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Director's Report to the Board of Health October 9, 2020

Agenda #3A

Director's Attended Meetings – September 2020

1. YMCA with Staff Regarding Gathering
2. Tony Knobbe, Board of Supervisors with Dr. Louis Katz
3. Press Briefings (9)
4. EMA COVID Briefing (5)
5. QC COVID Coalition (5)
6. Scott County Department Heads (5)
7. IDPH Local Public Health Webinar (3)
8. Rapid Testing Planning (2)
9. Community COVID Vaccine Planning

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

Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician	2 years	October 22
Katie DeLaRosa, Medical Assistant	4 years	October 3
Leah Kroeger, I-Smile™ Coordinator	4 years	October 31
Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator	4 years	October 31
Michelle Dierickx, Office Assistant	7 years	October 28
Brenda Schwarz, Senior Office Assistant	11 years	October 27
Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist	30 years	October 1

I would like to congratulate Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist, who was named the Iowa Environmental Health Association's 2020 Rookie of the Year. This award goes to a person with no more than three years of experience in environmental health who does not have prior experience from any previous environmental employment. The rookie has distinguished themselves by meritorious service to their agency and the environmental health field.

Monitor Health Status

Communicable Disease Program

Nine hundred and seventeen communicable diseases were reported during September. They included nine hundred and nine cases of COVID-19, three cases of hepatitis C, one case of hepatitis B, two cases of campylobacteriosis, and two cases of salmonellosis.

Rabies Risk Assessments

Seven individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to three dogs and four cats. Four individuals received rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In September, there were six children receiving individual case management. Of those, four had a blood lead level less than 15 ug/dL, one had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL, and one had a blood lead level between 20-44 ug/dL. Ten children with an initial blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL received supportive services (visual inspections, education over the telephone, appointment reminders) for lead poisoning this month. Of those, five 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

Thirty-seven clients received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during September. Six clients tested positive for chlamydia and one tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, ninety-seven cases of chlamydia, forty-six cases of gonorrhea, and four cases of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month.

Lead Clearance Testing

Staff performed a third clearance inspection at the primary residence associated with children who have elevated blood lead levels. All floors had to be retested. The dust wipe samples that were analyzed by the State Hygienic Laboratory determined that 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-seal these floors and perform a re-clean of these surfaces so that they can be retested again.

Staff also performed a secondary clearance inspection 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 the State Hygienic Laboratory determined that one of the floor samples passed and one window sill sample passed. The kitchen floor sample failed. The landlord has been notified of the lead clearance inspection results and is working on a plan to re-clean the kitchen floor surface so that it can be retested.

Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility and Quality

First Med Pharmacy Review

In August, one hundred and fifty-one inmates received five hundred and five prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-nine percent with mental health medications at one hundred percent generic.

Develop Policies and Plans

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

Staff attended Rock Island County Health Department’s drive-thru influenza clinic in order to gain a better perspective regarding what goes into putting on a large, public drive-thru clinic. SCHED has not engaged in this type of clinic before, so seeing a real world example provided a great deal of insight into planning efforts. Specific areas of interest involved the time to move vehicles through the process times during busier stretches, number of driving lanes needed, square footage requirements, and the pre-planning involved with getting forms out those being vaccinated before they arrive to the clinics.

Staff completed an IDPH requested point of distribution (POD) assessment form for all the long term care (LTC), assisted living, and residential mental health facilities in the county. The goal of this project was to determine the number of staff, residents, and overall willingness of these facilities to vaccinate their populations when the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

A COVID-10 Community Vaccination Planning Group has begun meeting to discuss logistical issues associated with distribution of the COVID vaccine. This group consists of representatives from Genesis Health System, UnityPoint Health-Trinity, Community Health Care, Inc., Scott and Rock Island County Emergency Management Agencies (EMA), and the health departments on both sides of the river. The goal is to assure a coordinated, and efficient process of distributing COVID-19 vaccine in the Quad Cities.

Staff has been working in collaboration with Scott County EMA to identify facilities that would be suitable options for hosting mass clinics in the Scott County area as well as other disaster response services. Memorandums of understanding (MOU) will be secured with sites designated as suitable options. These locations may be utilized if available and will ask the facility to cancel any previously scheduled activities.

