

JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Jasper County Health Department: (641)787-9224

Date of Meeting: **Thursday, March 9, 2023** Time of Meeting: **11:00 AM**

Location of Meeting: Jasper Co. Office Building, 315 W 3rd St N, large conference #006, Newton, IA 50208

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GOVERNMENTAL BODY WILL MEET AT THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE ABOVE SET OUT. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA NOTICE, OF WHICH THE CONTENT CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, (PER CHAPTER 21, CODE OF IOWA), FOR SAID MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

The virtual meeting option is provided for convenience and cannot guarantee access; if a member of the public wishes to ensure participation in the meeting, they should attend in person.

Zoom or phone by calling (312) 626-6799, ID 97157736051# or link <https://jasper.zoom.us/j/97157736051>

Tentative Agenda: Jasper County Board of Health:

Item 1: Call to order: Roll call of Jasper County Board of Health members

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda: (Action) (Attachment, 1 page)

Item 3: Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2023 (Action) (Attachment, 2 pages)

Item 4: Other Outside Agency Reports: (Information)

1.) Environmental Health report: Kevin Luetters, Community Development (Attachment, 1 page)

Old Business

Item 5: Budget FY24 update (Information) to State by 4/30/2023

New Business

Item 6:

Agreement: U of I Prevention Research Center State Advisory Board (Action) (Attachment, 2 pages)

Item 7: Policy updates: (Action)

- Address change on all the policies and procedures
- Change from IDPH to Iowa Health and Human Services
- Standing Orders - needs signed by Medical Director (Attachment, 2 pages)
- Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan (Attachment, 1 page)

Item 8: Jasper County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) update
(Information) (Attachment, 7 pages)

Item 9: Program reports

- Jasper County Health Department report

Item 10: Public input: This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on matters that are included in the agenda or a matter that is not on the regular agenda. After being recognized by the Chair, each person may be given three (3) minutes to speak as time allows. Comments and/or questions must be related to the policies or services and shall not include derogatory statements or comments about any individual. Except in cases of legal emergency, the Board cannot take formal action at the meeting but may research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

Item 11: Next meeting Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023, 11:00 AM

Location: Jasper County Office Building, 315 W 3rd St N, large conference room #006, Newton, Iowa 50208

Item 12: Motion to Adjourn: (Action)

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Date of Meeting: **Thursday, January 12, 2023** Time of Meeting: **11:00 AM**
Location of Meeting: Jasper Co. Office Building, 315 W 3rd St N, large conference #006, Newton, IA 50208

Item 1: Call to order: 11:02 am

Roll call: Board of Health Members: Jody Eaton, Julie Smith, Mike Balmer, Donna Akins, Dr. Cope

Employees: Becky Pryor, Kristina Winfield, Melissa Gary

Outside agencies: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Heather Bombei; EFR, Kairee Bishop; MICA WIC, Sierra Stevens and First Five, Heather Miller; Environmental Health, Kevin Luetters

Agencies on Zoom: EFR: Kairee Bishop, MICA: Sierra Stevens, Jessica Miller

Members of the Public: Margot Voshell, Jamee Pierson (Newton Daily News)

Item 2: Margot Voshell- recognition for 12 years of service to the Board of Health from State of Iowa Health & Human Services- Heather Bombei and Jasper County Health Department. The Jasper County Health Department and the Board of Health presented Margot with a thank you gift.

Item 3: Welcome, Jody Eaton, new Board of Health member. Appointed on 12/20/2022 by the Board of Supervisors for a 3-year term. She had training about the local Board of Health role in public health from Heather Bombei, Regional Consultant, earlier this month.

Item 4: Election of Chair for Board of Health:

Motion by Julie Smith that she would be willing to serve as the Board of Health chair.

Motion to approve by: Julie Smith **Second by:** Donna Akins **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

Item 5: Agenda: See 1 page attachment

Item 6: Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2022, meeting. See 2-page attachment

Motion to approve by: Mike Balmer **Second by:** Dr. Cope **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

Item 7: Other Outside Agency Reports:

1.) Environmental Health report: See 1 page attachment

Kevin Luetters and Jamie Elam thanked Margot Voshell for supporting them and her service to the Board of Health. Jamie has completed all annual pool, tanning, and tattoo inspections in Jasper and Poweshiek Counties. Inspections have gone well but will need to do one follow-up inspection in January. All follow-up inspections with local pumper trucks will be completed in January and will need to be in complete compliance with the inspection. All 2022 CEUs have been submitted to the State. Septic inspections have slowed due to weather, but there are a few still installing on nice days. Daily work continues and they already looking into a very busy 2023 work schedule. The DNR grant has gone very well for new septic systems. Around \$400,000 worth of systems have been installed and there are 4 or 5 remaining to complete.

