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Director's Report to the Board of Health June 12, 2020

Agenda #3A

Director's Attended Meetings – May 2020

1. Paul Rumler, Quad City Chamber
2. Scott County EMA web conferences
3. Quad Cities COVID Coalition conferences
4. Logistics Allocation conferences
5. Press briefings / availabilities
6. Dr. Louis Katz, Medical Director
7. Mary Petersen, Center for Drug & Alcohol Services

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

Mendell Smith, Environmental Health Specialist	1 year	June 25
Brittany Wall, Public Health Nurse	5 years	June 10
Jana Foran, Per Diem Nurse	5 years	June 24
Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Nurse	14 years	June 12

Monitor Health Status

Communicable Disease Program

One hundred and twenty-seven communicable diseases were reported during May. They included one hundred cases of COVID-19, one case of hepatitis C, and one case of legionellosis.

Rabies Risk Assessments

Eighteen individuals required rabies risk assessments after exposures to nine dogs, four cats, and two bats. One bat exposed four individuals. Five individuals received rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

In May, there were seven children receiving individual case management. Of those, five 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, six had a blood lead level between 10-14 ug/dL, and four 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.

Due to COVID-19 measures initiated by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), home visits and/or environmental health inspections are not being conducted unless there are extreme circumstances. Children can be tested through their providers or at a laboratory. No testing was done at WIC or through the department's Immunization Clinic during May. WIC has been delivering services virtually since March. None of the children coming to the Immunization clinic (currently only seeing those age two and younger) accepted testing.

Diagnose/Investigate Health Problems and Hazards

Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

Forty-nine clients received sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services during May. Eight clients tested positive for chlamydia and three tested positive for gonorrhea at the Health Department's clinic. In total, sixty-four cases of chlamydia and twenty-nine cases of gonorrhea were reported in Scott County during the month.

COVID-19 Guidance and Contact Tracing

Staff has been participating in various webinars hosted by IDPH. They typically host one a week targeted towards long-term care facilities and another for local public health, hospitals, infection control practitioners, etc. On these calls, IDPH reviews various guidance documents and protocols and answers questions.

In May, staff began expanded contact tracing. The contact tracing activities are:

- Identify all persons meeting the contact definition (less than six feet away from someone for more than fifteen minutes);
- Call each contact, ask whether they have been ill, and instruct them that they have been exposed to COVID-19 and provide guidance accordingly;
- Advise all contacts that it is recommended that they be tested for COVID-19 infection;
- Record and document the information in the Iowa Disease Surveillance System.

Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility and Quality

First Med Pharmacy Review

In April, one hundred and thirty-six inmates received four hundred and forty-seven prescriptions. The use of generic medication was at ninety-nine percent. With the decrease in inmates being housed in the jail as a result of COVID-19 concerns and court protocols, the April bill was \$18,000 below the average of the time period from July 2019-February 2020.

Develop Policies and Plans

School Districts Work to Develop Return to Learn Plans

The Iowa Department of Education has developed Return to Learn guidance to assist school districts develop comprehensive plans to safely bring students back to school. These plans are due to the Iowa Department of Education and require the districts to plan for three scenarios: online, hybrid of online and in person, and in person. Staff has been participating in meetings when requested. Dr. Katz and staff were on a conference call with superintendents in the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency’s service area in early June.

Enforce Laws and Regulations

340B Certification Completed

Staff renewed the department’s 340B certification. This certification ensures that the department can receive STD treatment meds each year through the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Complaints and Questions Associated with the Various Governor Proclamations

Several complaints were received throughout the month of May regarding food and beverage establishments who were not following the Governor’s proclamation. Additional complaints were received regarding youth sports and other community events. Complaints were addressed on a case by case basis and forwarded to law enforcement as needed for enforcement. Per Iowa Code, law enforcement agencies have the authority to enforce proclamations issued by the Governor of Iowa.

Founded Food Service Complaints

Facility	Reason	Complaint Status
Smoke Bath BBQ, Portable Unit	Unlicensed Vendor	Resolved
Popeye’s, North Marquette Street, Davenport	General Facility Sanitation	Resolved
Fishers of Men, Mobile Unit	Unlicensed Vendor	Resolved

Research for new insights and innovative solutions

Transition of Logistics Operations from Response to Planning

Department staff have been working closely with Scott County Emergency Management to address personal protective equipment (PPE) needs. Current discussion is focused on beginning the process to demobilize the Logistics Section of the Emergency Operations Center. PPE requests have been steadily decreasing from week to week as the manufacturers begin to loosen supply purchase restrictions. It is anticipated that the demobilization of this branch will occur by the end of June.

