The joint meeting of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) and Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC) was held at the Jordan Creek Town Center Community Room in West Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting began at 10:00 AM.

**Council members present:**
Betty Mallen, Dr. Mary Mincer Hansen, Aimee Devereaux, Donn Dierks, Laura Beeck, Martha Gelhaus, Amy Thoreson, Dr. Ron Eckoff, Dr. Ann Garvey, Chrystal Woller, Dr. Robert Welander, Julie McMahon, Chris Atchison, Kari Prescott

**Council members absent:**
Frank Magsamen

**Committee members present:**
Dr. Mike Pentella, Julie Schilling, Jonn Durbin, Terri Henkels, Ken Sharp, Dr. Lisa Kapler, Kim Westerholm, Dr. Jim Torner, Dr. Tanya Uden-Holman, Dr. Pam Duffy

**Committee members absent:**
Dr. Jason Hockenberry, Sheri Bowen

**Others attending:**
Erin Barkema – Lead Staff PHEC
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHAC
Karla Dorman – Support
Dr. Miller-Meeks – IDPH Director
Gerd Clabaugh – IDPH Deputy Director
Larry Barker - Iowan
Belinda DeBolt – Page County Public Health
Jessica Marten – UI Graduate Student

**Dr. Miller-Meeks Comments**
- Dr. Miller Meeks thanked the committee and council members for their hard work on Modernization throughout the years.
- She invited members in attendance to begin a discussion with her about where Iowa is headed and what her concerns are as far as accreditation. She has concerns about where accreditation fits in with Health Care Reform and the costs of accreditation
- Council and Committee members engaged with Dr. Miller-Meeks on the topic for over an hour. Dr. Miller-Meeks agreed to formally submit her concerns in writing to the members of the Public Health Advisory Council and Public Health Evaluation Committee so that the concerns can be addressed.
Reports

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) report
• Belinda DeBolt, Administrator of Page County Public Health Department, gave a report on Page County’s experience with the accreditation pilot. Some of the lessons learned and value of the process experienced by Page County include:
  o Improved efficiency
  o More accountable
  o Better partners with the community
  o More competitive for funding opportunities
  o Use as a marketing tool for being taken more seriously by the public
  o Think like a business with services being the “profit”
  o All policies and procedures need to be tied to the standards
  o They want to keep the momentum and excitement going in their agency
  o Templates would be very helpful to agencies

• Terri Henkels reported on her experience as a site visitor for the Accreditation Pilot process. She stated the training for the site visitors was very good. She felt 95% of the questions covered in the guidance document were helpful and clear. The smallest details were the most difficult.

• Larry Barker served as a site visitor and recognized the Metrics Subcommittee for their valuable work on establishing the metrics.

• Erin Barkema reported that it was valuable having a facilitator and a note taker at the site visit. She suggested that it would be helpful to also have a local board of health member present.

Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC) report
• The results of the Local Public Health Baseline Survey were shared. The full report will be ready and shared in April at the Governor’s Public Health Conference.

Next Steps and Communication Plan
• It is important to communicate with the counties regarding what is happening in Iowa regarding public health accreditation and the standards. Some of the issues that need communicated are:
  o Who is in charge of public health accreditation and standards – state or national?
  o The need for Quality Improvement using the Iowa Public Health Standards
  o The Iowa Public Health Standards are aligned with the national standards.
  o We are still working on how the state accreditation framework will look/still evaluating.
  o Need to make sure counties know the difference between accreditation and quality Improvement.
  o Give local health departments direction and let them know when to expect an outcome.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Eckoff and seconded by Kari Prescott. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.