric doctors, obstetricians, dental providers, and vision providers, along with other community resources.

HIV and Hepatitis C Outreach Resumes in Limited Capacity

Routine HIV/hepatitis C outreach testing has resumed at a limited capacity with two agency partners, Center for Behavioral Health and Humility Homes and Services, Inc. Staff is working with other partner agencies to identify opportunities to return to outreach testing and other ways to adapt the way our staff offer these testing services.

Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Workforce

Roots of Inequity Training

Staff participated in Unit One of the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Roots of Inequity training. The training included presentations, video, reading, and participation in discussion boards. Unit one of the training provided an overview of the historical context and root causes of health inequities, principles of social justice, and the role of public health.

Managing Retail Food Safety

Staff completed the Food and Drug Administration's *Managing Retail Food Safety Course* which is required for inspectors within the food inspection program. The course was offered in a virtual format and was facilitated by several instructors from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). This course allows participants an opportunity to explore the various ways that risk-based inspections can be applied in retail and food service establishments. Topics included the "process approach" to Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), applications of HACCP principles in routine inspection work, and assessing active managerial control of risk factors.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Virtual Learning Collaborative

The department's elevated blood level inspectors attended the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's virtual learning collaborative facilitated by the American Public Health Association. The keynote was the mother of a child that had become lead poisoned after the family moved into a new rental home. The family started "Iowa Parents Against Lead" which provides support and education for parents with lead poisoned children. The child has since graduated from high school, but had/has some learning disabilities from the amount of lead to which he was exposed.

Environmental Health Communication Strategies in a Public Health Emergency Series

Staff participated in sessions of the Environmental Health Communications Strategies in Public Health Emergency Event Cohort.

Environmental Health & Hurricane Communication

In this session Cynthia Goldstein, Environmental Health Administrator, discussed hurricane season preparation with considerations for COVID; conducting preparations virtually because of COVID; and lessons learned from hurricanes in 2017 (Irma – hit Polk County), 2019 (Dorian – just missed Polk County) and 2004 (Charley, Frances, & Jeanne – all hit Polk County).

Hurricane Public Health Messaging during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Vivi Siegel, Associate Director for Communications, Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice at the CDC discussed principles of risk communication – be first, be right, be credible; talk "to" not "at" your audience; and avoid getting pulled into discussions on social media, simply provide accurate information.

Community Outreach Strategies in Hurricane Disaster Recovery

Nikki Fernandes, Disaster Project Coordinator for the United States Virgin Islands discussed how to engage the key leaders in the community, collaborate with other organizations that are trusted by the community, and always offer some way for the community to get involved and participate.

Cultural Awareness Strategies in a Hurricane Emergency Event

Nikki Fernandes, Disaster Project Coordinator for the United States Virgin Islands discussed the importance of recognizing and understanding the differences that exist between groups and individuals and using trusted leaders from the community in messaging.

Playground Safety Training

Staff virtually attended *Playground Supervision and Sun Safety Train-the-Trainer* presented by Healthy Child Care Iowa and National Program for Playground Safety. This training covered the importance of adult supervision, sun exposure on playgrounds, temperatures impacting play, and playground safety. Staff will complete a playground assessment assignment and attend the second training session in September.

STD/HIV Clinician Training

Staff virtually attended *STD/ HIV Prevention Training* presented by St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. This course provides fourteen hours of lecture over two days. Topics presented include: gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, trichomoniasis, pelvic inflammatory disease, genital herpes, human papillomavirus, hepatitis B, chancroid, urethritis/cervicitis syndromes, scabies, HIV, partner management, and case studies.

National Environmental Health Association's Virtual Conference

Staff attended the National Environmental Health Association's Virtual Conference. Presentations included:

Virtual Training: Delivering FDA/OTED Trainings in 2021

This presentation provided a brief overview of how the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Training, Education, and Development (FDA/OTED) trainings will be conducted moving forward. Instead of two eight-hour days of in-person training, there will be four-hour virtual trainings on four days. While most of the class will be in a large group, there will be times when the group is broken up into small breakout rooms to allow for discussion.

