

Iowa Department of Public Health  
Health Care Reform Council Priorities and Timeline

**Direct Care Worker Advisory Council**

- The council has brought on additional members to engage a wider spectrum of stakeholders, specifically those who serve people with disabilities.
- The council will report on how direct care workers contribute to rebalancing health and long-term care, progress toward establishing a system for education and credentialing, and other aspects of the council's work.  
*This council is a continuation of efforts going back to 2005 when the Direct Care Worker Task Force was established. The council has an interim report due to IDPH on September 25<sup>th</sup> and a final report due to IDPH on January 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Electronic Health Information Executive Committee and Advisory Council**

- On August 20, 2009, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) released grant guidance for the State Health Information Exchange (HIE) Grant Program. This cooperative, 4-year grant program is a funding opportunity to advance the development of a statewide HIE, one of the key deliverables of the Iowa e-Health Project.
- Quick Facts about the State HIE Grant:
  - **Funding Source:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, HITECH Act Section 3013
  - **Number of agreements:** 1 cooperative, non-competitive agreement per state
  - **Lead applicant:** IDPH
  - **Available Funding for Iowa:** Minimum of \$4 million (Final amount determined by ONC based on funding formula)
  - **Timeline:** Letter of Intent due September 11; Full application due October 16*The next e-Health Executive Committee and Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Jesse Parker State Office Building.*

**Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Nutrition/Prevention and Wellness Initiatives**

- The council is partnering with the Wellness Council of Iowa to provide Healthy Iowa awards for schools and colleges as businesses, communities, and visionaries. The awards banquet will be held October 1st, 2009.  
*The council will meet on Thursday, September 10th from 8:30 am to noon at the Supreme Court Board Room. The subcommittees have been meeting several times in between the regularly scheduled full Council meetings. The next full Council meeting after that is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th*  
**Iowa Healthy Communities Initiative (Community Wellness Grants):**
- Objectives by December 31st, 2009:
  - Complete a Request for Proposal process and award 2010-2011 contracts to Local Boards of Health to provide wellness initiatives in their community through a community coalition.
  - IDPH -Health Promotion staff will provide two group technical assistance to the twenty-four 2008-2009 Community Wellness Grantees in the areas of Sustainability and Project Evaluation, monthly individual project technical assistance calls and schedule site visits to assigned communities. A Community Wellness Grant newsletter will also be created to current and former Community Wellness Grantees.

**Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council**

- Develop a strategic plan for health care delivery infrastructure and health care workforce resources in this state.
- Provide for the continuous collection of data to provide a basis for health care strategic planning and policymaking.
- Make recommendations regarding the health care delivery infrastructure and the health care workforce that assist in monitoring current needs, predicting future trends, and informing policymaking.  
*At the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the council will put final touches on its recommendations to Director Newton. IDPH plans to submit the strategic plan to the governor and general assembly by November 1st.*

**Medical Home System Advisory Council (MHSAC)**

- Encourage and support the identification and implementation of a multi-payer reimbursement model that supports the patient-centered medical home.
- Support the current efforts to implement and expand the patient-centered medical home through existing infrastructures that educate providers and demonstrate best practices.

- Support health reform initiatives that address health care workforce needs, health care information technology, prevention, and chronic care management.

*On September 18<sup>th</sup>, a Patient-Centered Medical Home Symposium will take place in Iowa City. The council will have their next meeting on that day after the Symposium.*

#### **Patient Autonomy in Health Care Decisions Pilot Project Advisory Council (I-POLST)**

- The IPOLST pilot continues to move forward in Cedar Rapids. They have IRB approval for their medical record audits as part of their process evaluation and have done the first of several sets of scheduled audits.
- There have been 256 completed IPOLST forms and 26 facilities have had staff trainings done and have educated trainers for ongoing internal orientations. Data is being collected from all of the facilities, though 12 of the 26 have had no forms put to use as yet. One-third have signed “Do Not Resuscitate” orders on their charts. A smaller percentage indicated they want everything possible done for the course of their treatment.
- These and multiple other pieces of information are being collected into a database to allow the pilot leaders to provide the measures and information to adequately judge the impact of the work.

*The State Advisory Committee is being developed and will meet November 6<sup>th</sup> to hear the report of the Cedar Rapids pilot and contemplate any recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by January 2010.*

#### **Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council**

- Empower people with the knowledge and resources to live healthy lives and manage their own chronic illnesses.
- Identify and recommend consensus guidelines for the use in chronic care management beginning with those that address the state chronic disease and prevention priorities.
- Establish a chronic disease registry product that could be easily and readily incorporated into medical practices.
- Improve incentives for prevention and chronic disease management by providing support for care through payment systems, organization and delivery of care, and care coordination.
- Improve the health workforce and their skills in prevention and chronic disease management.

*The Council will meet next on September 16<sup>th</sup> where they will move forward to determine next steps. They are to develop a plan for a state chronic disease prevention and management initiative by July 1, 2010.*