Dubuque County
Health Department
FY 20/21 Budget Presentation
The mission of the Dubuque County Health Department is to protect, promote, and enhance the health and well-being of all people and the environment in Dubuque County through:

- Assessment of the community and environmental health status, policy.
- Development and assurance that public health needs are met.
- Cultivation of knowledge and behavior conducive to healthy lifestyles.
- Focus of resources toward prevention and early intervention.
- Leadership and collaboration with other agencies.

The overall goal of public health is “healthy people in healthy communities”.

Mission Statement
Guiding Principles

- We strive for INNOVATION and CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT in our activities to promote and protect the health of Dubuque County residents.
- Our activities reflect a POPULATION HEALTH approach that considers the MULTIPLE DETERMINANTS of health.
- With a collective sense of SOCIAL JUSTICE, our activities reflect understanding and acceptance of DIVERSITY among Dubuque County residents.
- We encourage COLLABORATION in our activities and in our decision making so that we respond more effectively to emerging issues and assure we provide the highest QUALITY of services.
- We recognize the value of a healthy COMMUNITY in developing healthy Dubuque County residents. We encourage our grant holders and partnering agencies to work together as PARTNERS to build a healthy Dubuque County.
- We will use EVIDENCE to plan and evaluate our activities to assure our RESULTS continue to improve the health of Dubuque County residents.
Iowa Department of Public Health Model

Mission: Promoting and Protecting the Health of Iowans

- Prevent Epidemics & the Spread of Disease
- Protect Against Environmental Hazards
- Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure
- Prepare for, Respond to, & Recover from PH Emergencies
- Prevent Injuries
- Promote Healthy Behaviors
Public Health Goals

- Prevent Epidemics and Spread of Disease
  - Achieved through;
    - Health Alerts
    - Subcontract with Epidemiologist from VNA
    - Water testing
    - Healthy Living Grants (Lead Grant)

- Promote Healthy Behaviors
  - Achieved through;
    - VNA services
    - Care for Yourself Grant
    - Dubuque County Food Policy Council
Public Health Goals

- Prevent Injuries
  - Achieved through;
    - Community Health Needs Assessment Health Improvement Plan (CHNA HIP)
    - Community Transformation Grant (CTG)
    - Wellness Coalition

- Protect Against Environmental Hazards
  - Achieved through;
    - Water tests
    - Septic system inspections
    - Well inspections
    - Septic pumper truck inspections
    - Lead grant
Public Health Goals

- Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure
  - Achieved through;
    - CHNA HIP
    - Immunizations

- Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies
  - Achieved through;
    - Preparedness Grant No Longer
    - Exercises/Drills CMS
Areas of Focus

- **Environmental Health**
  - Making sure Dubuque County residents are safe where they live, work, and play.

- **Public Health**
  - Supports local capacity to assess, plan, and ensure basic standard of service delivery.
  - Increases the capacity of the local board of health to safeguard the health and wellness of communities by providing leadership to engage community stakeholders to support health promotion and preventative services.
  - Ensuring local health agencies are prepared to respond during public health emergencies and natural disasters until additional help arrives.
Achievements

- The Health Department has been involved being the chair, member or on steering committee or board with the following planning initiatives or updates over the past year:
  - Iowa Region 6 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - Iowa Region 6 Public Health Environmental Committee
  - Dubuque County Preparedness Committee
  - Dubuque County Area Disaster Volunteer Council
  - Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Planning
  - Clarke University of Nursing Board
  - University of Dubuque Nursing Board
  - National Association of School Nurses –Past National Director
  - NICC Nursing Board
  - NICC EMS Advisory Board
  - DASAC
  - 5210 Grants
  - Dubuque County Food Policy Council
  - Dubuque County Wellness Coalition
  - Dubuque Eats Well-Healthy Hometown
  - Dubuque County Society for Special Needs
  - Quality Improvement Champion Program
  - National Association of County and City Health Offices (NACCHO)
  - Iowa Groundwater Association
  - Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC)
  - Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA)
  - Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA)
Achievements

- **Public Health Achievements:**
  - **FEMA** required Intermediate and Advanced Incident Command Educational Classes—10 classes to date—NIMS, COOP/COG
  - **Crisis Bags**
    - 1800 bags distributed to County Colleges, Schools, Churches, City Offices, County City Clerks/Chambers’ Offices, currently and County Offices
  - **AEDS**
    - Purchased AEDS for County Maintenance Barn, Western Dubuque Elementary School, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 8 County Clerks Offices

- **Stop The Bleed**
  - Multiple classes provided throughout the county.