Food Freedom: Is There Coming Back from the Abyss

In 2018, California passed a "food freedom" bill which allowed for the creation of a food facility that is operated by a resident in a private home where food is stored, handled, prepared, and may be served to consumers. This was done to create small-scale home economic opportunities to benefit and provide economic empowerment, food access, and to protect vulnerable communities. Public health history, data, and significance of outbreaks were ignored during the legislative process.

Dining in a Socially Distanced World

The National Restaurant Association discussed actions they have taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to educate and provide resources to members.

Webinar on Food Safety in Various Delivery Methods

Staff participated in the AFDO webinar, *Food Delivery the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: What You Need to Know*. The webinar featured several food delivery companies (Amazon, Blue Apron, and Instacart), in a panel discussion format where they addressed food safety procedures within their companies and how their procedures are evaluated. They also answered questions regarding food safety principles from the audience.

Specialized Processing Webinar

Staff participated in the NACCHO webinar *Specialized Food Processes: Smoking Meats*. Curing, smoking, and drying of meat, poultry, and fish are considered specialized processes under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code. This session focused on the science and proper implementation of smoking meat, poultry, and fish in the retail setting, which requires a variance from the food code.

Communicating in a Nuclear Disaster Webinar

Staff participated in the webinar, *Communicating in a Nuclear Disaster: Observations from COVID-19* sponsored by NACCHO, CDC, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The webinar discussed the parallels seen between COVID-19 response efforts and radiological/nuclear disaster planning. Presenters from CDC and EPA shared their observations from recent months regarding COVID-19 communication strategies and social media monitoring findings.

Iowa State Association of Counties Legislative Webinar

Staff attended the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Legislative webinar. ISAC staff discussed what legislation passed in 2020 and how it will affect Iowa counties. Updates on ongoing priorities, including Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and mental health and disability services were also discussed.

Current Ethics Topics Educational Opportunity

Staff attended the training, *Current Ethics Topics in the Therapeutic Field*, presented by Families, Inc. The presenter, Andrea Nus, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, discussed:

- The influences of power, privilege, ethics, values and morals in a therapeutic relationship.
- Legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minors in Iowa, especially in regards to confidentiality and child custody concerns.
- Common boundary (e.g. time/place/space, gifts, informed consent, appropriate touch, self-disclosure, etc.) and dual relationship (interacting with a client in more than just a therapeutic setting) issues.

- The importance of maintaining client confidentiality when using technology, especially in light of the need for increased telehealth service provision as a result of COVID-19.
- Awareness of symptoms of burnout/compassion fatigue and how to engage in continuous, meaningful self-care to prevent burnout.

Webinar on the Role of Face Coverings

Staff attended a webinar sponsored by the University of Iowa College of Public Health, entitled *Facing the Facts: The Role of Face Coverings in Containing COVID-19*. The speakers discussed what types of mask are most effective, and why individuals do not like to wear masks.

Webinar on POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Staff attended a webinar introducing education on POST-BIRTH warning signs through IDPH. POST-BIRTH is an acronym to help guide postpartum women on dangerous complications following childbirth. Maternal Health nurses in Iowa will attend a series of webinars in September to train on educating women on POST-BIRTH warning signs. The POST-BIRTH warning signs are: **P**ain in the chest; **O**bststructed breathing or shortness of breath; **S**eizures; **B**leeding, soaking through one pad per hour, or blood clots the size of an egg or bigger; **I**ncision that is not healing; **R**ed or swollen leg that is painful or warm to touch; **T**emperature of 100.4° or higher; and **H**eadache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes.

Discussion on Influenza and COVID-19 Communication

Staff attended a teleconference with the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) and CDC on preparing for this year's influenza and COVID-19 season. Presenters discussed multiple infographics and social media strategies planned to encourage the public to get their influenza vaccination, wear a mask, social distance and wash hands often.

