The regular meeting of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) was held at the Lucas State Office building, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting began at 10:00 am.

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:**  
Ron Eckoff  
Martha Gelhaus  
Mary Mincer Hansen  
Amy Thoreson  
Laura Beeck  
Chris Atchison  
Donn Dierks  
Robert Welander  
Ann Garvey  
Gerd Clabaugh  

**Via webinar:**  
Kari Prescott  
Betty Mallen  

**Members Absent:**  
Senator Joni Ernst  
Rep. Lisa Heddens  
Senator Liz Mathis  
Rep. Linda Miller  
Frank Magsamen  
Aimee Devereaux  

**Other Attendees:**  
Joy Harris – Lead Staff  
Karla Dorman – Support Staff  
Holly Huslebus – IDPH Intern  
Shelly Horak – Dallas County

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Welander and seconded by Dr. Eckoff to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

**Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)**

- Joy Harris will begin writing communication points regarding Modernization for the RCHC regional meetings.
- Quality improvement projects being funded by the Modernization fund are getting started. AIM statements are collected and recipients are in the Plan and Do phase of QI for the most part.
- Linn County plans to begin submitting evidence to PHAB on April 1.
- Joy Harris reported on the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement (COPPHI) meeting she attended in November. Ohio has instituted mandatory voluntary accreditation. There is more of an emphasis on informatics.
- Ms. Harris also reported on the PHAB site visitor training she attended in December. They are doing an evaluation of the “so what”. They are also looking at Inter-Rater reliability.
- Version 1.5 of the PHAB Standards and Measures were approved. They will be effective July 1, 2014 and will come out later this month.

**Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC)**

- The PHEC met on 12/12/13.
- The majority of their time was spent reviewing the baseline survey questions, and making adjustments for the next survey. The Evaluation Committee has almost completed a first draft of the 2014 local assessment.
The committee also discussed a joint PHAC/PHEC meeting. The evaluation committee would like to hold that meeting in late March or early April in order to have the Advisory Council give feedback on the Governmental Public Health System Survey and questions about emerging public health issues (the effects of the ACA, ACOs, etc.)

Unfinished Business
IDPH Strategic Plan
- The Council was able to share their concerns and ask a few questions about the IDPH Strategic Plan. Gerd Clabaugh was able to clarify and provide some insight into the plan.

New Business
Presentations: Shelley Horak, Dallas Co. Public Health Nursing Service
- Ms. Horak presented information on the Dallas County Health Navigation System.
- She shared how the Navigation System is helping individuals in the community with their whole needs.

Midwest Institute for Community Health (MICH) accreditation proposal for small agencies
- Kathleen Wojciehowski, from the Midwest Institute for Community Health, joined by conference call and gave an overview of their proposal for small agencies. They have been accrediting local public health agencies since 2003.
- It may be worth looking at using their accrediting entity rather than establishing our own when we get to that point.

IDPH Code Review
- Joy Harris went through the Modernization Act in Ia. Code to see how our role is mandated and to determine how PHAB accreditation would work with the Act as written.

Joint meeting with PHEC
- The Council discussed ideas for the joint meeting with the PHEC.
- We are looking at April or May for the meeting.

Adjournment
Martha Gelhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donn Dierks. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: March 6, 2014 10:00 – 3:00 Lucas Building, Des Moines