Enforce Laws and Regulations

Temporary Events

Event	Number of Inspections	Status
Mississippi Valley Fair BBQ Fest	5	Satisfactory

Food Service Program Closures

Facility	Reason	Status
Rosy’s Tacos, Locust Street, Davenport	Roach infestation	Re-opened

Swimming Pool Variance Request Reviewed

IDPH requested input from SCHED for a variance request submitted for a new facility under construction. The request was to allow a deviation from the required minimum deck width that resulted from a construction error. IDPH suggested requiring additional monitoring by

lifeguards. Staff recommended that the approval of the variance request be subject to additional signage of markings on the deck rather than simply monitoring. IDPH will be reviewing the conditions of the variance with the Attorney General's Office.

Research for new insights and innovative solutions

Planning for Immunization Record Audits

Staff are planning for how immunization record audits in the schools and child care centers can be completed this year with COVID precautions. The team is discussing having vaccine records for each public school district brought to a central district location where a team of auditors could work through them without the need to travel to various locations. It is anticipated that this could increase the speed and efficiency of how the audits are completed and keep department staff from being a visitor into the school setting. For the non-public schools, after the records are prepared, they will be brought to the department for an audit. Child care centers will need to have audits completed at each facility. If a center requests a pre-audit and its records are in order, the audit will be completed at that time to prevent an additional visit to the facility. Non-nursing staff with experience in immunizations will be assisting with the audits.

Assurance

Link People to Needed Personal Health Service

HIV and Hepatitis C Outreach and Testing

HIV and Hepatitis C outreach rapid testing counseling and referral services were provided at the Center for Behavioral Health in Davenport and at New Horizons in Muscatine as part of the Integrated Testing Services (ITS) grant program. Appointments for HIV testing outside the regular clinic hours were also taken. The HIV outreach team continues to check in with other partner agencies to determine when they will welcome outside services back into their agencies. Four HIV tests were completed this month in outreach settings.

Presumptive Eligibility Services

Staff completed Presumptive Eligibility for five pregnant women and two children. All were approved for temporary Medicaid services with final determination pending. The majority of the referrals come from local pregnancy centers.

Dental Care Coordination

Staff worked with sixteen people to find dental care including one veteran. For this individual, the plan is to utilize the Iowa Veterans Trust fund as a payer source for the dental services.

Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Workforce

NEHA Foodborne Pathogen Webinar Series

Staff attended the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) Foodborne Pathogen Webinar series:

Salmonella: Job Security for Food Microbiologists - Dr. Donald Schaffner presented his observations on 30 years in food safety and risk assessment as reflected through Salmonella. He presented some of his own research, unpublished research, and reflections on current events.

Norovirus 101: Overview and Updates for the "Perfect Pathogen" - Dr. Chip Manual and Dr. Matthew Moore provided a basic overview of the structure and characteristics of norovirus, considerations for control in food handling settings, and an update on some of the latest research and scientific advancements.

NEHA Food Safety Industry Round Table

Staff attended *NEHA's Food Safety Industry Round Table*. NEHA's Business and Industry Affiliate hosted this round table of food safety professionals from Denny's, Wawa and Taco Bell. They discussed the challenges faced by food safety programs during COVID-19 and highlighted their successes.

IEHA Hosts Lunch and Learn

Staff attended an Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA) Lunch and Learn session. Topics discussed were COVID-19 bars and restaurant response to new enforcement, update on the fall conference agenda, and stories from the field regarding the Derecho.

Food Safety Series

Staff attended the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) scientific collaboration series. Dr. Don Schaffer and Dr. Ben Chapman discussed food defense, food safety and implementing food delivery best practices during COVID-19.

Department of Inspections and Appeals Contractor Conference Call

Staff attended the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) food contract conference call. New procedures related to COVID-19 were discussed including how to enter and reply to a complaint. DIA demonstrated a new survey inspectors must fill out during an inspection. This survey is an assessment of how the facility is complying with the Governor's proclamation regarding COVID-19 precautions.

IDPH Lead Program Hosts Webinar

Staff attended an IDPH webinar on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP). The 2018 county lead report cards and the FY20 performance measures were reviewed and updates were provided on the new remote visual risk assessment tool, childhood lead awareness workgroup (CLAW) activities and new online training modules.