COVID-19 Vaccination Planning and Local Health Departments

Staff attended the NACCHO and CDC webinar, *Vaccination Planning and Local Health Departments*. During the webinar, the CDC presenter discussed a pilot project that was done with five states to determine the public's perception of the COVID-19 vaccine as well as what immunization programs need in order to be successful. The findings will be used for planning purposes. Common themes were:

- Public confidence in the vaccine;
- Resource challenges-staff, time, money, supplies;
- Challenge of social distancing people at large mass clinics;
- Technology barriers –everyone does not have smart phones for scheduling or reminders;
- Border communities/states-maintaining consistency across jurisdictions;
- Vaccine allocation-who gets the vaccine first;
- How to get communities of color to trust the government;
- Need for clear and transparent communication.

Basic Life Support Instructor Recertification

Staff attended a Basic Life Support Instructor recertification class at Eastern Iowa Community College District presented by the American Heart Association. This course prepares assigned staff to train participants to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an AED.

Vaccinations in the Time of COVID Webinar

Staff listened to the webinar *Vaccinations in the Time of COVID*. The webinar discussed the importance of continuing childhood immunizations, precautions staff should take, such as wearing goggles or face shields due to the close contact, wearing masks, and if requested, gloves. Appointments should be spaced so waiting rooms are not overcrowded and the floor should be marked for six feet of distance between families. Families should be requested to wear masks and encouraged not to bring extra people to appointments, if possible.

Webinar on Safety in Child Care During COVID-19

Staff attended the webinar *Promoting Health and Safety Through Child Care Health Consultation-Responding to the Challenges of COVID-19*. The presenters discussed evidence-based infectious disease practices, including daily health checks and monitoring for household contacts that are ill.

Regular Calls Regarding COVID-19

Staff took part in weekly or bi-weekly calls with IDPH for long-term care providers and local public health. These calls address new or emerging information and allow for questions. In July, staff started having weekly calls with the Scott County public school superintendents and principals of the non-public schools. Previously, calls had been held approximately monthly with school leadership throughout the entire Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency Region. The calls provide the leaders with current information regarding the status of the pandemic in Scott County, provide opportunities to share guidelines and recommendations, and allow for a space where questions between the schools and between our department and the schools can be answered.

Inform, Educate, and Empower People About Health Issues

Public Information Officer Assistance with Derecho

After the derecho storm that impacted Scott County, staff supported Scott County EMA as the public information officer for the EOC. A number of press releases were issued to the public with safety and health messages for prolonged power outages.

Education Provided to Public Health Advocacy Class

Staff presented virtually to a public health advocacy class from Mount Mercy College. Discussion centered around the work it took over several years to get food license fees increased in 2018, the lessons learned from it, and from the campaign to legalize raw milk.

Community Education Regarding COVID-19

Staff continues to coordinate COVID-19 information with Rock Island County Health Department to assure that messages, methods, and timelines have mirrored and supported one another, allowing for a Quad Cities area-wide response. The Quad Cities public information officer (PIO) group continues to meet weekly to connect public health, local government, and health care PIOs and organize messages. The Scott and Rock Island County Health Departments continue to host twice a week press briefings with the local media. Messages shared include the number of positive cases in the county, testing information, and public health guidance. Community partners that are responding to COVID-19 have also joined the health departments on the media calls, sharing important information for providers and members of the public.

The QC COVID-19 Coalition, a coalition of organizations from health care, public health, business, non-profit, and emergency management sectors, are currently implementing a #TogetherQC campaign aimed to increase the wearing of masks and social distancing by residents in Scott and Clinton Counties. A subcommittee developed a thirty second public service announcement (PSA) that is running on a majority of TV and radio stations as well as online versions of local newspapers. Partner organizations are also running the PSA and developed personalized videos to further share the message.

Education to School District Personnel

Staff spoke to Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf and North Scott school district food staff about food safety and COVID during district specific in-services. Violations (found during routine inspections in 2019 in each school district) were discussed, as well as the three most common violations found in Scott County overall: handwashing sinks, cold holding and adequate equipment – thermometer and test strips.

