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Welcome

Congratulations to the 22 new <u>Governor-appointed board</u> members to 19 professional boards related to public health. I want to welcome all of these men and women and thank them for their service. Among the new appointees are five members of the <u>Iowa Board of Health</u>, including Ron Abrons of Coralville, Jay Hansen of Mason City, Diane Thomas of Manchester, Cheryl Straub-Morarend of Coralville, and Ted George of Rockwell City. Boards and commissions are responsible for advising the Governor and Lt. Governor, the legislature and department. These individuals are strong believers in having an active voice in state government.

Statewide HIV plan

The IDPH <u>Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis</u> has submitted the new statewide plan for HIV prevention and care to the Health Resources and Services Administration. The plan identifies unmet needs for HIV prevention and care in Iowa and sets a roadmap for how the state will meet these needs. For the first time, the plan was continuous across the prevention and care programs. The new plan also aligns with the <u>National HIV/AIDS</u> <u>Strategy</u> and includes metrics that will allow the state to be compared to other areas of the country.

IRIS implementation continues

<u>Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System</u> (IRIS) implementation of the web-based application was launched on Monday, June 4, 2012 and since then the Immunization program has fielded more than 2,000 calls from IRIS users statewide. The table below shows the number of Iowa's immunization registry data migrated to the new application.

Patients	2,495,305
Immunizations	22,383,737
Provider Organizations	1,730
Users	13,453

IRIS provides computerized tracking of immunizations for children, adolescents and adults who are seen in a variety of public and private health care provider sites throughout the state.

Congrats and kudos

Congratulations to <u>Mary Greeley Medical Center</u> in Ames, which has been awarded status as a Primary Stroke Center. There are now 14 PSCs in Iowa.

Kudos to the 26 <u>Community Transformation Grant</u> (CTG) grantees who attended a meeting and workshop in Urbandale on June 18. The daylong event provided updates to grantees, as well as opportunities to network with other counties, showcase enhancements and health assessments, and learn from each other. Iowa is among 61 states and entities awarded CTGs from the CDC. Iowa's \$3 million grant, administered by IDPH, addresses the following priority areas: 1) tobacco-free living; 2) active living and healthy eating; and 3) evidence-based quality clinical and other preventive services, specifically prevention and control of high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

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To everyone in public health and all our partners, keep up the great work!

— Dr. Miller-Meeks