The Logistics Section is also pursuing bulk purchases for various types of PPE. These purchases would allow agencies/organizations/offices to access resources collectively when there are large minimum quantities required as well as allow Scott County Emergency Management to build a stockpile for the future.

Virtual Food Service Pre-Opening Inspections

Food Program staff viewed a recording from the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) that illustrated a virtual pre-opening inspection process and discussed guidelines that would be required to perform inspections in this fashion. DIA is asking local contracts to try virtual inspections for pre-openings and complaint investigations. DIA does not intend to conduct physical inspections until the governor lifts all restrictions.

Assurance

Link People to Needed Personal Health Service

Testing Coordination with Long-Term Care Facilities

Designated staff consulted with Scott County long-term care facilities to coordinate employee and resident polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or serology testing through IDPH. There have been several initiatives through IDPH, the Governor's Office, and local health care providers to make testing available to these facilities.

Condom Distribution Continues

Condom distribution continued on a limited basis with those distribution partners whose facilities remained open, including several obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) offices, Quad Cities Harm Reduction, and at the Center Ministries on Brady Street. An adapted method for distributing condoms from the department was created and promoted, allowing the community to access free condoms from the front doors of the Administration Center during STD clinic times.

Testlowa Planning

Staff attended multiple conference calls to discuss the plans for Testlowa. Testlowa was implemented in Scott County in the parking lot of North Park mall. The testing criteria was limited at first to essential employees with symptoms, but has since opened up to anyone in Iowa. This effort has been coordinated by the Iowa Governor's Office with limited local involvement.

Presumptive Eligibility Services Continue

Staff assisted eleven pregnant women and six children become eligible for Presumptive Medicaid. The majority of the referrals came from Pregnancy Resources and Women's Choice Center. Upon approval, they were immediately approved for Medicaid while their full applications were being reviewed.

Provider Information Updated

Staff reached out to pediatric, family practice, vision and OB/GYN offices to update the provider lists that are given to families on Iowa Medicaid and Hawki to help connect them with healthcare homes. Maintaining contact with local offices is especially key during COVID-19 to ensure up to date knowledge of what is currently available and how to best link people to needed care.

Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Workforce

Breastfeeding Webinar Provides Insight

Staff attended a webinar by the Michigan Breastfeeding network titled, *Cultural Humility and Black Maternal Health in Historical Context*. Presenters, Jann Murray Garcia, MD, discussed the importance of listening to women of color, valuing their perspectives and experience, and understanding the historical context of breastfeeding in light of slavery and wet-nurse roles. The presenter also cautioned against taking advantage of communities of color by using their expertise or likeness without appropriate compensation, again citing historical injustices. She recommended having an established fund available to reimburse members of target populations for their input into committees and public health issues.

Webinar on Children's Health During COVID-19

Staff viewed the webinar *Keeping Our Children Well During COVID-19*. The presenter shared ways in which child care providers can support families' medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends children under 24 months maintain their immunization schedule to prevent the breakout of communicable diseases. Child care providers can encourage parents to keep scheduled visits and consider other options like telehealth or drive-through visits.

Webinars on Schools and Child Care Settings

Staff watched the webinar *Caring for Children in Group Care During COVID-19*. The webinar reviewed the CDC and AAP guidance for child care programs that are currently open. The presenter highlighted the practices that are different now due to COVID-19 and how to prevent the spread of infection. Staff also watched the webinar *Helping Communities Plan for and Respond to the COVID Epidemic-Schools and Child Care Program*. The webinar reviewed the CDC guidance for schools and daycares to prepare for re-opening and when to consider closing if they begin to have cases of COVID-19.

COVID-19 and Environmental Issues Webinars

The webinar, *Our Collective Lungs: A Discussion on Public Health during COVID-19 and Into Wildfire Season (WA State)* discussed the concerns that this wildfire season will bring. Wildfire season has already started in Washington, and relatively dry and warm conditions are expected this summer. The increased fire risk combined with the COVID-19 pandemic could cause complex problems for the state in battling fires. Training seasonal firefighters is more difficult due to social distancing, there are worries that a positive case could wipe out an entire crew,

and it is anticipated that there will be difficulty in getting help from other states and countries. Nearly every aspect of the fight against the annual wildfires will be affected.