Mobilize Community Partnerships

Child and Adolescent Health Information Provided to Genesis and UnityPoint

Staff communicated with Tricia Fisher, Director of Operations for UnityPoint Clinics and and Lori Turner, Director of Clinic Operations for Genesis. Information and promotional material on developmental screening, adolescent wellness exams, immunizations, and lead testing was sent so it may be shared with family practice, pediatric, and urgent care medical providers.

Collaboration with St. Ambrose University Class

Staff received a request from Erica Thomas, Assistant Professor in the Kinesiology and Master of Public Health Program at St. Ambrose University to collaborate with their Health Communications and Health Promotion Class. Members of the Health Promotion Team met with Dr. Thomas to discuss the project and developed a proposal for a COVID-19 health promotion campaign targeted to young adults.

Regional 6 Local Public Health Administrators Meeting

Staff and I attended the Region 6 Local Public Health Administrators meeting. Kelly Garcia, Interim Director at IDPH, introduced herself and announced she was conducting listening visits

with health departments throughout the state. She asked for feedback on communication with state staff and suggestions for improving connections between programs at IDPH and the Department of Human Services. Becky Nowachek provided updates on the Local Public Health Services grant reports, claims, and performance measures. Attendees shared updates from their agency.

Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition Teams Continue Efforts

The Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition (BHC) Promotion Team met to review social media guidelines and discuss an opportunity to partner with the BHC Outcomes Team. The Outcomes Team has created a dashboard of behavioral health data and is working on developing narrative to go along with the data. They are looking to the Promotion Team to assist with making the material visually appealing and determining how to share it with target audiences.

Be Health QC Coalition Meets

Staff attended the Be Healthy QC Coalition meeting. The coalition provided updates on Be Healthy QC activities and discussed revisions to the Be Healthy QC strategic plan and dashboard. The coalition began planning for a state update meeting/workshop for later this year. The coalition decided to invite speakers from both Illinois and Iowa state government, as well as host a local panel of speakers. Most likely this meeting/workshop will be virtual.

Early Childhood Iowa Leadership Meeting

Staff attended an Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development-Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Leadership Meeting. Team membership was discussed as the group hopes to include someone with expertise in oral health and nutrition, as well as possible representation from the outer counties of Iowa. The team further developed 2020-2021 Annual Plan. The group is brainstorming on how to include a lens of diversity, inclusion, access, and equity in its plan to better meet this principle in the Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development System Policy Framework.

Iowa HIV Community Planning Group

Staff attended a virtual Iowa HIV Community Planning Group meeting. During the meeting, members were given a presentation by two candidates for the Racial and Health Equity vacancy at IDPH. Both candidates provided a fifteen-minute presentation on a project they had done in their current position to explore racial and health disparities in their communities. After the presentations, the group was given fifteen minutes to ask questions. The group was then sent a survey to complete regarding each candidate.

Health Care Coalition Service Areas Merge

The Health Care Coalition Service Areas 5A and 5B have merged and officially formed Service Area 5 beginning in July. The group has yet to meet in person, due to the issues surrounding large group gatherings. This has created more stumbling blocks initially, but the group is slowly working through the merger.

Iowa Environmental Health Association Virtual Networking Day

Staff participated in an Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA) Virtual Networking Day. This was an informal networking session via zoom where various topics were addressed including teleworking, going back into the field after COVID-19, personal protective equipment when in the field, and alternate work assignments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Workgroup to Develop COVID-19 After Action Report Template

Staff attended workgroup meetings on developing an after action report (AAR) template that could be used by local public health departments. The effort is being spearheaded by the University of Iowa College of Public Health. The template has been designed to collect all COVID-19 related data from a county and easily create different types of reports. Counties are being given the ability to provide feedback on the development of the AAR template and data collection processes.

COVID-19 Forum for the African American Community

Staff attended a virtual meeting with representatives from UnityPoint and the Rock Island and Davenport branches of the NAACP to discuss a virtual forum for the African American community about COVID-19. The forum is scheduled for September 17th. Roma Taylor will be speaking at the forum and was able to recruit an African American woman who tested positive for COVID-19 to take part in the forum and share her experience.

