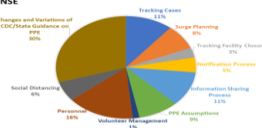


Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

May 19, 2023

Members present: Reylon Meeks, Simon Geletta, Jennifer Olson

Members Absent: Thomas Newton, Anne Bacon

Agenda Items	Summary																					
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	March and April minutes approved.																					
<u>Director Update</u> <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	No updates																					
<u>Deputy Director Update</u> <i>By Mandy Penning</i>	No updates																					
<u>COVID After Action Report</u> <i>By Franny Medeiros</i>	What did your organization do well? SURVEY RESPONSE  Quick Stats <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Polk County</th><th>Iowa</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Percent of population with 1 dose</td><td>4.3%</td><td>3.6%*</td></tr><tr><td>Percent of population with 2 doses</td><td>57%</td><td>47.2%*</td></tr><tr><td>7d Lab Test Positivity</td><td>9.6%</td><td>12%</td></tr><tr><td>Total cases per 100,000 the last 7d</td><td>112</td><td>137</td></tr><tr><td>Total cases per 100,000 the last 14d</td><td>NA</td><td>229</td></tr><tr><td>Average daily cases the last 7d</td><td>78</td><td>617</td></tr></tbody></table> Help. We are overwhelmed.  If you had a response plan that included pandemic Planning, what elements of your plan didn't work for COVID-19? SURVEY RESPONSE  Identified Strengths: - Relationships between PCHD, emergency management, hospitals, public safety professionals, schools and the private sector. Existing relationships were of great value in working through the ever-changing situation, numerous issues and challenges during this event. - Partnerships with pharmacies, healthcare providers, and DART provided community members a greater access to the vaccine - The MCC provided information sharing across the acute healthcare spectrum. Using situational awareness and a spirit of common good, patients were directed to healthcare locations throughout the community to reduce the delays for care. - Development of scarce resource procedures and situational awareness dashboards reduced the impact on supply chain issues later in the response for essential staff. - PCHD contracted with a local subject matter expert, Epidemiologist, Dr. Shaffer to provide the best information possible for the citizens of Polk County. - PCHD strengthened the partnership and conducted outreach to nursing homes to provide education for PPE, isolation and quarantine throughout the pandemic. - Successfully partnered with ethnic based community organizations to educate and plan for the COVID-19 vaccine which provided increase in vaccine uptake. - Use of new technology allowed Polk County Health Department to create a paperless drive through clinic that increased productivity by 250%. Identified Opportunities for Growth: - It was challenging to adapt to the changing environment for more than two years to meet the needs of stakeholders. - Expand representation in the MCC to include stakeholders from non-acute care agencies as needed for the event. This could include; long term care, clinics, home health, and faith-based organizations, and hospital systems leadership. - Hierarchical delays in approvals or decision making of stakeholders outside of the EOC, led to instances of delayed release of critical information and contributed to inconsistent messaging.		Polk County	Iowa	Percent of population with 1 dose	4.3%	3.6%*	Percent of population with 2 doses	57%	47.2%*	7d Lab Test Positivity	9.6%	12%	Total cases per 100,000 the last 7d	112	137	Total cases per 100,000 the last 14d	NA	229	Average daily cases the last 7d	78	617
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- Contact tracing process quickly overwhelmed. Tools, such as excel spread sheets, inadequate for tasking and multiple user inputs
- Systems used to manage multiple, and constant changing data sets were difficult for users and failed during the pandemic.
- Incorporate additional positions and groups into the EOC.

What's next?

- Improvement plan
- Reviewing plans
- Engagement of stakeholders

Opportunity for Growth	Recommendations	Capability Element	Primary Response Organization	Due Date
Build employee bench depth to account for long hours and months of activation.	Incorporate planning assumptions for staff turnover and/or staff loss over prolonged termed events within response plans.	Plans, Organizational Structure, Training		
It was challenging to adapt to the changing environment during the pandemic to meet the needs of stakeholders.	Improve manual processes to update and maintain information. Incorporate additional positions and groups into the EOC.	Plans, Organizational Structure, Equipment, Training		
The newly created MCC group struggled understanding roles and responsibilities.	Develop and conduct MCC training and exercises to strengthen this capability. Expand representation in the MCC to include stakeholders from non-acute care agencies as needed for the event. Develop job action plans for all roles in the EOC, including MCC roles. Identify, review, and establish reporting processes between EOC and new stakeholders.	Plans, Organizational Structure, Training, Exercises		
The scope and magnitude of the response were on personnel, fatigue, burn out and turnover resulted from an inadequate work/life balance during the 2.5 year response.	Identify and train staff on the importance of adequate space for safe break areas. Incorporate mental health support position within the EOC during response to a disaster.	Plans, Organizational Structure, Training		

EFR Polk County Grants By Nichole Gunn

Current Grant List:

- Polk County Health Services (PCHS) Grant
- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
- First Responder's Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Project (FR-CARP)

PCHS Grant:

