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Director's Report to the Board of Health April 9, 2021

Agenda #3A

Director's Attended Meetings – March 2021

- Scott County Department Heads (3)
- Scott County Health Department (SCHD) Incident Command Team (4)
- SCHD Staff Update (3)
- Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Local Public Health Webinar (2)
- IDPH Long-Term Care Webinar (2)
- Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition (2)
- Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) COVID Meeting (2)
- Scott County School Leadership (2)
- IDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Update (4)
- Scott County Community Vaccine Planning Group (4)
- Nicole Mann, Scott County Kids
- IDPH Highly Infectious Disease Planning Group
- Physician's Advisory Board
- Representative Dr. Miller-Meeks COVID-19 Discussion
- Quad City River Bandits Leadership
- IDPH Update on Current Disease Trends
- Scott County Board of Supervisors
- Quad City Times Bix 7 Leadership
- Scott County Decategorization Fiscal Committee
- Scott County Kids/Decategorization Board
- Iowa Public Health Association Annual Meeting
- Quad City Times Salute to Nurses Panel
- Dr. Harre, Medical Examiner with Scott County Staff

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

Julia Lotta, Public Health Nurse	1 year	April 27
Kershanna Harris, Correctional Health Nurse	2 years	April 23
Briana Boswell, Community Health Consultant	13 years	April 9
Jackie Hall, Environmental Health Specialist	45 years	April 5

I would like to introduce the following new employees:

Monica Perryman, Correctional Health Nurse (PRN)	Start	March 17
Lori Steiner, Clinical Services Manager	Start	March 29

I would like to share the following resignation:

Kim Mills, Community Tobacco Consultant	9 years	April 9
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Assessment

Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets

Addressing Barriers to COVID-19 Vaccine

Staff met with pastors from local African American churches, Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC), and Scott County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) to discuss disparities in access to COVID-19 vaccine in the Quad Cities. The discussion included hesitancy towards vaccination and the identification of barriers to appointments. As a result of these discussions, CHC has partnered with the pastors to provide an onsite vaccination clinic at a local community center and is also making additional vaccine appointments available for pastors to assist their parishioners and community members with getting scheduled. Conversations will continue to ensure that vaccine is accessible to all.

Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population

Communicable Disease Program

Nine hundred and eighty-one communicable diseases were reported during March. They included nine hundred and seventy-two cases of COVID-19, four cases of hepatitis C, three cases of hepatitis B, one case of salmonellosis, and one case of legionellosis.

Rabies Risk Assessments

Twenty-two individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to fourteen dogs and eight cats. Eight individuals were recommended for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Forty-eight clients received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during March. Five clients tested positive for chlamydia and five tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, ninety-one cases of chlamydia, forty-eight cases of gonorrhea, and one case of syphilis were reported in Scott County during the month.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In March, there were six children receiving individual case management. Of those, three had a blood lead level less than 15 ug/dL and three had a blood lead level between 15-19 ug/dL. Six 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, three had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL and three 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.

Staff completed an interior clearance inspection at a Davenport home associated with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP). All of the dust wipe samples were collected and sent to the State Hygienic Laboratory in Ankeny for analysis; all samples came back with levels that passed clearance. There are a few exterior items that need to be completed before the property can be closed.

Staff completed an exterior visual inspection at another Davenport property connected to the CLPPP. This property passed the interior clearance inspection in November 2019. Exterior hazards were still in existence until February 2021. A visual inspection of the exterior in March confirmed that the exterior hazards had been remediated. This property is now classified as lead-safe.

Policy Development

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health factors that influence it, and how to improve it

Education Provided at Substance Abuse Agencies

Staff provided prevention education to groups at Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center in Davenport and New Horizons substance abuse treatment agency in Muscatine as part of the Integrated Testing Services program. Participants in the group learned signs, symptoms, treatment, and testing options for common STDs, HIV, and viral hepatitis, and had the opportunity to access rapid antibody testing for HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) after the presentation. Thirty-two individuals were tested for HIV and twenty-four were tested for HCV as part of these outreach efforts.