2.) Mid Iowa Community Action (MICA) – WIC, First Five, I-smile:

December 2022 newsletter. See 2-page attachment

Via Zoom, Sierra Stevens stated there has been an increase of 21 WIC families between the Colfax and Newton clinics. They are using a new breastfeeding program to encourage breastfeeding. 71% of Colfax clients and 64% of Newton clients are breastfeeding. The percentage dropped off after 6 months to 33% in Colfax and 36% in Newton. MICA has 2 lactation consultants, and the dietitian is going through training as well. MICA received the state grant to provide 1st Five services to Jasper County. MICA is currently looking for a Child Care Nurse Consultant to serve Jasper County. Families served at WIC clinics are 370 in Newton and 61 in Colfax. I-Smile is identifying the needs in the Jasper County schools and has started scheduling Florida treatments for Newton Schools.

3.) EFR report: via Zoom, Kairee Bishop – EFR is working with the schools, Lynnville-Sully and Newton, to present the Too Good for Drugs program and an 8th-grade at-risk support group. Kairee also reported Your Life Iowa has had over 1,000 impressions through social media, posters, calls, and texts.

Item 8: Budget FY23 update and FY24: Budget date from 7/1/2023-6/30/2024, See 1 page attachment
Becky Pryor, Administrator, will present to Board of Supervisors during budget hearings later this month. The Board of Health is welcome to attend.

FY23– Changes include an increase mileage from \$1000 back to \$2000 (current rate is 65.5 cents per mile), decrease phone to \$2000 and a decrease pass thru grants to \$65,000.

FY24- The budget was figured with the number from the Auditor office for raises. They said to take half the compensation board's recommendation of 12%, which is 6% for non-union but may be less depending on what the Board of Supervisors decides. Union has a negotiated contract and Melissa is the only Union employee. The Board of Supervisors has not approved raises yet, but it is recommended to stay consistent with the across-the-board pay plan raise as approved by the Board of Supervisors. As of right now, we will not have COVID grants for FY24. PHEP grants fluctuate based on needs and grants.

Motion to approve the budget amounts as presented.

- 6% for non-union, but to stay consistent with the across the Board pay plan raises as approved by the Board of Supervisors. Union has an established contract.

Motion to approve by: Jody Eaton **Second by:** Donna Akins **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

Item 9: Public Health Emergency Preparedness: NIMS update, See 2-page attachment

Jasper County needs 8 people with the required Emergency Preparedness training at any given time.

Item 10: Program reports:

- Jasper County Health Department report:

- Home Care: Currently have 8 clients, one started waiver services last month. There have been issues finding home care agencies for homemaker services only, most agencies require nursing and home care aide services to provide homemaking. The few we are working with are understaffed and have no one to see out of town clients. FY24 cost projection stands at \$42,000. Cost may vary due to the number of clients and hours per month.
- SafeKids: At the Jasper County Cares meeting on 01/11/2023 we presented our CPPC plan for this spring and summer and were granted approval. We plan to hold our SafeKids pool party again for all 2nd graders participating in the YMCA Safe Swim classes. We will educate the students and their families about sun and summer safety. We will give out safety bags with sun and summer safety items. We plan to also purchase car seats for the Pregnancy Center as well as Safekids to be installed by a CPS tech. They are available to those in need by appointment or at a car seat check event.
- PPE Stockpile: We still have been giving away masks, gloves and gowns to the LTC facilities and other community partners. We still have plenty of gowns and N95 masks. We do still have some gloves and surgical masks as well.

- Jasper County Cares updates- meetings, resource guide, and projects: See 52-page attachment

Becky reported the resource guide is continuing to be updated. It is posted on the website, and we will continue to update it as changes are needed. Becky stated the providers are looking for ways to help the schools with suicide prevention. They had a good breakout session including Maternal and Child Health service providers.

