Public Health Advisory Council

May 3, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) met at the Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa on May 3, 2012. The meeting began at 10:00 am.

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

Council members absent:

Others Attending:
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHAC
Erin Barkema – Lead Staff PHEC
Karla Dorman – Support Staff
Gerd Clabaugh – IDPH Deputy Director
Paul Watson - IDPH

Approval of Minutes
Dr. Eckoff motioned to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting. Dr. Welander seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Amy Thoreson motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting. Betty Mallen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Technical Assistance Grant
➢ Three counties, Mills, Sioux, and Linn, have participated in interviews providing information about what they are currently doing in the area of performance management.
➢ They have also been asked how they are doing as far as alignment with the PHAB standards and been asked to complete an accreditation readiness assessment.
➢ The final reports of findings are being worked on. Case studies of all three counties will be submitted to NACCHO.

Iowa Accreditation Board
➢ Dr. Eckoff went over the Accreditation report. He shared information from the report and comments about his experience participating on the board.
  o The process was very useful and all participants learned a lot.
  o The Metrics and Accreditation Committees can use the report to review their work and go forward with revisions needed.
➢ Time was spent discussing what to do with the lessons learned from the Accreditation Board pilot.
Old Business
Response to Dr. Miller-Meeks letter of 3/26/12

➢ The Council spent time discussing how to address the concerns Dr. Miller-Meeks outlined in her letter.
➢ Joy Harris will use the recommendations discussed and draft a response to Dr. Miller-Meeks. She will send the draft to the Council members and have a follow up conference call to edit and approve it.
➢ Chris Atchison has been asked to serve on the PHAB Accreditation Board. The board’s membership consists of PHAB Board members and non-members.

New Business
Baseline Survey
➢ Erin Barkema provided a handout of a synopsis of the Local and State baseline survey results.
➢ She went through the strengths and opportunities for improvement for both the Local and State agencies.
➢ Strengths found through the survey will be looked at to collect best practices and replicated.
➢ There was discussion about what we do next with the survey results and what needs to begin happening at the state health department in light of the results.
➢ The results will be made available to the public in July.

Iowa Beta Test Report
➢ Joy Harris went through the Iowa Beta Test Report with the Council.
➢ It was decided to create/re-energize existing committees in order to start making changes that were determined as needed through the beta test. The committees are:
  o Metrics: primarily to adjust the guidance/documentation requirements.
  o Accreditation: to make recommendations about the process necessary for implementation
  o Communication: to share the baseline survey and beta test results. It is necessary to clear up the confusion between state accreditation and national accreditation.
  o Home Health Question: to determine if documentation about individual care will be allowed.
➢ The committees will meet in person, conference call or by webinar and have information to share at the September PHAC meeting.

Adjournment
Kari Prescott motioned to adjourn the meeting, Betty Mallen seconded, motion carried.

Next meeting: July, information yet TBD