Feedback Collected on Program Materials

Staff sought feedback from the youth at the Safer Foundation and members of the Davenport National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) regarding the materials used as a part of the department's Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) programs and services. Feedback was also sought from Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity (QCAD), a traditionally LGBTQI+ serving agency. Questions focused on the literacy level of the information (i.e. easy to read and understand); the overall look of the card (i.e. if the selected images are diverse and represent people in the community and in their lives); and whether they perceive that the services would be helpful for themselves and/or others in their lives. MCAH staff will incorporate the group's responses to improve the quality of the outreach materials.

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities, and partnerships to improve health

Clinical Referral/Provider Panel Discussion on Community Resources

Staff attended the Clinical Referral/Provider Panel. Onna Anderson from Safe Families presented about the Circle of Support program available in the Quad Cities and surrounding counties. If a family is in crisis, Safe Families can connect them with a volunteer family to provide respite care, parental mentoring, family support, and stabilization. Safe Families is a proven model to reduce the incidence of child abuse and need for child welfare placements. Mandy Gesme from COVID Recovery Iowa presented about the services available through the organization. Services include counseling and education supports, referrals, Parenting in Pandemic Facebook Live, Children's Story Hour Facebook Live, children's activities, and weekly newsletter, along with a support and referral phone number.

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Learns About Amerigroup

Staff attended the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) meeting. Jenny Hager, Community Relations Representative, presented information about Amerigroup and its value-added benefits. Amerigroup has the Healthy Awards Program where members can receive incentives for participating in various preventive health exams and screenings. They have additional programs to support members as well during pregnancy or after hospital discharge.

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health

Immunization Audits

Immunization audits for schools were completed and reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). The total Scott County student enrollment was 29,112 for the 2020-2021 school year. Of the 29,112 students enrolled, 27,909 (95.87%) had certificates of immunizations, 117 (0.40%) had provisional certificates, 963 (3.31%) children had religious exemptions, 68 (0.23%) children had medical exemptions, and 54 (0.19%) had an unacceptable or no certificate (Attachment 2).

Immunization audits in the child care centers were completed and reported to IDPH. The total enrollment in the 100 licensed child care centers and preschools audited was 4,911. Of those 4,911 children, 4,724 (96.19%) had certificates of immunization, 34 (0.69%) had provisional certificates, 1 (0.02%) had a medical exemption, 133 (2.71%) had religious exemptions, and 19 (0.39%) had an unacceptable or no certificate (Attachment 3).

Kindergarten Round-Ups

Staff have started attending kindergarten round-ups at the non-public schools to provide parents with information regarding health requirements for enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Information includes details on the requirements for immunizations, dental screenings, vision screenings, and lead testing.

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health

Food Establishment Education and Enforcement

Staff worked with the owners/managers of Marcos Pizza in Davenport and the Department of Inspection and Appeals (DIA) Lead Retail Food Program Specialist to ensure that the facility had proper laboratory analysis conducted and standard operating procedures in place for holding their pizza sauce at room temperature for an extended period of time.

Staff conducted a follow-up inspection at Crow Valley Golf Club. In February, staff had discovered the facility was using reduced oxygen packaging (ROP) without a hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) plan or a variance approved by DIA. The items found in ROP were put on hold so the facility could not use or discard them. Department staff and Crow Valley held a virtual meeting with Julie Kraling, DIA Retail Food Program Lead to discuss the situation. Ms. Kraling provided Crow Valley the requirements for each type of food that had been found in ROP. The ROP food items had to be discarded since they were not prepared under a HACCP plan and/or variance and could result in botulism. Fifty-six frozen bags of product was discarded; department staff were on-hand at the time. Crow Valley is working on HACCP plans to submit to DIA.