- LPHS Quarterly report- FY23, Q2: See 2-page attachment
- Iowa's 2023-2027 State Health Improvement Plan: See 16-page attachment

Item 11: Public input: None

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Item 13: Motion to Adjourn: Time: 11:59 am

Motion to approve by: Mike Balmer **Second by:** Dr. Cope **Motion passed:** Unanimously

Minutes taken by: Melissa Gary on January 12, 2023, at the BOH meeting

March 9, 2023

Board of Health

Environmental Reporting to Jasper County Board of Health
For FY2023

Environmental Reporting	FY2023											
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Septic Eval & Inspections	12	18	13	12	14	11	2	4				
Time of Transfer Inspections	8	9	7	10	7	7	1	0				
New Water Wells	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Plugged Water Wells	2	4	0	1	2	1	0	1				
Water Tests	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1				
Pool/Spa Inspections	6	0	0	0	9	3	0	0				
Tanning Facility Inspections	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0				
Tattoo Facility Inspections	0	1	0	0	2	6	0	0				
Septic Tank Pumper Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
Nuisance Complaints	7	5	4	4	5	5	5	3				
Rabies / Dog Bites	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3				
Radon Test Kits Sold	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Any Issues or Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

State Advisory Board

Between

**University of Iowa Prevention Research Center for Rural Health
(PRC-RH)**

And

Jasper County Health Department

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, does indicate a voluntary agreement to guide and advise in order to maximize the potential to achieve the aims of the center and core research project. The project is funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The project is expected to be completed over the course of approximately five years in September 2024.

I. MISSION

The mission of the PRC-RH is to improve is to address disparities in and across Midwestern communities to promote wellbeing. The long- term goal of the core research project is to test strategies for increasing the capacity of micropolitan communities in Iowa to successfully identify, adapt, implement, and evaluate evidence-based interventions in order to increase the health of Iowans.

These goals will be sought through achieving these center specific aims:

- 1) Engage with stakeholders in Iowa, surrounding Region G states and nationally, to ensure communication of the Center and PRC network research findings and products, in order to increase recognition and understanding of applied public health research and the PRCs contribution to this research
- 2) Train and provide technical assistance to public health and medical care practitioners and multisector partners to ensure a stronger public health and health-related workforce in rural Iowa and other Region G states.

These goals will be sought through achieving these core research project specific aims:

Aim1.1: Identify barriers and facilitators to implementing EBIs; focusing on the knowledge, experience, readiness, and capacity of Local Public Health (LPH) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in micropolitan communities.

Aim1.2: Test the effectiveness of two implementation strategies (training and a learning collaborative) to increase readiness of LPH and CBOs to successfully implement EBIs

Aim 2: Develop, test, and adapt all materials (Manual of Implementation and trainings) needed to implement Active Iowa and provide all materials via the web.

Together, the parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually promote the health and well-being of rural Iowans. Accordingly, the University of Iowa PRC-RH and the Jasper County Health Department will operate under this MOU as follows:

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

The research team will:

- Coordinate meetings for the State Advisory Board (SAB)

- Provide a 'Research and Translation Agenda' for center and core research activities for review and input by SAB members
- Conduct center level training activities
- Communicate and disseminate center level activities
- Provide a yearly stipend of \$500 to the organization of each member of the SAB

The partnering organization will:

- Participate in the SAB meetings
 - Year 4-5: Meetings will be three times year and for one hour
- Provide input and feedback on the research and translation agenda
- Provide input and feedback, and assist with the identification of center level training needs
- Assist with communication and dissemination of center level activities
- Provide input and feedback on the design of the research
- Support the research team in identifying and connecting with local stakeholders
- Provide input and feedback to the analyzed and presented data and assist in interpretation
- Help disseminate research study findings and report to the key stakeholders in the community

III. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU is for a period of approximately five years from the effective date of this agreement. It shall be reviewed yearly to ensure that it is fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions.

Either organization may terminate this MOU upon thirty days written notice without penalties or liabilities.

Authorization

The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.

On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development

Signature/Title/Date _____

Using Standing Orders for Administering Vaccines: What You Should Know

The use of standing orders for vaccination facilitates the delivery of immunization services to patients in clinics, hospitals, and community settings.

Standing orders have been shown to increase vaccination coverage rates.

Go to www.immunize.org/standing-orders for the most current versions of sample standing orders.

FOOTNOTE

¹ The Task Force was established in 1996 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify population health interventions that are scientifically proven to save lives, increase lifespans, and improve quality of life. The Task Force produces recommendations (and identifies evidence gaps) to help inform the decision making of federal, state, and local health departments, other government agencies, communities, healthcare providers, employers, schools, and research organizations. For more information, see www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html.

What are standing orders?