IDPH Meeting for Pool and Spa Inspectors

Staff participated in an IDPH meeting regarding the pool and tattoo programs. John Kelly provided guidance for inspectors who find reconstruction being done at swimming pools without approval. In these situations, the facility must submit specifications on the work to the IDPH. Mindy Uhl advised that even pools that did not open this season are required to pay registration fees for the year. The IDPH Amanda system is updated in real time enabling inspectors to check on permits.

Tacking Data Training

Staff began a four-part virtual training series for Tackling Data. This training is facilitated by IDPH and the University of Iowa's Institute of Public Health Research and Policy. Previously, it had been a two-day in person training. Several staff have participated in this training during the last several years.

Required FDA Courses Completed

The department's two newest food inspectors attended the virtual Risk-Based Inspection Methods at Retail training course. The course provided knowledge on helping inspectors conduct more effective and efficient, risk based inspections. They also attended Special Processes at Retail virtual training. This course was intended to describe special processes that require a variance and /or hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) system when conducted in retail and food service establishments. Both are presented by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and required for food program inspectors by DIA.

Postpartum Complications Training

Staff completed the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal AWHONN POST-BIRTH warning signs training. The department's Maternal Health Program will educate each pregnant woman about postpartum complications. POST-BIRTH is an acronym of symptoms for mother to watch for postpartum. 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. Educating mothers on when to call their doctors or 911 will help to reduce the maternal mortality rate.

Playground Safety Training

Staff who work in the Healthy Child Care Iowa Program attended the second virtual session of *Playground Supervision and Sun Safety Train-the-Trainer* presented by Healthy Child Care Iowa and National Program for Playground Safety. This training covers the importance of adult supervision, sun exposure on playgrounds, and temperatures impacting play and playground safety. Staff completed the required playground assessment assignment prior to attending this session.

Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

Staff listened to the webinar *COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook and Planning for Local Public Health*, sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials. During this webinar, CDC staff reviewed the document that they released to help guide state and local planning efforts.

Face Coverings Webinar

Staff listened to the webinar *Facing the Facts: The Role of Face Coverings in Containing COVID-19*, sponsored by the University of Iowa. During the webinar, a panel of faculty experts—including Drs. Edith Parker, Renee Anthony, Fred Gerr, and Dan Sewell—addressed a variety of issues related to the use of face coverings during the pandemic.

Department's Health Equity Committee Encourage 21-Day Equity Challenge Participation

The Health Equity Committee invited staff to participate in the United Way's 21-Day Equity Challenge. The Challenge is intended to help build a stronger, more equitable community. When individuals sign up to take the equity challenge, they receive daily emails that include suggestions for readings, podcasts and videos to further understanding around power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. Health equity is a pillar of the department's most recent strategic plan and it is hoped that participation in this community discussion will help to support the department's push to better understand and respond to health inequities.

Inform, Educate, and Empower People About Health Issues

HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Education Provided

Staff provided an HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis prevention education session via WebEx to program participants at Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center (Substance Abuse Treatment, Davenport). The session informed the twenty-five participants about the basics of symptoms, transmission, local testing, and treatment resources.

MCAH Program Education Given to Scott County Kids Provider Panel

Staff presented at the Scott County Kids Provider Panel about the programs and goals in the department's Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program. Program information included *Care for Kids* and informing, I-Smile™, Presumptive Eligibility, Maternal Health, Early ACCESS, along with the program's focus on adolescent wellness, child lead testing, and developmental screening. Via email, the PowerPoint was shared along with informational pdf brochures of MCAH programs. The Provider Panel is a panel of mental health professionals and other community supports for youth with mental and behavioral health needs.

Oral Health Education Provided to CNAs

Staff provided oral health education to all Genesis Visiting Nurse Association home visiting certified nursing assistants (CAN) at the Bettendorf and Clinton locations. In all, thirty staff received oral care training. These CNAs service a variety of individuals of all ages. With the

help of a grant from the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation, all patients receiving a home visit will receive a toothbrush and hopefully some homecare education.

Education to Caseworks on I-Smile™ Programs

Staff provided a virtual presentation for Iowa Department of Human Services caseworkers for the Medicaid Waiver programs. The caseworkers were informed about the I-Smile™ programs and how they can help their clients. Staff also provided education on the importance of oral health as it relates to overall health.

