Public Health Advisory Council

September 6, 2012
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:
Amy Thoreson, Ron Eckoff, Laura Beeck, Donn Dierks, Chris Atchison, Betty Mallen, Martha Gelhaus, Julie McMahon, Aimee Deverreaux, Robert Welander, Ann Garvey, Mary Mincer Hansen, Senator Liz Mathis

Council members absent:

Others Attending:
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHAC
Karla Dorman – Support Staff
Deborah Thompson – IDPH
Nick Kalas – CSTE Fellow, IDPH
Jodene DeVault – Warren County Public Health

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Dr. Eckoff and seconded by Mary Mincer Hansen to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports
Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC)
- The PHEC met on 8/23/12.
- Ms. Harris provided copies of the Executive Summary of the Local Governmental Baseline Report to the Council Ken Sharp and Julie McMahon will send the report to Local Public Health and Environmental Health entities.
- Next step for the Evaluation Committee is to go through the state survey results and decide what we want to learn more about.

Old Business
Revisions to 135A Public Health Modernization Act
- Joy Harris met with Heather Adams from the Attorney General’s office and received guidance on the proposed revisions to the Modernization Act. The proposed revisions have been submitted to Dr. Miller-Meeks.
- An additional change to 135A.5 was proposed. Joy will run the change by Heather.
- The Council would like the definitions of the Advisory Council and the Evaluation Committee to be clearer.
- We will work on adding operating procedures of both entities to our Administrative Rules. We will attempt to get this worked on before the two groups meet for a combined meeting in January.

Communication with Dr. Miller-Meeks
- The group from PHAC and PHEC has not been able to meet with Dr. Miller-Meeks yet due to schedules.
Donn Dierks shared the talking points that they would like to discuss with Dr. Miller-Meeks. The group gave additional suggestions for the discussion.

New Business
Home Health Subcommittee recommendations
- Ms. Harris shared the recommendation that the Home Health Subcommittee came up with regarding using Home Health documentation as evidence in meeting the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- After discussion, it was agreed that the Public Health Advisory Council recommends that “Home Health documentation, exclusively, is insufficient proof that an agency meets the IPHA”.
- Dr. Mincer Hansen made the motion to approve the recommendation, Betty Mallen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Metrics Subcommittee revisions
- Dr. Eckoff made the motion to approve the work of the Metrics Subcommittee. Dr. Welander seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Effective date of the IPHS
- The PHAC deliberated what date the Standards should become effective. The State board of health will approve them in November so the Council decided that January 1, 2013 should be the effective date.
- Betty Mallen motioned to approve January 1, 2013 as the effective date of the Iowa Public Health Standards. Motion was seconded by Martha Gelhaus and approved unanimously.

Documentation Sharing
- The Council discussed ways of sharing documents that have been used as evidence for meeting the Standards with other agencies as examples.
- One suggestion was to put the documents from the pilots on the IDPH website as “best practices” rather than “these meet the standards”.
- Another suggestion was to link the pilot counties to counties in their region for information sharing.

Article discussion
- Ms. Harris shared the “Executive Summary Public Health Futures: Considerations for a New Framework for Local Public Health in Ohio”.
- Joy will continue to share information from other states on what they are doing. We will keep what’s going on elsewhere on our radar.

The Council thanked Chair Don Dierks for his distinguished service in leading them.

Adjournment
Mr. Dierks adjourned the meeting. All agreed.

Next meeting: November 1, 2012 10:00 – 3:00 Lucas Building, rooms 517 & 518