Standing orders authorize nurses, pharmacists, and other appropriately trained healthcare personnel, where allowed by state law, to assess a patient's immunization status and administer vaccinations according to a protocol approved by a medical director in a healthcare setting, a physician, or another authorized practitioner. Standing orders work by enabling assessment and vaccination of the patient without the need for clinician examination or direct order from the attending provider at the time of the interaction. Standing orders can be established for the administration of one or more specific vaccines to a broad or narrow set of patients in healthcare settings such as clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, and long-term care facilities.

Who recommends standing orders for vaccination?

The Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force): The Task Force¹ recommends standing orders for vaccinations based on strong evidence of effectiveness in improving vaccination rates:

1. in adults and children,
2. when used alone or when combined with additional interventions, and
3. across a range of settings and populations.

Read the full Task Force Finding and Rationale Statement at www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/vaccination-programs-standing-orders

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) specifically recommends standing orders for influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations and several other vaccines (e.g., hepatitis B, varicella). See *Use of Standing Orders Programs to Increase Adult Vaccination Rates: Recommendations of the ACIP*. *MMWR* 2000;49 (No. RR-1) at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4901a2.htm

What are the elements of a standing order?

A comprehensive standing order should include the following elements:

1. Who is targeted to receive the vaccine;
2. How to determine if a patient needs or should receive a particular vaccination (e.g., indications, contraindications, and precautions);
3. Procedures for administering the vaccine (e.g., vaccine name, schedule for vaccination, appropriate needle size, vaccine dosage, route of administration);

4. Provision of any federally required information (e.g., Vaccine Information Statement);
5. How to document vaccination in the patient record;
6. A protocol for the management of any medical emergency related to the administration of the vaccine; and
7. How to report possible adverse events occurring after vaccination.

Who is authorized to administer vaccines under standing orders?

Each of the 50 states separately regulates physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health-related practitioners. For further information about who can carry out standing orders in your state, contact your state immunization program or the appropriate state body (e.g., state board of medical/nursing/pharmacy practice).

Who is authorized to sign the standing orders?

In general, standing orders are approved by a medical director in a healthcare setting, a physician, or another authorized practitioner. State law or regulatory agency might authorize other healthcare professionals to sign standing orders.

What should be done with the standing orders after they have been signed?

Signed standing orders should be kept with all other signed medical procedures and protocols that are operational in one's clinic setting. A copy should also be readily available for clinic staff who operate under those standing orders.

Do standing orders need to be renewed (e.g., yearly)?

Generally, standing orders will include an implementation date as well as an expiration date. Periodic review of standing orders is important, because vaccine recommendations may change over time.

Where can I find sample standing orders?

Immunize.org has developed templates of standing orders for vaccines that are routinely recommended to children and adults. They are updated as needed and reviewed for technical accuracy by immunization experts. The most current versions can be accessed by going to www.immunize.org/standing-orders.



**JASPER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Subject: Immunizations

Section: Public Health

Revised 03/09/2023

Source: Immunize.org

POLICY: All immunization will be given according to standing orders available at immunize.org

PROCEDURE:

- 1.) The Medical Director or a physician will oversee the standing orders.
- 2.) The following vaccines will be given under standing orders:

Vaccine For Children (VFC)

Varicella

DTaP

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Hib

HPV

Influenza

MMR

Meningococcal

Pneumococcal Conjugate

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide

Inactivated Poliovirus

Rotavirus

Tdap

Td

Covid 19

Private Pay- Adult

Hepatitis B

Influenza

Covid 19

- 3.) Medical Management will be included in the standing orders.
- 4.) A more detailed purpose, policy, and procedure will be attached to the policy from immunize.org.
- 5.) The standing orders will remain in effect until rescinded.
- 6.) If changes occur on immunize.org, an update will be emailed or sent to the medical director.
- 7.) One signature on the top of this policy will serve as the signature for all the standing orders. An individual signature on each sheet is not necessary.

JASPER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Subject: Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan
Also known as the CHA/CHIP.

Section: Public Health

Updated: 3/9/2023

Regulation: IDHHS

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I. POLICY:

Jasper County Health Department will complete a Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan, aka, CHA/CHIP at least every 5 years. This may be in conjunction with the hospital and/or other agencies.

II. PROCEDURE:

We will follow the guidance provided by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services on CHA/CHIP.

III. REPORTING:

Results and updates will be reported to the minimum of the Board of Health, Jasper County Cares, Iowa Department Health and Human Services, staff, and website. It will be available upon request to any one of the general public.

