The regular meeting of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) met at Methodist West Hospital, West Des Moines. 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, Kari Prescott

Council members absent:

Others Attending:
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHAC
Karla Dorman – Support Staff
Molly Peterson – IDPH Intern

Approval of Minutes
Corrections to the May 3, 2012 minutes were noted as follows:
1. Corrected reference to meeting date to May 3 rather than the incorrect January 5.

A motion was made by Dr. Eckoff and seconded by Amy Thoreson to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting with the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Strengthening the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement COPPHI

- COPPHI represents the next stage in NNPHI’s efforts to build, nurture, and expand the community of practice among public health practitioners focused on accreditation and QI.
- Joy Harris reported that Martha Gelhaus and she attended the COPPHI meeting in Oregon in June.
- COPPHI is focusing on 3 prerequisites needed for PHAB accreditation:
  1. Health Improvement Plan (HIP)
  2. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)
  3. Quality Improvement Plan/Strategic Plan
- PHAB is receiving many applications and plans to have some organization accredited by the end of 2012.
- Joy presented on IDPH’s QI plan at the meeting and is part of the Accreditation Coordinators Group.

Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC)

- The PHEC met on 6/28/12.
- They discussed the state baseline survey findings and the release plan for the local and state findings.
- The Beta Pilot information will be released next week along with the Page and Linn county webinars.
- The Local baseline survey report will be released in August along with the revised Iowa Standards.
The State baseline survey report will be released in the Fall.

PHEC’s next steps:
  o Determine which areas to study further
  o Determine which areas we want to re-visit bi-annually
  o Decide what areas we want more information about

Jason Hockenberry would like to work with a subgroup to try and determine how much accreditation will cost. Donn Dierks will head up the group to work with Dr. Hockenberry on this project.

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Annual Report
- Joy Harris shared the draft of the PHAC annual report.
- It was decided to add something about PHAC’s recommendation to the department regarding Public Health Systems Development.
- Joy will make the changes to the report and send it to the PHAC members for approval.

Old Business
Dr. Miller-Meeks communication
- The Council decided to schedule a meeting with Dr. Miller-Meeks and a small contingency from the council and committee, to discuss the direction of the PHAC and PHEC. The group that will be meeting with her are; Tanya Uden-Holman, Kari Prescott, Chris Atchison, Donn Dierks, Julie Schilling and Sheri Bowen.
- The group will also make recommendations to her about Quality Improvement in public health, the Iowa Public Health Standards and legislation.

New Business
Public Health Fund
- The Council discussed ideas for using the money in the Public Health Fund. Some of the ideas are:
  1. Have QI trainings using real issues.
  2. Have a QI Champion work with several counties on 1 issue.
  3. Have 3-4 counties work together on policies etc.
  4. Use resources to create a repository for sharing ideas.
  5. Training on how to implement QI in your culture.
  6. Develop a 15-20 minute program to present to LBOH to help them understand QI.
  7. Use survey data to determine 1 Standard in which help is needed to meet it and fund the help.
  8. Pay for someone to do strategic planning.
- No decision was made on use of the funding.

Modernization Act
- The Council went over the Modernization Act, IA Code Chpt. 135A and made a few suggestions for changes.
  1. Clean up director/department language. Change language to say “director” rather than department.
  2. Rewrite 135A.10 dealing with accreditation
  3. Add information about QI to 135A.8
Review Metrics Subcommittee Revisions
  ➢ Ms. Harris went through the revisions that the Metrics subcommittee recommended as a result of information gathered from the pilots.
  ➢ The PHAC made 1 change to the recommended revisions.

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

Next meeting: September 6, 2012 10:00 – 3:00 Lucas Building, rooms 517 & 518