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.

Council members present:
Ron Eckoff, Martha Gelhaus, Julie McMahon, Amy Thoreson, Mary Mincer Hansen, Kari Prescott, Frank Magsamen, Chris Atchison

Council members absent:

Others Attending:
Karla Dorman – Support Staff

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Frank Magsamen and seconded by Dr. Mincer Hansen to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports
Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- IDPH is reviewing the applications for the RFPs for quality improvement initiatives based on the standards. IDPH is happy with the number of applicants.
- The 2 options for the RFP are:
  - Work with local board of health on a quality improvement project
  - Work on a collaborative quality improvement project on communication or injury prevention.
- Joy Harris will be facilitating four trainings for local public health partners on quality improvement. They will be held in Coralville, Rockwell City, Marshalltown and Jefferson. Two of the trainings will be 1 day trainings and the others two will be 2 day trainings. The trainings are being funded by CDC through the NPHHI grant.
- IDPH will get the 4th year funding of the NPHHI grant for building infrastructure. It was originally a 5 year grant and we have not heard if there will be funding for year 5.
- Joy will be filming a webinar about the standards and accreditation, for new public health administrators. It will be a part of the LPH Toolkit. Joy is also planning on contacting all of the new public health administrators and giving them information on Modernization and the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- Ms. Harris received official notice that Senators Joni Ernst and Liz Mathis as well as Representatives Beth Wessel-Kroeshell and Linda Miller will serve as the Legislative membership on the Advisory Council.
- Dr. Miller Meeks is amenable to having members of the council serve again, even if their term is up. Joy will contact members whose terms are up in September.

Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC)
- The PHEC met on 6/20/13.
➤ They are planning on doing a crosswalk of the ACO and Iowa Public Health Standards metrics.
➤ The committee discussed piloting the Return on Investment tool that ASTHO created.
➤ They would like to evaluate the worth of the standards and discussed ways to gather more information on how the standards are being used by locals.
➤ The Committee created talking points about Modernization that they will be using to ensure a consistent message is being shared.

Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement (COPPHI)
➤ The COPPHI Open Forum was held on June 12 & 13 in Wisconsin. Two members of the PHEC and Joy Harris attended as well as 5 locals.
➤ There is funding for 3 more Open Forums.
➤ The tone has changed since there are now accredited entities. People are now talking about reaccreditation and there are more discussions about the gap between accredited and non-accredited health departments.
➤ Wisconsin has set a goal to have all health departments PHAB accredited by 2020. They have 3 health departments accredited now.
➤ There was talk of making the public health department’s role into a Chief Health Strategist. They would determine how the health needs of the whole community are addressed.

Unfinished Business

Identify PHAC Priorities
➤ The Council spent time working on identifying their priorities based on the local government baseline survey.
➤ They finished the review and determined what they would like to bring to Dr. Miller-Meek’s attention, study more or additional questions they might like to include in future surveys.

New Business

PHAC Work Plan
➤ The Council finished up their work plan for the next 2 years and the next 3 years.
➤ The focus in 2013-1014 will be on regular communication, succession planning, QI, and collaboration with other agencies.
➤ Further down the road they will bring back the accreditation committee and look at accreditation again, identify an accrediting entity and review and suggest changes to legislation.

Input to PHAB about revisions to national standards
➤ PHAB has asked for comments regarding their revisions to the national standards. The comment period is short so please send your comments to Joy by August 2 if you have any. It will be determined whether to send the comments from the IDPH or from the Public Health Advisory Council after the comments are gathered.

State Baseline Report review – tabled for future meeting
Adjournment
Chairperson Amy Thoreson adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: September 5, 2013 10:00 – 3:00 Lucas Building, Des Moines