Public Health Advisory Council & Public Health Evaluation Committee
Orientation Meeting Summary
September 30, 2009
Iowa Lutheran Hospital Meeting Rooms A & B

Advisory Council Members present:
Chris Atchison
Jennifer Becker
Laura Beeck
Aimee Devereaux
Donn Dierks
Dr. Ron Eckoff
Dr. Ann Garvey
Martha Gelhaus
Senator David Hartsuch
Jeff Heland
Frank Magsamen
Betty Mallen
Dr. Mary Mincer Hansen
Rep. Linda Miller
Kari Prescott
Ruth Schemmel
Dr. Robert Welander

Members absent:
Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad
Larry Barker
Senator Swati Dandekar
Julie McMahon

Evaluation Committee Members present:
Doug Beardsley
Sheri Bowen
Jonn Durbin
Terri Henkels
Dr. Lisa Kapler
Dr. Mike Pentella
Dr. Wendy Ringgenberg

Members absent:
Fran Sadden

IDPH Staff:
Tom Newton, Director
Mary Jones, Deputy Director
Joy Harris, Lead Staff
Erin Barkema, Lead Staff
Karla Dorman, Support Staff
Welcome and Introductions

Director Newton welcomed Committee and Council Members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. After introductions he gave a short presentation on the national movement to accredit local and state public health departments by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). He stated that Iowa is right on board with the national movement and that Iowa is taking advantage of several opportunities to influence national accreditation.

Public Health Modernization Act

Mary Jones gave an overview of the Public Health Modernization Act which was passed by the Iowa Legislature during the 2009 session. Deputy Director Jones talked through the Public Health Modernization Act section by section with attendees. She explained that the Advisory Council and Evaluation Committee should work to meet the timeline for accreditation outlined in the Public Health Modernization Act as best they are able. She also outlined the current funding for Public Health Modernization.

History and the Iowa Public Health Standards

Dr. Ron Eckoff gave an overview of the history of public health in Iowa including the initial steps taken in 2003 and 2004 by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Redesigning Public Health in Iowa Work Group. Martha Gelhaus spoke next about the history and development of the Iowa Public Health Standards. Ms. Gelhaus talked about why the eleven component areas of the standards were chosen, the three phases the standards were written in, and the importance of the collaboration between state and local public health partners in developing the Iowa Public Health Standards. Finally, Ruth Schemmel gave a report about the work of the Implementation Committees. Ms. Schemmel gave a brief overview of the charge of each committee and highlighted a few of the lessons learned by the implementation committees.

Next Steps

Joy Harris and Erin Barkema presented on the need to draft Iowa Administrative Code for the Public Health Modernization Act. Attendees were briefed on legislative priorities that align with the Public Health Modernization Act, and were asked to review provided materials prior to the next meeting.

A time of questions and answers followed.

The Advisory Council will hold their next meeting on November 12, 2009, from 10:00 – 3:00.
The Evaluation Committee will hold their next meeting on December 2, 2009 from 10:00 – 3:00.

The agendas and locations will be sent before the meetings. All agendas and minutes will be posted on the Iowa Department of Public Health website.