- Generation Rx (Youth)
 - 176 hours, 200 youth
- Early Childhood Education
 - 76 hours, 300 youth
- Drug Free Workplace Trainings (Reasonable Suspicion) and Policy Update/Changes
 - 50 TA hours, 4 policy changes
 - 75 hours, 100 individuals

SOR Grant:

- Focused on expanding and enhancing opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

SOR Strategies:

- Media Campaigns
 - It's On Us & See the Person
- Promotion of Overdose Reversal (Naloxone) Programs
 - Technical Assistance to 7 organizations to make recommendations on naloxone access/treatment resources
- Prevention Trainings
 - Provide 30 trainings to 15 organizations based on individual need
 - Served over 400 individuals this year

FR-CARP:

- First Responder and Key Community Sector Training on Naloxone Administration
- Information on Carrying and Administering Naloxone for Emergency Treatment of Known or Suspected Opioid Overdose.
 - All trainings are completed for the year (6 of 3)
 - Applying for additional funding

Current Grant List – SPF Grants:

- Integrated Provider Network (IPN) Grant
- Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx) Grant
- Partnerships for Success to Prevent Alcohol Misuse (PFS-PAM) Grant

SPF Process

- Assessment
- Capacity
- Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Sustainability
- Cultural Competence



IPN Grant:

- Includes
 - Substance Misuse Treatment
 - Substance Misuse Prevention
 - Problem Gambling Treatment
 - Problem Gambling Prevention
- HHS Link:
 - <https://hhs.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/Integrated-Provider-Network>

IPN Grant – Prevention:

- Priority Area/Populations:
 - Marijuana, ages 12-20
 - Methamphetamine, ages 18+
 - Prescription Medications, ages 65+

IPN – Strategies:

- Marijuana (12-20)
 - Your Life Iowa Media Campaign
 - Media sharing and flyer distribution
 - 30,000 impressions per year
 - Campaign trainings
 - Curriculum Based Support Group
 - Life skills program
 - 100 participants a year
- Methamphetamine (18+)
 - See the Person Media Campaign
 - Media and flyer distribution
 - 50,000 impressions
 - College Campus Policies
 - Updating drug-free campus policies
 - 1 policy update
 - Informational sessions on methamphetamine use
- Prescription Medications (65+)
 - Generation Rx
 - Information on prescription misuse
 - 500 residents
 - Be Prepared to Save a Life Campaign
 - Law Enforcement Naloxone Policies
 - Policy updates on carrying naloxone
 - 2 policies
 - Promote healthy alternative activities to substance misuse

SPF Rx Grant:

- Addresses prescription drug misuse for ages 12-25
- HHS Link: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/Bureau-of-Substance-Abuse/Prevention-Related-Programs/Current-Grants/Strategic-Prevention-Framework-for-Prescription-Drugs>

SPF Rx - Strategies:

- Prescription Drugs are Still Drugs Media Campaign
- SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit
- CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain
- School Policy Changes
- Prescription Drugs are Still Drugs Media Campaign
 - 3000 individuals
- SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit

	- Disseminating to local schools and through social media – 3000 individuals - CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain - Target Population: Dental Practitioners - School Policies - Promoting the Iowa Youth Survey - Fake Pills Media Campaign & informational sessions - Drug Take Back Media Campaign & informational sessions - Work with local school districts on policies to include SAP referral, deferment programs, and/or Naloxone/Narcan availability PFS-PAM Grant: - Goals: - Reduce the rate of adult (45+) binge drinking - Build countywide coalition - Implement one individual and three environmental evidence-based strategies - Currently on the Assessment step of the SPF - Collecting Polk County data on alcohol misuse and binge drinking. Looking for potential interviewees.
<u>Program Updates Disease Prevention</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	- COVID-19 – The CDC is sharing that things are improving. However, that being said, what we are seeing in terms of cases, hospitalizations and deaths is comparable to one of our worst flu seasons. - Continue to remind people the basic prevention practices. - On May 11, the Emergency Declaration federally ended and then also changed with vaccination away from primary series of two with boosters to everyone 5 and up getting an updated vaccination and those 65 or older or who are immune compromised that they can get a booster two months after that. - The Marburg outbreaks in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania have been identified as separate outbreaks and not related to one another. Still staying contained in those two countries. The CDC is continuing with the same practice, notifying any travelers coming to the U.S. to contact local public health with questions. - Chicago has seen a cluster of Mpox cases, so that brings a little concern as this was the time last year that we saw quite a few cases. What we have going for us this year is that we have a lot of people who got vaccinated last year. - With upcoming gatherings/events we are getting the messaging out to take precautions to protect yourself and how to recognize signs and symptoms. - Iowa has seen an uptick in TB cases. In Polk, we are really staying at about what is typical for us. We are positioned well to handle cases, especially with video DOT. - This is the time of year we begin to see more foodborne illness. The weather has been cooler with a few exceptions, so we haven't seen an increase yet.
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	None
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:20 a.m.

Next Meeting June 16 at 8:30am

Others present:

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Mandy Penning, PCHD

Heather Flaherty, PCHD

Franny Medeiros, PCHD

Andrea Petrovich, County Attorney

Nikki Gunn, EFR