

The Public Health Herald

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello MAY

Maybe life isn't going upward
As you wish, but if you can learn from
Yesterday, you can win tomorrow

As the 2023 Legislature comes to an end and we've seen a roll back of many public health policies that have kept Iowans safe and healthy for decades, our work can feel a little defeating. I keep feeling like "we" haven't had a win in a long time. Then I take a moment to look around this office at the great work being done by all of you every single day, and it gives me hope. Yes, we may be taking a step back in some areas, and that is frustrating. But you are still making an impact, helping our community, and doing amazing things. And that is definitely something to be proud of. I'm so grateful I get to work with you all.

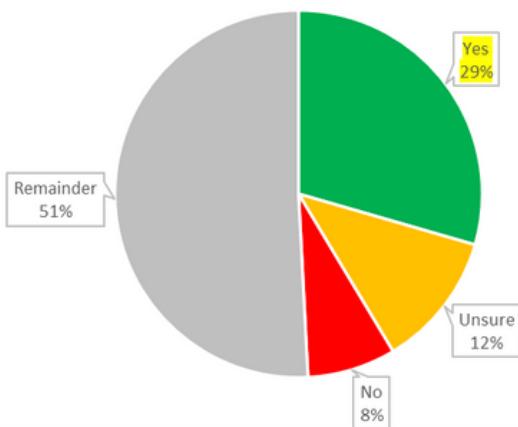
In Health,

Danielle

PHAB UPDATES

Since our all-staff meeting there have been a few advancements made in the world of PHAB. On 4/28 our 4th year Annual Report was submitted to PHAB and we are awaiting a detailed report on our current progress along with any tips they can provide going into the reaccreditation process. We also finished our Reaccreditation Readiness Assessment that was connected to the Annual Report. This assessment will give us a good idea of what we are to prepare for in the coming months along with answering questions we had for certain measures. Upon completion of the assessment the following breakdown was calculated to show our progress with "prework" review of documents/narratives/plans that our domain teams denoted as "yes", "no", or "unsure of" having. Huge shoutout to those involved in this process – follow-up comments from PHAB will be disseminated to everyone as they are received.

Pre-work Completion



Overall progress on PreWork
Reviewed: 59
Total Documents: 117
% Complete: 50.43%

PM/QI:

We are coming up on a year since restarting the PM and QI teams and they have done great work in pushing for projects and key performance indicators! The department currently has **five** active quality improvement projects and 21 approved (18 active) key performance indicators (KPI), which year-over-year, is a 500% (ignoring math) increase in QI projects and 425% increase in active KPIs. In the most recent team meetings, an additional project proposal was submitted by Admin and a new watershed KPI was reviewed.

Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Plan team met recently with the goal of finalizing the list of **stakeholders** to reach out to for vary levels of participation. An email has been crafted that will be sent out to the selected stakeholders to see if they would like to take part in future meetings, be a resource (i.e. community data), or just be provided with progress updates as our plan starts to come together. Further updates will be provided in July!

HEALTH EQUITY FOR MAY

During this month's sessions the building health equity classes we will be discussing microaggressions. Going along with the trainings is a video on understanding microaggressions and taking actions towards them. Click play to watch this short video.



LEADERBOARD

A CAT REDIRECTION*

POSITION	PLAYER	TOTAL
1	This Could Have Been an Email (D6)	— 50
2	Introverts' Nightmare (D3)	— 35
3	PHAB Five (D5)	— 35
4	The H.E.A.T (D2)	— 25
5	JCPH 4 All (D4)	— 25
6	D6 aka Meal Team Six	— 25
7	Access Advocates (D7)	— 25
8	Health Hustlers (D1)	— 25
9	99 Problems but This Domain Ain't One (D9)	— 25
10	Ten-acious-D (D10)	— 25

Wanna help your team? Take this quiz!
<https://forms.gle/ibhiWgHbFhSKr4w7>
HINT: pay attention to the highlighted text above)

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NEW STAFF



Name: Fatoumata Traore -nickname Fatou
Division: Clinical Service- Health Educator Assistant for ITS
About Me: I've always thought that I have a "chameleon personality." I just kind of blend in wherever I go!
Dream Vacation: I grew up watching Japanese Anime, I would love to visit Tokyo, Japan. Their culture fascinates me.



Name: Hayley Abdo
Division: Clinical Services- PH Registered Nurse
About Me: I'm thrilled to return to JCPH after being a contact tracer in 2020-2021.
My personal goal: My current goal is to (finally!) read & finish the Harry Potter series this summer. I still have never read the books or seen any of the movies, but I'm determined!



Name: Abby Kore
Division: Clinical Services- PH Registered Nurse
Fun Fact: I recently got married in India!



