

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

October 15, 2021

Members present: Thomas Newton, Simon Geletta and Nicole Gilg

Members Absent: Reylon Meeks and Anne Bacon

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	• Approval of September minutes
<u>Director Update</u> <u>By Helen Eddy</u>	• Waiting for approval regarding boost Covid Boost • Polk County Board approved more \$25 gift cards for 1st and 2nd doses • Covid positive cases still remain high • Educated the public on the importance of getting vaccinated for flu and Covid • Test Iowa Covid test daily pick up at the Health Dept. ○ Speeds up turnaround time for results
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	• Colorectal Cancer Program- approved for \$15,020. 75 eligible participants ages 50-75 for screening services • EFR- opioid addiction and overdose program approved for \$60,000.
<u>Iowa Department of Health</u> <i>By Heather Bombei</i>	• Local Public Health Services Contract ○ FY22 \$839,091 ○ Compliance Reviews completed for the Health Dept and Wesley Community Services ○ All 99 counties submitted 2021 the Public Health System Assessment survey. Final report out in January 2022 ○ Proposed changes to LPHS Contract ▪ Focus on: Population Health, Leadership & Governance, Health Promotion and Strengthening Infrastructure ▪ Transition from unit based to budget based reimbursement ▪ Revisions to IAC Chapter 80 and compliance process to reflect changes • Iowa Department of Public Health ○ Iowa Health and Human Services Alignment ▪ Moving toward a one-agency structure ▪ Inviting health and human services stakeholders to review, discuss, and provide feedback on a preliminary change package ○ Dr. Pedati resigning as State Medical Director ○ Local Public Health notified yesterday of additional funding through existing response contract
<u>Program Updates</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	• Breast Cancer awareness month • Covid-19 ○ High community transmission ○ Have seen a small decrease since schools implanted mask mandates ○ After the weekend over 600 positive cases ○ Moderna approved for Booster ○ New policy for Polk County employees to submit proof of vaccination or they have to test weekly
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	None
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:00 am

Next Meeting November 19, 2021 at 8:30am

Others present:

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Helen Eddy, PCHD

Scott Slater- PCHD

Mandy Penning- PCHD

Tony Leys- Des Moines Register

Paula Noonan- PC Medical Society

Heather Bombei- IDPH