The regular meeting of the Public Health Evaluation Committee (PHEC) was held in room 304 of the Capitol. The meeting began at 10:00 am with Kim Westerholm serving as committee chair.

Committee members present:
Jonn Durbin, Tanya Uden-Holman, Ken Sharp, Julie Schilling, Lisa Kapler, Jason Hockenberry, Kim Westerholm, Jim Torner

Committee members absent:
Mike Pentella, Kaitlin Emrich, Pam Duffy, Sheri Bowen

Others Present:
Joy Harris – Lead Staff PHEC
Karla Dorman – Support Staff
Martha Gelhaus – IDPH

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2012 meeting was made by Ken Sharp, seconded by Jim Torner. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports
a. Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) meeting update.
   i. Joy Harris gave the update on the Advisory Council’s activities. The PHAC met on September 6, 2012.
   ii. The Advisory Council received a report from the Home Health subcommittee and agreed that “Home health documentation, exclusively, is insufficient proof that an agency meets the Iowa Public Health Standards”.
   iii. The Metrics subcommittee’s work was approved.
   iv. The Council decided that the standards should become effective on January 1, 2013 pending approval from the State Board of Health in November.
   v. The Advisory Council reviewed its roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Public Health Modernization Act and discussed future activities.

Old Business
a. Emergency Preparedness Data
   i. Ms. Harris reported that CDOR does not wish to add additional members to their small group that is working at the data from their Emergency Preparedness survey.
   ii. They hope to have recommendations to share with us, on how to best use the data, in 6 months.

b. Revisions to 135A Public Health Modernization Act
   i. The revisions to 135A have been submitted with the IDPH legislative package. We anticipate that it will become part of the IDPH technical bill.

New Business
a. Review cost of accreditation articles
   i. The committee discussed the articles that were sent prior to the meeting regarding the cost of accreditation.

b. Review state baseline report draft
i. The committee went through the state baseline report and determined which of the questions to continue asking in future surveys.

ii. The local baseline report will be sent out and posted to the IDPH website soon.

iii. Next steps for the baseline surveys include spreadsheets with state and local questions, looking at comparisons, re-survey in the fall of 2013 or 2014.

Adjournment
Jason Hockenberry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Westerholm, motion carried.

Next meeting: December 13, 2012  10:00 – 3:00  Lucas building, rooms 517/518