Staff received notification of an individual selling homemade cheesecakes via Facebook Marketplace out of a home kitchen without licensure. Staff contacted the individual to provide information on which baked goods are allowed to be sold out of a home kitchen without licensure and how to complete the application process to obtain a home bakery license in Scott County. The individual was informed that the current practice is illegal.

Staff met with an individual interested in opening a new food service operation at the Freight House. This location was previously a food service establishment, so everything that is needed is in place. The business plan includes an ice cream bar on one side of the establishment where there is no plumbing (waterlines or sewer). The individual is going to speak with the city plumbing inspector about pumping the gray water from the hand sink to a sewer line.

New Tattoo Establishment Approved

Staff inspected and approved a new tattoo establishment, Jemini Ink Tattoos, on West Central Park, in Davenport. This is a traditional artist who does not do permanent makeup or microblading. There were no compliance issues identified.

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Barrel House, Utica Ridge Road, Davenport	Dog (non-service animal) in facility	Verified & Closed

Assurance

Assure an effective system that enables access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy

First Med Pharmacy Review

In February, one hundred and eighty-four inmates received seven hundred and twenty-five prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-eight percent with mental health medications at almost one hundred percent generic.

Oral Health Care Coordination Efforts

Staff assisted thirty-three adults access oral health care this month. Fifteen of the individuals were pregnant or postpartum women and assisted through the MH program. The other eighteen were adults, including three Veterans and one individual in need of a transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Services

Staff completed two listening visits during the month of March 2021 with the same postpartum Maternal Health (MH) client. MH staff identified the client during an informing call for the client's newborn baby. The client reported depression and anxiety symptoms; was recently prescribed mental health medications by her OB, but has no current mental health provider (psychology/counselor or psychiatry); and is working through some social support issues with the father of the baby, and concerns with returning to work. The sessions have been successful and will continue in April. The MH social worker is utilizing the sessions also as an opportunity to identify key supports that may be beneficial for the client on an ongoing basis as the listening visits are a limited service.

Staff also provided health services, including education, psychosocial assessments, Medicaid presumptive eligibility determination, and lactation classes, to twelve pregnant and postpartum women, one adolescent, and one child.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Screening Education

Staff attended the *Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)* training offered by Iowa Total Care. The training offered an overview of the SBIRT components and guidance as to how to implement the use of SBIRT in practice. MH staff use the SBIRT process to screen clients for potential alcohol and substance use concerns, and then refer them appropriately to treatment programs and services in the community.

Immunization Webinar

Staff attended the webinar, *CDC Current Issues in Immunizations*, which provided updates on the child/adolescent and adult immunization schedules for 2021.

Public Health Leadership Series

Staff attended the four-session webinar series, *Leading Equity: Changing the Narrative through Public Health Leadership*, sponsored by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). The series convened panels of leaders to share their perspectives on policy-level shifts needed to advance health equity.

COVID-19 Learning Opportunities

Staff attended the United States Department of Education's *National Safe School Reopening Summit* virtually. A general overview of best practices on reopening schools quickly and safely was presented. Panelists included students, educators, and district leaders where the conversation focused on their strategies for reopening and the impact the pandemic has had on classroom instruction.

Staff attended the webinar *CDC Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs During COVID-19*. The presentation focused on updated guidance to maintain healthy operations, lower the spread, and prepare for when someone is sick, as well as the available resources from the CDC.

Staff attended a two-part webinar series, *Best Practices for Keeping Child Care Settings Healthy and Safe During the Pandemic*. Part one reviewed appropriate cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting methods and part two reviewed ventilation basics for childcare settings.

Staff attended *CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Call: What Clinicians Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness and How to Address Patient Questions and Concerns*. This webinar reviewed vaccine safety and effectiveness for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, including data on COVID-19 vaccine safety in pregnancy.

Staff attended *CDC COCA Call: What Clinicians Need to Know about Johnson and Johnson Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine*. The presenters shared information on vaccine characteristics and administration, vaccinating special populations, and contraindications.