Meetings Attended by Staff-July

After Action Report Template Development Workgroup (2)
American Academy of Sanitarians Board
Back to School Resource Fair Planning Committee
Be Healthy QC
Bi-State Regional Commission
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
Community Partnerships Protecting Children
Department of Inspections and Appeals Contracts (2)
Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development-Health, Mental Health, & Nutrition Leadership
Emergency Management Agency and Chamber of Commerce
Food Rescue Partnership
Health & Wellness Workgroup
HIV Ending the Epidemic in Iowa Steering Committee
Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA) Fall Conference Planning Committee
Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) Advocacy Committee
Katie Frost, PractiSynergy
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Region 6 Meeting
National Association of County and City Health Officials Performance Improvement Workgroup
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Food Safety Committee
NEHA Food Safety Policy Committee
NEHA Virtual Town Hall
Park View Owner's Association

Physical Activity Access
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN) Workplace Workgroup
PAPREN Pressing Issues Workgroup
PAPREN Transportation Workgroup
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board
Region 6 Local Public Health Services Contractor Meeting
River Way Steering Committee
Scott County Family Y Child Care and Family Services Advisory Board
Society for Public Health Education Continuing Education Committee
Sonya Loynachan, Iowa Department of Public Health

Meetings Attended by Staff-August

Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Erica Thomas, St. Ambrose University
Food Rescue Partnership
IEHA Fall Conference Planning Committee (2)
IEHA Membership & Marking Committee
IPHA Advocacy Committee (2)
Jason Heider, Heather Davis, and Sabrina Smith, WHBF
Live Lead-Free QC
NEHA Food Policy Workgroup
Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition
Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition Promotion Team
Quad City Youth Conference
Scott County Administration and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Scott County Waste Commission Board
Tobacco Free QC Coalition
Tobacco-Free QC Community Education Workgroup

Attachment 1: Reports from our database on education the Department provided to the community, education the Department provided to service providers, media inquiries and press releases/conferences



Education provided between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	8/13/2020	300	Scott County Kids and Friendly House	Child Health Programs-Drive Through Back to School Resource Fair
	8/17/2020	7	Safer Foundation	Tobacco/Vaping
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	7/1/2020	12	Genesis	Oral Health
	7/8/2020	10	Genesis	Oral Health
	7/13/2020	2	Scott County Health Department	Tuberculosis
	7/13/2020	2	Scott County Health Department	Bloodborne Pathogens

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	7/13/2020	1	Scott Co Jail Health	Right to Know
	7/13/2020	1	Scott Co Jail Health	Tuberculosis
	7/13/2020	1	Scott Co Jail Health	Bloodborne Pathogens
	7/13/2020	2	Scott Co Health Dept	Right to Know
	7/15/2020	12	Genesis	Oral Health
	8/5/2020	2	SCHD	Vaccine Storage and Handling Drill
	8/19/2020	20	Bettendorf School District	Food Safety and COVID-19
	8/19/2020	30	Pleasant Valley School District	Food Safety and COVID-19
	8/20/2020	25	North Scott School District	Food Safety and COVID-19

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	8/20/2020	16	Genesis VNA-Rock Island	Oral Health-Mouth Body Link
	8/25/2020	13	Genesis VNA-Clinton	Oral Health-Mouth Body Link
	8/27/2020	32	Genesis VNA-Bettendorf	Oral Health-Mouth Body Link



Media Inquiries between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
7/1/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
7/1/2020	COVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
7/8/2020	Immunizations	Television			WQAD-TV8
7/16/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
7/17/2020	Heat	Newspaper	Rock Island Dispatch		
7/21/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Des Moines Register		
7/30/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/1/2020	COVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
8/5/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/6/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/17/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/18/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
8/21/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/21/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
8/28/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Rock Island Dispatch		
8/31/2020	COVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
8/31/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Des Moines Register		

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
8/31/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	North Scott Press		