Environmental Extreme Events and COVID-19 in 2020 explored implications of compound environmental events (hurricanes, heatwaves, wildfires) for disaster preparedness and response with attention to decision making and equity dimensions as communities also grapple with COVID-19.

The National Environmental Health Association hosted the virtual panel, *Resuming Operations Post-COVID-19*. The webinar had a panel of four environmental health/food safety public health officials who spoke on how their jurisdictions are planning to handle the following: cleaning and disinfecting protocols, PPE for staff, handling lapses in business licenses, permits, and certified food protection manager certificates, preventive measures for water safety, resuming inspection frequencies, and other items.

The CDC hosted the webinar, *Model Aquatic Health Code - Healthy and Safe Swimming at Public Aquatic Venues during the COVID-19*. Presenters discussed various ways to implement social distancing, disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment, as well as signage to remind bathers of hand hygiene.

The Environmental Health Protection Agency's (EPA) webinar, *SARS-CoV-2 in the Environment* discussed disinfection processes for COVID-19, described how long the virus survives on various surfaces, and provided an overview of studies being conducted in wastewater. The most interesting of the wastewater studies involved testing of sewage discharge from captive congregate settings including nursing homes and correctional facilities.

Webinar on Ticks

Integrated Tick Management: Strategies and Barriers to the Prevention of Tick-Borne Disease discussed that tick-associated diseases are increasing and that new diseases are being discovered. The webinar focused on the various tick species and how they are expanding their geographic range which poses an increased risk to the public. Environmental methods for tick-bite prevention and tick control were also discussed.

Cyclospora Webinar

The Association of Food and Drug Officials hosted a webinar on Cyclospora. The webinar provided an overview of Cyclospora outbreaks, common foods implicated in the outbreaks, food vehicle sources, and information public health officials have learned from investigating past outbreaks.

Groundwater and Well Construction Webinar

The webinar, *Groundwater and Well Construction 101*, described how water moves through the ground to a well and how well construction can increase contamination vulnerability. It also discussed types of wells, basic components of a well system and water treatment options.

Webinar on Air Quality and Cardiovascular Health

The EPA webinar, *Air Quality and Healthy Hearts: Progress and Remaining Challenges*, provided an overview of newly published research by EPA scientists and their colleagues that helps fill key knowledge gaps regarding air pollution and cardiovascular health.

Inform, Educate, and Empower People About Health Issues

Virtual Lactation Classes

Staff provided lactation classes to three pregnant mothers in the month of May. Referrals are received from WIC. Classes are provided via WebEx. Staff have received positive feedback regarding the class being delivered via this manner.

HIV/STD/HCV Preventing Education Provided

Staff provided HIV/STD and hepatitis C prevention (HCV) education via WebEx to a group of twenty participants in Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center's substance abuse treatment program. Standard prevention messages were shared as well as special considerations for safer sexual activity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Care for Kids Materials Created

Staff designed multiple graphics, a short animated video, and an informational flyer to be used for community outreach and promotion to support the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program. With social distancing's continued importance these materials will provide information to partners and customers on available services and how to contact Care for Kids.

Health Promotion Team Continue to Create Messaging to Support COVID-19 Response

The Health Promotion Team continues to promote COVID-19 messages via social media, the department's website, NextDoor, YouTube, and through targeted messages via GovDelivery. Several videos were developed and shared throughout the month. The team gathered feedback from the African American, Hispanic, and Vietnamese populations as messages were crafted, and utilized volunteers to record videos in Vietnamese, Hispanic, and English. In addition, a video was shared from the Scott County elected officials.

Public Information Officer Response

Staff continues to support the Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Scott County Health Department as the public information officer (PIO) through the Emergency Operations Center. The PIO function supports the communication needs of an event and ensures public messaging supports those responding to the emergency. The PIO effort has been a collaborative effort between the Scott and Rock Island County Health Departments. Coordination between the two counties has ensured that messages, methods, and timelines have mirrored and supported one another, allowing for a Quad Cities area-wide response.