- **Law Enforcement**
  - CPR, AED, Bloodborne Pathogens classes
Grants

- Environmental Health Grants
  - Grants to County—$30,927:
    - PURPOSE: protect groundwater quality through the testing of private water wells, the plugging of abandoned private water wells, and the reconstruction of private water wells.

- Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program —$8,808:
  - Subcontract to City Health.
    - PURPOSE: provide funds to ensure that childhood lead poisoning prevention activities are conducted.
      - The required services are blood lead testing, data management, environmental case management, medical case management, education and outreach, and the local coalition.
Public Health Grants

- Care for Yourself –−$23,160
- Subcontract to VNA
  - PURPOSE: provide screening, diagnostics, and cardiovascular-related intervention services to low-income, underinsured or uninsured for women ages 40–64 years of age.

- WiseWoman—$12,950
  - PURPOSE: provide services to Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.
Public Health Grants

- **FY13 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES STATE APPROPRIATION – $211,137**
  - Subcontract to the VNA.
    - **PURPOSE:** To support the improvement of organizational capacity of local boards of health.
    - To develop conditions for healthy people and healthy communities.
    - To support the local board of health in progressing towards compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards within their jurisdiction.
    - To support the improvement of local public health capacity to address health priorities by providing partial financial support as defined in 641 IAC chapter 80 (135).
    - To assure the provision of core public health functions and essential public health services by the CONTRACTOR, as those terms are defined in 641 IAC 77.2 (137).
    - To assure the provision of public health nursing and home care aide services for persons within the county.

- **Immunization – $18,320**
  - **PURPOSE:** Increase immunization rates in children, adolescent and adults for recommended vaccines.
Grants

Public Health Grants

- Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke—$14,400
  - PURPOSE: improve access to, participation in and coverage for diabetes, hypertension, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Link community resources and clinical services that support systematic referrals.

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness —$0
  - PURPOSE: to improve preparedness and response capabilities for emergencies whether deliberate, accidental, or natural by helping county public health demonstrate measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving the Public Health Preparedness Capabilities and promoting prepared and resilient communities.
  - To prepare county public health and healthcare to prevent, protect against, respond to, mitigate, and rapidly recover from threats to human health and national health security.
Upcoming Projects

- Environmental Health
  - Education
    - Public Health personnel will attend seminars and trainings to keep current on State of Iowa Codes and Regulations on environmental such as water well issues
  - Lab Certifications
Upcoming Projects

- Public Health
  - Maintain and oversee all grants for the FY20/21. All grants that we have mentioned in the report will be honored in FY20/21 at this time.

- Preparedness Planning
  - Continue to develop our County’s Preparedness Plan working with key individuals such as Tom Berger—EMA Coordinator. Update NIMS classes for the designated County Employees that will assist in the time of a disaster. Continue with our county wide coalition that will bring to the table the public health agencies, EMS, hospitals, Long Term Care, etc.

- Iowa Department of Public Health and CDC Initiatives
  - Maintain and provide all state initiatives that are directed through the Health Office (i.e. Health Alerts, influenza monitoring, etc.).
Future Projects

- Implement the National Public Health Performance Standards Program
  - The Essential Services provide a working definition of public health and a guiding framework for the responsibilities of local public health systems

| AD 1c-L | Maintain facilities that are clean, safe, accessible, and secure. | 1. Policy on maintenance of facilities.  
2. ADA compliance audit. | Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the local health agency’s facilities are clean, safe, accessible, and secure. |
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<td>Guidance: The policy should identify lead responsibility for maintaining facilities. The ADA compliance audit can be a self-assessment. Site visitors will tour the health department during the onsite visit. For agencies without maintenance responsibilities, document an annual review of the policy and any correspondence with the maintenance agency regarding needed changes.</td>
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Issues Impacting Department

Board of Health Subcommittees:
Financial
Immunizations
Environmental
Substance Abuse
Healthy Lifestyle
Food Policy Council
Questions?