Manganese in Private Water Wells

Staff attended the Private Water Network's webinar, *Manganese Treatment in Private Wells*. The webinar discussed the public health concerns regarding manganese and methods of treating the water from private wells.

Virtual Educational Tools Webinar

Staff attended the School-Based Health Alliance's webinar *Free Virtual Tools for Schools*. The webinar is part of a series that focuses on highlighting virtual tools for health prevention video games for youth ages 10 to 19. Topics addressed were risk reduction, HIV prevention, health advocacy, and smoking/vaping/opioid use prevention.

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.

Child Abuse Council Annual Conference

Staff attended the *Child Abuse Council Annual Conference 2021* virtually. Opening presenter, Dr. Meagan Corrado, spoke to the power of narratives in her work with trauma survivors. She encouraged the audience to see a narrative as not only someone's personal story of trauma, but also of strength and resilience. In the first breakout session, Stacey Walker presented *Beyond Adversity: Leadership in the ACES Era* which reminded the audience that race and poverty are interlinked and communities are best served when leadership reflects those it serves. He shared several protective factors that need to be addressed in public policy. Overall, policies should be trauma informed and include cultural competency for both adults and children.

In the second breakout session, Amanda Gregory presented *The Power of Relationships: Attachment Interventions*. She reminded the audience that anything a child experiences can be trauma. Caregivers and people who work with children should establish a safe relationship with the child and consider the child's strengths, interests, and learning styles when using attachment interventions. She also gave the closing presentation, *True Stories of Traumatized Children Who Thrive in Healthy Relationships* which provided case studies of individuals who experienced trauma as children and the adults that assisted in their healing.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Staff attended an online webinar *Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Meeting* held by IDPH and the Iowa Institute of Public Health Policy and Research. The webinar provided program updates and information on current activities.

Health Equity Learning Summit

Staff attended the learning summit, *Strengthening Skills for Health Equity*, offered by the Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center and the National Maternal Child Health Workforce Development Center. This training included education as well as discussion and practice applying various health equity tools. MCAH leaders from IDPH and local providers worked together to develop an Equity Opportunity Statement and identify why that statement is not currently being met. The Iowa team will continue to meet to further the discussion surrounding the ongoing health equity work at each agency.

Tobacco Education

Staff completed seven learning modules sponsored by Quitline Iowa. The modules cover information regarding Quitline Iowa services, vaping and e-cigarette use, as well as how to address tobacco use in various populations.

Motivational Interviewing

Staff completed the webinar *Adolescent-Focused Motivational Interviewing: An Interactive and Educational Introduction to Breaking Through Barriers to Positively Impact Change*. The webinar was hosted by the School-Based Health Alliance. The webinar introduced participants to using motivational interviewing strategies in real-world practice to improve the ability to identify risk behaviors, communicate effectively with youth, and motivate them toward positive, healthier choices.

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement

Planning for COVID-19 After Action Plan Underway

Staff met with SCEMA to discuss the process for putting together an after action report for the combined efforts regarding COVID-19 during the last year. Typically this process would be relatively simple, but the long span of response, multiple operational phases, and the number of partners involved makes this process more difficult than a routine response. The after action report for this response will need to cover the COVID vaccination clinics, contact tracing, communications, and community partnerships.

Yearly Review of Priority Dispatch Determinants

Staff attended the Priority Dispatch meeting held to evaluate the determinants being used to identify the priority of emergency responses in Scott County. This process occurs yearly to allow community partners time to evaluate if the medical responses occurring in the county match the seriousness of the event. MEDIC EMS provided data on how responses have been carried out over the year, and discussions were had regarding adjustments that could be made to better current responses.