COVID-19 Presentation for African American Community

Staff participated in the planning for and presented at a virtual event sponsored by the Rock Island and Scott County Chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and UnityPoint Health-Trinity. Dr. Olatude, from UnityPoint-Health Trinity, gave a presentation regarding COVID-19: what it is, how it is transmitted, signs, symptoms, and treatment. SCHD staff discussed the contact tracing process and why it is important to slow down the spread in the community. A question and answer session was also held. The presentation received great feedback and comments. The group plans to provide a health update every quarter. The next program will cover the importance of having a personal health care provider, a COVID update, and how to access care in the community.

Mobilize Community Partnerships

Live Lead Free Quad Cities Working to Secure Renovators

Live Lead Free Quad Cities (LLFQC) is currently without any Iowa-certified renovators to complete lead safe work on currently proposed projects. Contractors that are certified in Iowa and Illinois (will need IA certification) are being contacted to see if they are willing to work with LLFQC.

Community Updates at CPPC Meeting

Staff attended the monthly Community Partnerships Protecting Children (CPPC) meeting. Spotlight speakers for the meeting included Safe Families and Child Abuse Council. Safe Families is a faith-based organization that supports families in crisis through voluntary respite care (temporary care for children); and care coordination and home-based ongoing support services from family coaches. The ultimate goal is child abuse prevention, family stabilization, and child welfare deflection. Child Abuse Council offers family navigator (care coordination support) services, as well as child and family assessment and treatment services.

Maternal Health Staff Attend WIC Meeting

Staff attended a virtual Scott County WIC staff meeting. They educated WIC staff on how the Maternal Health Program can benefit WIC participants and how to promote mutual referrals.

Discussions Between Genesis TAVR Department and Genesis Foundation

I-Smile™ Silver staff requested to begin discussions with the Genesis Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) Department and the Genesis Foundation to determine if funding could be available for TAVR patients who cannot afford to get their required oral health clearance prior to surgery. Staff reviewed cases that the I-Smile™ Program has worked with, and the need for a better long-term solution than pro-bono services by dentists and specialists. More information was requested by the Genesis Foundation from the TAVR staff, and another meeting is to be held in October.

Dental Outreach Completed

Staff completed dental office outreach to all eighty-six dental offices telephonically to update office information and promote the I-Smile™ and I-Smile™ Silver programs. The information collected will be used to update department records and referral information.

Meetings Attended by Staff

American Academy of Sanitarians Annual Business Meeting
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
CPPC
Food Rescue Partnership
Iowa Dental Board
Iowa Dental Board, Dental Hygiene Committee
IEHA Legislative Policy Committee
IEHA Virtual Conference Planning Committee (2)
Iowa HIV/AIDS/HCV Ending the Epidemic Workgroup
Iowa Public Health Association Advocacy Committee (2)
Iowa State Association of Counties Legislative Policy Committee (2)
I-Smile™ Silver Coordinators and IDPH
Lifelong Smiles Coalition
LLFQC
NEHA Food Safety Committee
Oral Health and TAVR with Genesis Foundation
Safer Foundation ISTEP Group
Scott County Family Y Child Care and Family Services Advisory Board
Scott County Kids Provider Panel/Clinical Review
Scott County WIC Staff
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 September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	9/17/2020	50	NAACP Davenport and Rock Island Branch	COVID-19
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	9/2/2020	11	SCHD	Vaccine Storage and Handling Drill
	9/2/2020	1	SCHD	Bloodborne Pathogens
	9/8/2020	3	Scott Co Jail	Tuberculosis
	9/8/2020	3	Scott Co Jail	Bloodborne Pathogens
	9/10/2020	12	Scott County DHS	I-Smile and I-Smile Silver Program Overview

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	9/10/2020	3	Genesis	Oral health
	9/10/2020	9	Genesis	Oral health
	9/23/2020	23	Genesis Visiting Nurses	Oral health
	9/24/2020	10	Genesis VNA	Oral health
	9/24/2020	1	Genesis	Oral health



Media Inquiries between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
9/7/2020	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
9/18/2020	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
9/18/2020	CoVID-19	Newspaper	North Scott Press		
9/18/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
9/21/2020	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Other		
9/21/2020	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
9/23/2020	HIV-STDs	Radio		Other	
9/25/2020	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
9/30/2020	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8