

**AGENDA**  
**IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**JULY 13, 2011 10:00 A.M.**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOMS #517-518**  
**LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING**  
**321 EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, DES MOINES, IA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Justine Morton called the meeting to order

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Justine Morton, Chair  
Rowe Winecoff, Vice Chair  
Tonya Gray  
Hattie Middleton  
Donald Skinner  
Maggie Tinsman  
Kenneth Wayne  
Michael Wolnerman  
Karen Woltman

**Members Absent:**

Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
Shayne Huston  
Gregory Garvin  
Jay Hansen

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Adams, Asst. AG  
Mary Jones, Acting Secretary  
Ramona Cooper, Acting Recording Secretary

**I. Minutes**

- A. A motion made by Hattie Middleton and seconded by Rowe Winecoff to approval the May 11, 2011 Board of Health minutes carried unanimously.

**II. Rules**

- A. Department of Public Health [641] – Barb Nervig

1. Adopted and Filed

a) Chapter 88, “Volunteer Health Care Provider Program”

These amendments relate to the addition of health care profession students at the protected clinics. These amendments will allow for additional volunteers in protected clinics by permitting students to volunteer at the protected clinics. This is the second part of the “double barrel.” These rules were filed emergency and are already in place. A notice of intended action was filed to receive comments. Comments were received from the Medical Board regarding the scope of practice for medical students; although no changes were made we will continue to work with the Medical Board on this issue. Changes were made to clarify who and what entities were limited in the services that they provide under the VHCPP protection.

A motion was made by Rowe Winecoff and seconded by Hattie Middleton to adopt and file the amendments to Chapter 88. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Notice of Intended Action

a) Chapter 55, “Advisory Council on Head Injuries”

Changes from the existing rules include the name change of the Council from “Advisory Council on Head Injuries” to “Advisory Council on Brain Injuries” and the addition of a definition section and a mission statement. The majority of the remaining additions are a result of incorporating the Council’s current bylaws into the rules

b) Chapter 77, “Local Boards of Health”

The proposed rules define the roles and responsibilities, parameters and structure of the local boards of health. This chapter also allows local boards of health and boards of supervisors an optional process to merge counties to form a district board of health in order to increase the efficiencies of the core functions of public health and the public health standards.

c) Chapter 82, “Office of Multicultural Health”

These proposed amendments change the name of the Office of Multicultural Health to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health. The amendments also add a statement of purpose for the office and additional language under responsibilities. All of these changes are the result of legislation passed in 2010.

d) Chapter 155, “Licensure Standards for Substance Abuse and Problem Gambling Treatment Programs”

These proposed amendments add a requirement that substance abuse and gambling treatment programs notify the department in writing within 10 working days when a certified or licensed staff member has been sanctioned or disciplined by a certifying or licensing body.

### III. Substance Abuse

A. Report from Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Treatment Program Committee -

Rowe Winecoff

The committee met and approved licensure recommendations for 1, 2 and 3 year agencies. The committee denied some programs that did not meet standards.

### IV. Department Reports

A. Director’s Update – Deputy Director Mary Jones

1. 2011 Western Iowa Flood

IDPH has been involved from the day 1. Things are gearing down and waiting to see if there any levee breaches. The Incident Management System is staged to be initiated if the need arises.

Question: Any diseases that occur due to the flooding?

Response: Flooding doesn’t increase the risk for exposure to those diseases. The increase actually occurs from the aftermath.

Question: Any cross contamination?

Response: Due to the amount of time allowed to plan people were able to do a lot of sand bagging to prevent. To this date there has not been any reported contamination.

Water release at Gavin’s point is going to be reduced. Water levels will most likely remain at current depths through August and begin to recede in September and October.

2. Update Governor’s Healthiest State Initiative

Not available at this time.

B. Staff Reports

1. Iowa Health Update – Dr. Quinlisk

Reports for West Nile, Influenza, Rabies and general surveillance: all reports are on the website. Pertussis; number of cases is typical; we continue to see children getting the whooping

cough. Early this week the FDA has approved the tetanus booster that contains pertussis (whooping cough) for any adult 18 years and older (this adds the over 65 to who may receive this vaccine). This is particularly important for grandparents taking care of infants to protect the infants by receiving the booster TDaP vaccine.

Question: If an adult has booster what is the interval before they need another.