Jasper County Health Department- Progress Report 3/9/2023 Health Improvement Plan

CHA Health Areas of Need and Goals	T	"Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not" Address Need	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Progress Report 1 December 2022
1 Mental Health (Diagnosis, Treatment, Aftercare)	a	Improving access to care via targeted awareness of resources (stigma, etc.) through monthly PR/marketing (i.e. mobile crisis line, proactive education, etc.); 1-2 monthly items marketed.	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton Medical Center, Public Health, CICS, EFR, School, Sheriff, YMCA, Everly Ball, USC	Mercy One Newton Luminare interview. 11/2022 Your Life Iowa information. Shared resources with Jasper County Cares on social media and County website.
Anticipated Impact: Increase visibility and awareness of mental health services in Jasper County	b	Jasper County Cares Coalition is meeting monthly with all local key stakeholder groups and participants; will set and work to achieve longer term goals. Hospital will attend monthly meetings with key representatives.	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, School, Sheriff, YMCA, Everly Ball, USC	9/22 confirmed and updated goals at Jasper County Cares meeting. 10/22 restructured. Meetings monthly.
Anticipated Impact: Increase options for after-hours service for mental health	c	Marketing and PR for Your Life Iowa, mental health, brain health, suicide prevention, gambling, substance misuse, stress, coping, domestic and sexual violence prevention using but not limited to social media, newspaper, radio, bill boards, website.	EFR	Jasper County Cares Coalition	8/2022- EFR Sports Gambling promo on social media, pandora radio. Fall 22- Jasper County Health Dept - social media Your Life Iowa. Jasper Co Care Resource guide.
Anticipated Impact: Reduce the stigma associated with mental health	d	CICS is working to improve income guidelines to help with copay or deductibles by July 1st, 2022 for outpatient mental health services; currently can fund up to 250% of FPL, moving up to 500% for outpatient services.	CICS	Jasper County Cares Coalition	CICS complete. Checked with Jerica 12/2022. Updated plan 7/1/2022. 2 crisis appointments 2022.
	e	Providing mental health services for children; BHIS (Behavioral Health Intervention Services) will provide funding for this.	CICS	BHIS	8/2022 Capstone goes to West Academy, ongoing. Heart and Solutions coming into Jasper Co.
	f	CICS is marketing switchover to 988 (equivalent to 911, but for mental health services) by 7/1/22; minimum of one item per month will be marketed.	CICS	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Everly Ball	7/2022 promo on 988 and dry events in Jasper County EFR. 12/22 update that 988 is getting about 1000 calls a month statewide. 1/2023 Newton Schools working on suicide protocol. Colfax-Mingo Schools updated protocols. 1/23 CICS continues to give out 988 info marketing. 3/23988 Information shared on social media.
	g	Hospital will facilitate a meeting for awareness of services with CICS, Newton Clinic, and Capstone for local provider awareness of most up to date initiatives and services.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	CICS, Newton Clinic	Plan to initiate and coordinate in CY2023 Q1-Q2
	h	Hospital/ED coordinate with Capstone/CICS to work more closely together on partnering to identify high risk patients going through the ER who could utilize services - quarterly meetings.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	CICS, Capstone, ER Representatives	Plan to initiate and coordinate in CY2023 Q1-Q2
	i	Hospital will provide a packet of mental health material to administer in the ED for vulnerable patients, etc.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR	Plan to initiate and coordinate in CY2023 Q1-Q2
	j	Capstone will help with tuition reimbursement for mental health providers	Capstone	Capstone	12/22 Capstone hired Paige Hanson an reduced times from 8 weeks to 2 weeks. Also 3 master level students starting next year.
	k	Hospital will continue to promote and provide Ketamine Clinic services.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Heartland Anesthesia	100% Met. 107 treatments FY23 July - Oct. The volumes are steadily growing. Working with Pain Specialists of Iowa group to help with their volumes. The hospital did 108 total Ketamine infusion treatments during FY22. Staff thoroughly enjoy caring for these patients as they get to see in real time the changes these patients experience with this medication treatment regimen.
	l	EFR/Jasper County Cares Mental Health group will host round table discussions with the schools about mental health	EFR	Newton and Jasper County Community School Districts.	This was complete November 4th 7:30-8:30 held virtually. 1/2023 Schools: Newton and Colfax-Mingo met with NAMI, Capstone, and EFR to discuss mental health needs in schools for Spring 2023. CICS for teachers with teachers and parents.
	m	All Jasper County Sheriff's Office Deputies will be trained in CIT (Crisis Intervention Training).	Jasper County Sheriff's office	Newton PD, Capstone, Public Health, CICS, EFR,	8/22 CICS hosting trainings. House of Mercy trained Jasper County Sheriff's office. Offering Mental Health First Aid.
	n	Everly Ball and Capstone will provide an in-service on Mental Health First Aid, Safe Talk, or other mental health area on coping and stress to all 5 Jasper County Schools. CICS funding will be utilized.	CICS	Schools, Everly Ball, Capstone, Public Health	8/2022 Katie presented to Jasper County Cares about Rural Behavioral Health Team 515-598-1787 no insurance or Medicaid is required, no copay, working on going into schools. LS schools getting education from EFR on CMSG about many topics. 1/2023: Newton and Colfax-Mingo Schools are planning education with staff on suicide protocols.
	o	Ending the Silence education in Jasper County Schools	NAMI	NAMI, Schools, Capstone	11/2022 discussed in Jasper Co Cares. Working with NAMI, CICS, and Everly Ball. 12/22 Bill Ehler brought info about Erik Gistafson 515-290-9400. Julie, Capstone, and interns will head this project.
	o	NAMI walk in Newton, Iowa	NAMI	NAMI, Schools, Capstone	It was held in Des Moines on 9/24/2022. Website: Nami walks