The Quad Cities PIO group continues to meet once weekly to connect public health, local government, and health care PIOs and organize messages. The Scott and Rock Island County Health Departments have been hosting regular press briefings with the local media, adjusting

the frequency based on need and response. Messages shared are the number of positive cases in the county, number of individuals recovered, testing information, and public health guidance. Community partners that are responding to COVID-19 have also joined the health departments on the call, sharing important information for providers and members of the public.

Mobilize Community Partnerships

CADS Community Needs Assessment

Staff provided an interview about tobacco use in Scott County to the Prevention Department at Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS). CADS is conducting a community needs assessment in regards to substance use and problem gambling in Scott County. Wellness is their top priority and the community needs assessment was an hour-long survey, which was completed via video chat.

Ride the River Planning

Staff attended several Ride the River planning committee meetings at the request of River Action. The planning committee adapted the typical one-day bicycle event to a month-long activity. River Action collaborated with both local Health Departments on social distancing practices to ensure that Ride the River accommodates the safety of riders and the community during COVID-19. Riders will be encouraged to remain with their household, practice social distancing, and a cloth face covering is included with registration fees.

Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Staff attended the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee meeting to discuss the strategic work plan; attendees shared community updates. The City of Davenport is constructing an eight-foot widened sidewalk during construction of a center turn lane that will improve multimodal access along the 53rd street corridor east of Brady Street. The City of Davenport plans to connect the widened sidewalk to the side-path along Veterans Memorial Parkway via the frontage road east of Brady Street over the next few years. Attendees also discussed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns as the City of Riverdale installed a temporary fence across a sidewalk connecting the Mississippi Riverfront Trail to Kensington Street, which is used by many bicyclists and runners to connect to the Duck Creek Trail. Following social media and local news coverage, the City of Riverdale agreed to work with Bi-State Regional Commission to study trail usage along the route to help Council members make an informed decision on how to best address neighborhood concerns.

Review of Statewide Health Equity and Racial Disparities Position

Staff took part in a virtual meeting with Iowa HIV Program staff to review the job description and hiring qualifications for a Health Equity and Racial Disparities position. The job will be posted in June for 30 days.

Meetings Attended by Staff

American Academy of Sanitarians Board
Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Child Care Nurse Consultant Regional Meeting
Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
Danielle Hoffman, MPH student
Department of Inspections and Appeals Contracts
Food Rescue Partnership
Live Lead Free Quad Cities
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Region 6
Parish Neighbors Magazine
Parkview Rental Ordinance Workgroup
Physical Activity Access Quarterly Conference Call
Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network Workplace Workgroup
PractiSynergy
Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition
Ride the River
River Way Steering Committee
Test Iowa (5)
Tobacco Grant Webinar

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 May 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Service Providers</i>				
	5/6/2020	22	Genesis Hospital	Oral health care
	5/13/2020	11	Genesis Hospital	Oral health care
	5/15/2020	1	Juvenile Detention Center	Tuberculossi
	5/18/2020	1	Juvenile Detention Center	Tuberculosis
	5/18/2020	1	Juvenile Detention Center	Bloodborne pathogens
	5/20/2020	9	Genesis Hospital	Oral health care
	5/27/2020	7	SCHD	CPR

<i>Education To:</i>	<i>Presentation Date</i>	<i>Total Audience</i>	<i>Requesting Organization</i>	<i>Description</i>
	5/27/2020	7	SCHD	CPR
	5/28/2020	14	Genesis Hospital	Oral health care



Media Inquiries between May 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
5/4/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	North Scott Press		
5/4/2020	COVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
5/4/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/4/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/5/2020	Food Rescue - EPA Award	Television			KWQC-TV6
5/7/2020	COVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
5/8/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
5/8/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/11/2020	COVID-19	Television			WHBF-TV4
5/11/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/11/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/11/2020	COVID-19	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
5/11/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/14/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8
5/15/2020	COVID-19	Television			KGAN TV
5/15/2020	Food Rescue	Newspaper	Quad City Times		
5/19/2020	COVID-19	Radio		Other	

<i>Request Date</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Request From</i>	<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Radio</i>	<i>Television</i>
5/19/2020	COVID-19	Television			KWQC-TV6
5/21/2020	COVID-19	Television			WQAD-TV8