Name: Amy Preslicka
Division: Clinical Services- Clerk II
Dream Vacation: I would love to visit England, Scotland, & Ireland! Add Hawaii to that list too!



Kritzia - 5/1

Rachel - 5/9

Lisa - 5/15

Jesse - 5/20

Susan V - 5/20

Haley - 5/21

DIVISION UPDATES

Community Health:

- Amelia, Rachel, and Jennifer finished out the year with the student epi team with their annual tabletop exercise. The student team is recruited and trained at the beginning of Fall Semester and supports Immunization Audits and outbreak response.
- Rebecca finished the month of April with 4 preparedness exercises with the College of Nursing, the MRC, all staff, and the Johnson County Quality Long-Term Care Committee
- Amelia and the QI Committee is finishing QI project instructions, stay tuned!
- Karrey, Lisa, and Haley are conducting 1:1 interviews with the SDOH leadership team.



Congratulations to Jamie & her husband Isaac, on the birth of their daughter Lettie.

- Jennifer and Sam hosted CMS at the Joint Entities Meeting to share information on the public health emergency ending. Sarah coordinated with several staff to translate the materials for COVID-19 vaccine and Medicaid. The flyers were distributed widely via mail and digitally. EHS and other clinic staff are also sharing as they go on site to other facilities. Thanks to everyone for supporting the effort!
 - Iowa public radio covered the state transition here: <https://www.iowapublicradio.org/health/2023-03-31/thousands-of-iowans-will-lose-medicaid-coverage-in-the-next-year-heres-what-you-need-to-know>
- Giselle worked with the Wellness Committee to refresh the wellness logo and intranet! The logo looks great, or as Giselle always says, "it's drippy!"
- Karrey finished up with several of her interns and completed a second podcast on harm reduction
- Lisa is finishing up coaching the KEYS Dementia prevention program at Oaknoll and with several partners. The program is a low cost 10 week program to prevent dementia.

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EAT SAFE FOOD AFTER A POWER OUTAGE

During a power outage keep your
fridge & freezer doors closed

- Food will keep:
 - 4 Hours in a Refrigerator
 - 48 Hours in a **FULL** freezer
 - 24 Hours in a 1/2 full freezer

After a power outage, never
taste food to determine if its
safe to eat. Check your food's
temperature, anything above 40
degrees F should be thrown
away.

If the power has been out **MORE** than
4 hours, throw out refrigerated foods,
including meat, cooked or cut
produce, eggs, milk, & soft or
shredded cheeses.



Environmental Health:

- 4/1, 4/2, 4/3: Food inspectors checked on establishments in the worst hit areas to ensure power was available. (Hills, Solon, Coralville)
- 4/3: JCPH food program sent out a social media and email blast to establishments on what to do if a restaurant losses power.
- 4/5: EHS I candidate accepted offer. Starts 5/22
- 4/12-4/13: Rob attending FEMA Training-Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities at the JECC/EMA
- 4/7: Septic pumper inspections (6) completed for FY23
- 4/28: Over 550 Operation Permits went out at the beginning of April and have been coming in all month. These permits are required for systems that incorporate the discharge of treated wastewater in their design. The permit requires a review of the system to help ensure it is continuing to function properly.
- 4/28: Over 100 Use Permits went out at the beginning of April and have been coming in all month. These permits are required for systems that serve commercial property. The permit requires a review of the system to ensure it can continue to serve the specific type of businesses that are located on commercial property.

SPRING WORDSEARCH

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WORD LIST

APRIL
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
BUZZING
CALF
CATERPILLAR
CHICK
CLOVER

COLORFUL
DRAGONFLY
DUCKLING
EASTER
EGG
FLOWERS
FOAL
HATCHLING

HONEYBEE
LADYBUG
LAMB
MARCH
MAY
MEADOW
NEST

NEW LIFE
PIGLET
RAINBOW
SHOWERS
SPRING BREAK
SUNSHINE
UMBRELLA

Clinical Services:

- We have 2 NEW ITS staff!!!
 - Fatoumata Traore is our new Health Educator Assistant
 - Mallory Hollub, our new Health Educator will start on June 5th.
- We are still looking for a 1/2 time dietitian & a full-time Dental Hygienist.
- We had a Medical Chart & Site Audit earlier this month
- Working on Back to School clinics for Immunizations, Dental, & Vision Screenings

Tips & Tricks

Did you know?

To make our writing ADA compliant we should be writing at a 7th grade reading level!

Word has a readability statistic function!

To turn on:

1. Open File > Options
2. Select **Proofing**
3. Under "When Correcting Spelling & Grammar in Word," make sure the "Check Grammar with Spelling" check box is selected.
4. Select "Show Readability Statistics"

It takes two minutes & can help us communicate with our clients better!

*FYI that first sentence is a 7th grade reading level. ;)