		q. House of Mercy will offer presentations, training, and services ranging from Trauma Informed care to Addiction 101	House of Mercy	House of Mercy, businesses	12/22 Attending Jasper Co Cares, shared info with partners, and Jasper Co Schools roundtable discussions. HOM did training Teen Challenge.
		r. Newton Schools will offer 5 sessions of mental health to students or their families if requested.	Newton Schools	Newton Schools	11/2022 This is ongoing.
2	Substance Misuse (Drugs)	a. EFR will have an IPN grant partnership with Jasper County Cares Coalition; curriculum based support group focused on at risk children two times per year in schools.	EFR	Jasper County Cares Coalition, Jasper County Community School Districts	12/22 Joe reported that focusing more on adults and less in schools. Lynnville-sully 20 students. EFR attends Jasper Co Cares. 2/2023 EFR Kairee will do Newton 8/9th graders in Jasper Co.
	This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b. EFR will provide "Too Good For Drugs" program, general population training; twice per year in schools. NPD will do "Too Good For Drugs" and life skills classes.	EFR / Newton Police	Newton PD, Capstone, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff,	8/2022 9th grade Too good for drugs in Newton Schools by SRO's. Newton PD and Sheriff are offering programs.
	Anticipated Impact: Prevention and Education to communities and schools on substance misuse.	c. USC and EFR will provide a media campaign for problem gambling.	USC/EFR	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, USC	8/2022 Sports betting gambling promo. Penny is contact from EFR. Problem gambling 14000 impressions er EFR 1/2023.
	Anticipated Impact: Coordination, alignment. And shared communication regarding substance misuse services and options in Jasper County.	d. EFR's grant will address alteration to the physical environment (lighting, cameras, cleaning it up), changing the physical location of where use is happening in Jasper County	EFR	Jasper County Cares Coalition, Sheriff's Office, Newton PD	8/2022 Nikki reported to Jasper County Cares about cameras at a local gas station. 12/22 Joe reported lights at a church parking lot across from high school in Sully. Policy made for both.
		e. Jasper County Cares Coalition will help coordinate education and promotion of initiatives - monthly educational items to help with stigma reduction, resource promotions, etc.	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Discover Hope	10/22 Red Ribbon Week activities at all the Jasper County Schools. 12/22 working to do NAMI Ending the Silence and possibly suicide prevention in the schools in March 2023. 1/2023 AM. Lung did a quit line promotion for pregnancy.
		f. Explore implementation and development of stabilization center via Discover Hope/The Well (Restoration House).	Discover Hope/The Well	Jasper County Cares Coalition	12/22 Discover Hope reported fundraising to expand services to build on to the east.
		g. Hospital / Judicial meetings quarterly or bi-annual to discuss resources and education (i.e. jail diversion program, transport to hearings, outpatient services). - Capstone, CICS help promote access centers, etc. will be invited to present information.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Partially Met. Meeting held 10/12/22 with Hospital, Law Enforcement and Judicial leaders in Jasper County. Education from Embrace Health. Betsy started off the meeting by discussing Embrace Health and the key points of the program. Betsy discussed what embrace health was to the group. Betsy discussed there are Licensed and Credentialed professionals MD, APNP, Social Workers, and Mental Health Counselors as well. There are 102 distinct locations in Iowa. Discussed behavioral health patient volumes in FY23 YTD, ITP report on data collection, Clive Behavioral Health update from Jason Birdie, Law Enforcement Updates, and ED provider updates. Meet again in Feb 2023.
		h. Community based crisis stabilization education from CICS for those not determined to need inpatient hospitalization, etc., to local providers or clinics (often patients who have mental health issues but may also have substance abuse involved).	CICS	Newton PD, Capstone, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff	Ongoing. Regularly meeting on alternatives.
		i. DARE program in Baxter, Lynnville, Sully, PCM	Jasper County Sheriff's Office & Newton PD	Newton PD, Public Health	8/2022 police return to schools. 12/22 New Baxter police chief doind DARE. SRO in LS Schools - Dare. Newton PD doing Too Good For Drugs.
		j. Promotion of Sheepgate (formerly known as Teen Challenge) 12-month recovery program in Colfax for men only; Clearview is in Prairie City and now in Newton for women.	Jasper County Cares	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	12/22 Emails, they have not attended meetings. House of Mercy did a training at Teen Challenge. Information added to resource guide.
		k. Marketing of locations of prescription/drug drop-off boxes.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Hospital planning to market on social media during CY2023 Q1-Q2.
		l. Red Ribbon Week at schools annually	YPA	Newton Police, Health Dept, Pregnancy Center, Capstone, EFR	Complete- Last week of October, Red ribbon week completed at all the schools. Ribbons, coloring books, resources, etc.
		m. Education around stigma with "substance abuse" and using terms "substance misuse" instead.	EFR	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Ongoing. See the person campaign from EFR 1/2023.
3	Own Your Health / Preventative & Wellness	a. Exercise, Nutrition, and Stress reduction and coping - promotion of population health - through quarterly marketing efforts	Jasper County Health Dept.	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Baxter opens new playground. 08/2022. YMCA continues to offer a variety of programs. IMPACT has scholarships app for students in school.
	Anticipated Impact: Encourage exercise participation in community to improve health and wellbeing	b. Hospital will promote Phase IV/prevention/wellness program offering cost effective option for continued therapy and exercise access.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Public Health, Jasper Count Cares Coalition	During July 2022 - November 2022, hospital completed 194 visits for Phase IV/wellness or maintenance visits for individuals to perform general cardio exercise, pool maintenance therapy, or cardiac rehab maintenance exercise.

