

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

June 21, 2024

Members present: Reylon Meeks, Rick Kozin, Anne Bacon, Jennifer Olson

Members absent: Thomas Newton

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	• Board minutes from May approved.
<u>Director Update</u> <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	• None
<u>Deputy Director Update</u> <i>By Mandy Penning</i>	• None
<u>American Lung Association</u> <i>By Emmaline Krapel</i>	• Work under the State of Iowa's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program covering the counties of Adair, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Polk, Union and Warren • Update notes attached.
<u>Program Updates Disease Prevention</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	• Influenza / COVID-19 • Activity low in Iowa and United States • Uptick in other countries • Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cows • In Polk County, less of an issue in terms of workload because of the low number of dairy cows and poultry. • Biosecurity is helping to prevent the spread. • 105 identified in U.S., 3 dairy workers infected with mild infection • Daily monitoring of those who are exposed creating challenges for other health departments. • Risk to general public is low • Season of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea – uptick seen. • Rick Kozin asked about West Nile – One in Polk County and it is early • Jennifer Olson asked about Lime Disease – None in Polk County • Measles • Numbers are down • Providers are aware of symptoms, not overly testing
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	• None
<u>Public Comments</u>	• Alicia Vermeer, Community Youth Concepts (CYC) ○ Provided an update on UVoice Program ○ Additional information will be sent to everyone later
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:10 a.m.

Next Meeting July 19, 2024 at 8:30am

Others present:

Kari Lebeda Townsend, PCHD

Heather Flaherty, PCHD

Andrea Petrovich, Asst. County Attorney

Alicia Vermeer, Community Youth Concepts

Emmaline Krapel, American Lung Association