



Dubuque County Health Department

FY23 Budget
Presentation

Mission Statement

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.”

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



Public Health Goals

Prevent Future 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)
- 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 (delayed)
- Immunizations

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Achieved through;

- Preparedness Grant
- Exercises/Drills CMS
- Dealing a live pandemic
- Collaboration through the Incident Management Team & Joint Information Committee

Areas of Focus

*** COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Vaccinations

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.

Grants

Environmental Health Grants:

Grants to County (\$40,400):

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 & Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (\$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.

Grants

Public Health Grants:

Care for Yourself/Wisewoman (\$52,215):

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.

Provide services to Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Immunization (\$18,000):

PURPOSE: Increase immunization rates in children, adolescent and adults for recommended vaccines.

Community Partnerships for Tobacco Use Prevention & Control (\$50,602):

Subcontract to VNA

PURPOSE: Provide tobacco use prevention and control services to Dubuque County residents.

Grants

Public Health Grants Continued:

Local Public Health Services(\$204,791):

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.

Grants

Public Health Grants Continued:

6-Year PHEP Response Contract (\$389,673):

PURPOSE: To support the public health system and assure readiness and response capability to respond effectively to health related disasters within the community.

Service Area 6 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (\$20,000):

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

Continued COVID-19 Vaccination and Pandemic Response

CHNA/HIP (delayed)

Maintain and oversee all grants for the FY23

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

Further 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.

Maintain and provide all state initiatives that are directed through the Health Office (i.e. Health Alerts, influenza monitoring, etc.).

Impacts on the Department

Department Strategic Planning

Department Reorganization

Replacement of Executive Director

Hiring and Training Additional Staff

CHNA/HIP

Lack of department staff to address community needs

Additional concerns the Department will address in the coming year include, but are not limited to:

- Health inequities among vulnerable populations such as POC, LGBTQ+, older adults, etc.
- Mental health

FY23 Budget

Talking points:

- ▶ Upon advice from Megan in Auditing, we are requesting a place holder in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for future COVID-19 related expenses.

ARPA Proposal

Proposal for Restructuring the Health Department

Social Determinants of Health



Project Goals:

1. Increase the scope of services provided by the Dubuque County Health Department.
2. Increase awareness of the Dubuque County Health Department and available services.
3. Increase community collaboration in terms of public health services in Dubuque County.
4. Increase reach of the Dubuque County Health Department to county residents.

Restructuring Continued

▶ Current Staff (with all positions filled - 3.5 FTE)

1. Executive Director (Full Time)
2. Assistant Director (Full Time)
3. Environmental Specialist (Full Time)
4. Clerk (Part Time - 28 hrs. / week)

▶ Proposed Staff (7 FTE)

1. Executive Director (Full Time)
2. Assistant Director (Full Time)
3. Environmental Specialist (Full Time)
4. Clerk (Full Time) - **Change**
5. Lifestyle Specialist (Full Time) - **New**
6. Healthcare Service Oversight Specialist (Full Time) - **New**
 - ▶ Medical / Nursing Services (Full Time) - **VNA Subcontract**
7. Community Education & Outreach Specialist (Full Time) - **New**

Five County Budget Comparison

County Data Based on 2022 Budgets

County	Scott	Linn	Johnson	Black Hawk	Dubuque
Staff Count	49	48	?	48	3.5
Revenue (Grants / Fees)	\$2,020,011	\$2,907,993	\$2,723,467	\$2,255,090	\$535,570
Expenditures	\$7,030,074	\$6,754,462	\$5,697,567	\$5,590,614	\$1,258,112
Contribution from County	\$5,010,063	\$3,846,469	\$2,974,100	\$3,335,524	\$722,542

Note: Dubuque Staff Count does not include 8.13 FTE's from VNA.