Anticipated Impact: Community betterment and development for exercise and wellbeing opportunities in the community.	c	City of Newton Parks Department created a position for an Activities Director to schedule events in the local parks.	City of Newton	Jasper County Cares Coalition	This is complete. https://www.newtongov.org/155/Recreation-Information Hospital also pledged and paid \$20,000 this FY to the City parks project which will upgrade the clubhouse at Westwood Golf Course, upgrade features at Maytag Pool, create outdoor pickle ball courts and create a dog park
Anticipated Impact: Enhance education and opportunities for improved nutrition and eating.	d	Hospital will donate to YMCA for program support	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Yes, hospital donated to YMCA. Hospital also works with the YMCA to offer colleagues a discount for any hospital employee who visits the YMCA 8 or more times per month. Hospital has also committed \$2,000 donation.
Anticipated Impact: Increase healthy food selection and exercise prevention options/programs to individuals of all ages, but especially the youth.	e.	MCA will receive a McCann grant to provide free soccer to the community.	YMCA		100% complete. 60 teams and 486 children participated. https://www.newtonymca.org/uploads/1/3/8/2/13825648/monsignor_mccann_donation.pdf
	f.	Hospital will donate to Newton Main Street for Splash Pad Project.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	YMCA	100% complete. Hospital donated funds of \$3,300 this year to support splash pad and wrote letter of support. https://www.newtondailynews.com/news/local/2022/02/02/community-support-propels-proposed-splash-pad-project-forward/
	g.	Marketing for wellness/preventative exam services available (lung cancer screens, BMI with new Dexa scanner, mammo grams, etc.).	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Newton Clinic, Jasper County Cares Coalition, YMCA	10/2022 promo on social media for breast cancer, Care for You Program. 10/12/22 hospital Radiology Manager met with all Newton Clinic physicians and providers to educate and market on new Hologic Dexa Scanner and benefits for patients, fracture risk assessment scores, etc. September – Mammogram ad in Newton Community Theatre program; October – Radio station’s Brainbuster Trivia live mention every weekday: “Breakfast Brainbuster Trivia is brought to you by the 3D mammogram technology at MercyOne Newton. Earlier breast cancer detection can save lives.”; October – Mammogram radio ad (weekdays, voiced by Emily Karsten); October – Facebook posts about mammograms on Oct. 3, Oct. 4, Oct. 24; October – Mammogram full-page ad; October – Mammogram ad on cover of TV Guide publication; November – Facebook post about new DEXA machine; November – Facebook post about lung cancer screenings; November – Lung cancer screening flyer in elevators and bulletin boards within hospital; December – Women’s health postcard sent to about 8,000 households in Jasper County, including references to mammography and bone densitometry
	h.	Investigate mobile services that could be offered to smaller businesses and outlying cities - such as hearing screens, lab work, Occupational Health Services, PFTs, etc.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, local businesses	Unmet at this time due to staffing limitations.
	i.	Target advertising/promotion of dental health for children, i.e. 1st five, I- smile. Dental care for Medicaid or non-insured in Jasper County (provided by Mace Denistry).	I-smile	Local Dentist offices, Jasper County Cares Coalition	continues, see Facebook posts. IMOM offered a clinic at Iowa State Fairgrounds 11/2022. 12/2022 switched from Marion Co Public Health to MICA.
	j.	Public Health will learn about population health.	Jasper County Health Dept	JCHD	11/2022 Jasper Co employees working on Weight Maintenance program
	k.	Education to public regarding Salvation Army and General Assistance can help with medications if people are unable to afford them.	Salvation Army	Jasper County Cares Coalition, Public Health	10/11/2022 Jasper County Cares updates given
	l.	Partner with schools on exercise and proper nutrition.	Schools in Jasper County	Public Health, Local healthcare professionals, EFR, Schools, YMCA, Hy-Vee	12/2022 schools have nutrition and PE teachers requirements. Updated the resource guide for info on food and recreation. 10/2022 posters for RRV on healthy habits.
4 Homelessness	a	Jasper County Cares Collation will meet monthly to continue to focus on the root problems, for instance mental health and substance misuse, and promotion of education and resources.	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Discover Hope, The Well,	Restructured 10/11/2022 Jasper County Cares. Webinar 1/10/23 attended by public health. More funding for housing available. 1/23 homelessness point of time.
This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Small group have quarterly meeting at Capstone - education initiatives (referring to Discover Hope, Connections Capstone, etc.) - to better coordinate services	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, MercyOne Newton, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Salvation Army	1/11/2023 email sent about point-in-time count for homelessness.
Anticipated Impact: Investigate and address opportunities to mitigate the root causes of homelessness.	c	Hygiene closets and backpack programs at schools to assist vulnerable children; supplies will also be made available at Capstone, Discover Hope, Salvation Army, and Four Oaks	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Jasper County School Districts, Capstone, Discover Home, Salvation Army, Four Oaks	This is in progress per Julie at Capstone and Discover Hope. United Way back pack program.
Anticipated Impact: Enhance education opportunities regarding homelessness in the community.	d	Continue laundry program with Salvation Army reimbursement with Neighbors Helping Neighbors funding.	Salvation Army		This is in progress per Rita Baker. Judy Monroe from Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Continues.

