The regular meeting of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) met at the Lucas building, Des Moines, IA. Meeting began at 10:00.

**Council members present:**
Amy Thoreson, Betty Mallen, Ron Eckoff, Laura Beeck, Donn Dierks, Chris Atchison, Kari Prescott, Frank Magsamen, Martha Gelhaus, Julie McMahon, Aimee Devereaux

**Council members absent:**
Senator Joni Ernst, Senator Swati Dandekar, Robert Welander, Ann Garvey, Mary Mincer Hansen

**Others Attending:**
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHAC
Erin Barkema – Lead Staff PHEC
Karla Dorman – Support

**Approval of Minutes**
Ron Eckoff motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2011 meeting. Frank Magsamen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IDPH Director, Dr. Miller Meeks and Deputy Director, Gerd Clabaugh, stopped by to meet the council members and introduce themselves.

**Reports**
**Public Health Evaluation Committee**
- Erin Barkema gave a report of the Evaluation Committee’s activities to the Council.
- Erin provided copies of the PHEC’s annual report to the PHAC members.
- The PHEC will soon begin developing the evaluation methods for the accreditation pilot counties.

**PHAB Beta Test Evaluation Report**
- Joy Harris provided PHEC members with a brief report of the evaluation of the PHAB Beta Test.
- She reported that the PHAB Standards didn’t change significantly after the Beta Test results were collected.

**Old Business**
**Review of 2011 Revised State Public Health Standards**
- The Council reviewed the remaining 5 components and made a few changes.
- All 11 components have been reviewed and changes made.
- Joy Harris will complete the changes to the document and have it ready to be submitted to the State Board of Health for approval in November.
New Business

Public Health Evaluation Committee – Baseline assessment
➢ Erin is asking local public health administrators serving on the PHAC and PHEC to beta test the baseline survey that they’ve developed.
➢ They hope to have U of I students help with the analysis and report of the survey findings.
➢ The survey will be sent out on September 15 with the return date of October 15.
➢ Dr. Miller Meeks and Doug Beardsley, Chair of the PHEC, will send a memo to local public health agencies to introduce the survey. A follow-up email from Ken Sharp and Julie McMahon will be sent.

Healthy Iowans
➢ A handout was provided with the list of topic areas and critical needs for HI.
➢ A small group will be formed to propose Modernization strategies based on objectives submitted by other advisory committees for inclusion in the Healthy Iowans Plan.

Pilot Counties – Iowa Accreditation System
➢ Linn County and Page County have been chosen to participate in the accreditation pilot. It will begin on September 7, 2011.
➢ They will complete the accreditation process and evaluate the accreditation system.

PHAC future direction brainstorming
➢ Reappointment of members whose terms are expiring or appointment of new members by Dr. Miller Meeks.
➢ Make a decision about an accrediting entity.
➢ Revise Iowa Public Health Standards as needed after completion of pilot.
➢ Revisit our statutory “charge.” (The Public Health Modernization Act)
➢ Provide communication to locals regarding accreditation
  ▪ What is IDPH’s stand with current administration
➢ PHAB equivalency
➢ Revisit our timeline

Adjournment
Ron Eckoff motioned to adjourn meeting, Amy Thoreson seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30.