Public Health Advisory Council

September 5, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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, Mary Mincer Hansen, Betty Mallen, Donn Dierks, Aimee Devereaux, Robert Welander, Ann Garvey

Council members on webinar: Amy Thoreson, Kari Prescott

Council members absent:

Others Attending:
Joy Harris – Lead Staff
Karla Dorman – Support Staff
Gerd Clabaugh – IDPH Deputy Director

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Dr. Eckoff and seconded by Dr. Mincer Hansen to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports
Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- IDPH awarded Quality Improvement grants to 16 counties. The counties represent both large and small populations.
- Feedback was provided to PHAB about the proposed revisions to the national public health standards.
- The department piloted an almost complete district board of health application and is now developing a summary of the pilot. Recommendations to change Chapter 137 will need to be considered by the IDPH Executive Team.
- IDPH is looking at applying for a grant from NNPHI/Strengthening the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement (COPPHI) for a Kaizen Event for Rapid Improvement in Public Health. This fits with the department’s use of LEAN in QI projects.
- Joy Harris is working on a membership list, for Dr. Miller Meeks approval, for expired terms and open positions.

Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC)
- The PHEC met on 8/15/13.
- The Committee approved the internship descriptions for conducting research on the value of the Iowa Public Health Standards (IPHS) and for reviewing local board of health meeting minutes for information specifically about how LBOHs are engaged in conversations around Modernization and related concepts.
- They finalized the 10 question survey for local public health administrators asking for more information about how the IPHS are being used. The survey is
slated to be sent this fall and the results will be used to complement information gained in the baseline survey about IPHS usage.

- The PHEC decided that the baseline survey is completed and the subsequent surveys will be named Governmental Public Health System Survey.
- Additional talking points regarding Modernization were developed.

Unfinished Business
State Baseline Report review
- The Council went through the State Baseline Survey Report and determined what information should be brought to Dr. Miller Meeks attention, which areas need further study and what additional questions should be asked.

New Business
NACCHO’s quality road map
- Joy Harris shared NACCHO’s quality road map tool.
- The question was raised as to whether the Advisory Council should play a role in looking at and endorsing quality improvement tools for local agencies to use.
- The Council discussed their role to help vet some resources for QI for locals.
- They will look at developing rating criteria for tools at the November meeting.

Communication subcommittee membership
- Joy Harris asked if Dr. Mincer Hansen, Betty Mallen and Laura Beeck would continue their work on the subcommittee.
- They will explore adding a member to the subcommittee from ICPHA, IPHA or another public health partner.

Develop questions
- The group discussed questions they have for Peter Damiano and Sarah Dixon Gale who will be speaking about Public Health’s role in ACO’s.

Adjournment
Donn Dierks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Mincer Hansen. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: November 7, 2013 10:00 – 3:00 Lucas Building, Des Moines