Discussion of Logistics Section Demobilization

The Scott County incident command team met to discuss the logistics section of the COVID response efforts; as things have progressed, it has been determined that the point where demobilization of the logistics section can occur has been reached. This section was initially activated to help healthcare agencies address their growing personal protective equipment (PPE) needs. As the event progressed through the response, these PPE needs have steadily decreased as supplies have become more available. The logistics group is now comfortable with moving towards demobilization as long as supply levels continue to meet the needs of the community. The group will continue to support PPE needs of vaccination efforts.

Build and maintain a strong organization infrastructure for public health

Health Promotion Team Leads Celebration of National Public Health Week

The Health Promotion Team planned the celebration for National Public Health Week, April 5-11, 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted public health as a worldwide topic of the day for more than a year. Making communities safe and healthy has always been public health's top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important. The 2021 National Public

Heath Week theme is “Building Bridges to Better Health”. In support of staff efforts, the Scott County Board of Supervisors declared April 5, 2021 as Scott County Health Department Day in a proclamation. The team also promoted National Public Health Week in the newsletter and through social media posts.

Meetings Attended by Staff

2050 Quad Cities Long-Range Transportation Plan
Scott County EMA-After Action
Aetna Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan
American Academy of Sanitarians Constitution & By-Laws Committee (2)
American Academy of Sanitarians Credentialing Committee
American Academy of Sanitarians General Membership & Board
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee
Child Care Nurse Consultant Regional Meeting
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Environmental Protection Agency Food Recovery Challenge
Food Rescue Partnership
Iowa Society for Public Health Education Board Meeting
Iowa Public Health Association Advocacy Committee (2)
James Cushing, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Live Lead Free QC Coalition
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Group for Health Equity
Mouth Care Matters
National Association of County and City Health Officials Performance Improvement Workgroup
National Environmental Health Association Food Safety Committee
Oral Care/Genesis
Penny Harrell, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Physical Activity Access, Iowa Department of Public Health
Priority Dispatch Meeting
Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition Promotion Team
Quad Cities Breastfeeding Coalition
Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition Board
Riverway Steering Committee
Scott County Logistics Team
Scott County Kids Early Childhood Coalition
Waste Commission of Scott County Board

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

Attachment 2: Scott County 2020-2021 School Immunization Audit Report

Attachment 3: Scott County 2020-2021 Child Care Immunization Audit Report



Education provided between March 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Community</i>				
	3/5/2021	7	Lourdes Catholic School	Virtual 8th Grade Career Fair
	3/16/2021	23	NAACP	MCAH Programs
	3/30/2021	6	The Safer Foundation	Tobacco, Teen Health, & Hand Washing
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	3/30/2021	7	St. Ambrose Children's Campus	Medication Administration



Media Inquiries between March 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
3/1/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
3/2/2021	Covid vaccinations	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
3/3/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
3/3/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
3/6/2021	CoVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
3/10/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
3/17/2021	Covid-19 vaccine	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
3/17/2021	Covid 19 vaccinations	Television			WQAD-TV8
3/26/2021	CoVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
3/29/2021	COVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
3/29/2021	CoVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6



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School	Total Certificate of Immunizations	Total Provisional Enrollment	Total Medical Exemption	Total Religious Exemptions	Total Non-Acceptable Cards	Total Enrollment
Bettendorf	4313	25	18	142	4	4504
Davenport	13526	38	16	409	33	14022
NonPublic	2173	28	6	135	16	2357
North Scott	2997	16	9	110	0	3132
Pleasant Valley	4900	10	19	167	1	5097
County Totals	27909	117	68	963	54	29112
County Percentage	95.87%	0.40%	0.23%	3.31%	0.19%	100%

Total Enrollment	Children with Certificates of Immunization	Children with Provisional Certificates	Children with Certificate of Immunization Exemption		Total Certificates	Children without Acceptable or No Certificates
			Medical	Religious		
4911	4724	34	1	133	4892	19
	96.19%	0.69%	0.02%	2.71%	99.61%	0.39%

Department of Human Services (DHS) Licensed Centers	83
Department of Education Preschools	17
Total Audited	100