Response: Recommendation of the CDC is to have one of your tetanus boosters to contain the acellular pertussis vaccine (TDaP). Studies are being conducted right now that will identify how long that booster lasts and then set the amount of time before you need another booster of pertussis

Over 60,000 diseases reported which compares to 54,000 last year and less than 50,000 the prior year. Dr. Quinlisk does not believe we are seeing an increase in diseases but rather capturing more information on the diseases due to the electronic reporting process. Significant increases are being seen in the STD. Outbreaks are shown in the back of the report.

One of the biggest outbreaks that reflected community changes was connected to a processed food bought at a farmer's market. Evaluation of farmer's markets demonstrated that increasing amounts of processed food is being sold, but not being kept at refrigerated temperatures as they should. We are continuing to work with county and environmental teams. Consumers need to be aware about this fact about carrying these processed foods around before taking home and refrigerating it could cause problems, even if it was being kept at refrigerator temperatures prior to being bought.

One of the respiratory diseases that we are finding in Iowa is human metapneumovirus and only the state hygienic lab can test for it right now.

Question: Do any of the anti-virals work on this?

Response: Not that we know of thus we have to implement public health measures to control including isolation.

## 2. Overview eHealth – Mary Jones

Kim Norby and Mary Jones provided an update on the eHealth initiative.

It is a hub concept where all electronic health records would connect to the Health Information Network (HIN) and then exchange information through this network.

Group is focused around 5 domains of governance, finance, technical infrastructure, legal & policy and business & technical operations. Iowa eHealth is the umbrella program for the Public Health department. Working with Iowa Medicaid and regional extensions centers for health IT adoption.

The initiative received \$8.375 million dollars of federal funding with some matching state funds. This is the seed money to get system running and then to create sustainability through fees and other funding from the participants. The e-Health initiative was established in the 2008 legislation.

System is not a repository but a system that can request the information from a provider(s) and transfer it to the requester. All this information is protected under the HIPAA laws. Policies will be created and presented to the State Board of Health (SBOH) for approval.

Pharmacies will be able to connect to the system but policies governing access must be reviewed. The portal view will allow the exchange of information. Information contained in an EMR (electronic medical record) is made available.

Question: When will the policies begin to be set and ready for approval?

Response: As soon as the contracts and necessary approvals have been received. The policies will be in the form of administrative rules presented to SBOH.

3. Mental Health Redesign – Kathy Stone

Mental Health Redesign is an effort to improve the mental health and disabilities services system in Iowa. Senate File 525 directed the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) to convene several work groups to make recommendations to a legislative interim committee for consideration by the General Assembly. Disability services are defined as services and supports available to Iowans living with mental health issues or intellectual or developmental disabilities. IDPH is involved in those work groups with a focus on issues relevant to IDPH responsibilities, such as Brain Injury best practices, children's services, and co-occurring substance abuse problems. In addition, IDPH will work with DHS and the Iowa State Association of Counties to develop a shared process for gathering and communicating relevant data on mental health/disabilities services and supports.

Redesign goals include moving certain responsibilities related to managing funding from the counties to the state, reorganizing disability services not paid for by the Medicaid program, replacing legal settlement with a residency definition, and assuring access to necessary and desired services and supports.

Workgroups will begin meeting in August to meet the December deadline for submission of recommendations to the interim committee end of December for use during the next legislation.

**V. Old Business**

A. Questions on Annual Report (Jonn Durbin)

This report is located online. No questions at this time however if questions do arise then they can be sent to Shayne's email: [shayne.huston@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:shayne.huston@idph.iowa.gov).

**VI. New Business**

A. Election of Officers (Terms Expiring: Jones and Kressin)

A motion made by Rowe Winecoff and seconded by Hattie Middleton to serve as the President/Chair of the State Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion made by Justine Morton and seconded by Hattie Middleton nominating Rowe Winecoff to serve as Vice President/Vice Chair of the State Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Jones welcomed the new members to the State Board of Health.

**VII. Next Meeting**

A. Items for September 14, 2011 Agenda

1. Annual Review of Regulatory Plan - Barb Nervig
2. Annual Orientation Refresher for Board Members - Julie McMahon
3. Introduction to IDPH 2012 Budget document – Marcia Spangler
4. Review Revised Public Health Standards – Joy Harris

5. Healthy Iowans – John Durbin/Martha Gelhaus
  - a) Overview of the methodology for developing the state health needs assessment and health improvement plan.
  - b) Results of the state health needs assessment
6. Mental Health Reform – Kathy Stone

## **VII. Adjournment**

At 11:24 a motion was made by Rowe Winecoff, seconded by Michael Wolnerman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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