	e	Continue Rental Assistance programs and educate and market local community:	Jasper General Assistance	Salvation Army, IMPACT, General Assistance, Aging Resources, DHS	8/22 Connie gave a report that they received more funding for housing for very low income. Central Iowa Shelter doing homeless count. HUD funding. 2/23 RSVP is doing rental assistance program. Info put on social media and sent to providers.
	f	Investigate bringing in a homelessness consultant to offer guidance on how we, as a community, can improve efforts to address homelessness, housing and rental assist, etc; Possibly case workers through the Shelters.	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Salvation Army	12/22 Discover Hope is looking at possibilities for short term housing. Offering lunch during the week. 1/23 Point in time event. See flyer. Homeless resources gathered and presented in meeting 2/8/23.
	g.	Community education regarding application and resources available for benefits with DHS (i.e. Salvation Army will help with applications. Aging Resources can also apply for waivers)	Salvation Army	Aging Resources	12/22 DHS is now IHHS. Salvation Army and Connections continue to help individuals. 1/10/2023 Homelessness federal plan sent to group.
	h.	Will provide more community education about homelessness.	Newton PD	Jasper County Cares Coalition	8/22 report less homeless in Newton in summer. 1/2023: Habitat attended first Jasper Co. Cares Meeting, along with Central Iowa Homeless Shelter.
5	Childcare	a	YMCA will offer services to school aged kids program during summer at two different locations.	YMCA	https://www.newtonymca.org/before--after-school-care.html
		b	Work with high schools to generate interest among students to go into the childcare profession.	Iowa CCR&R	https://iowaccrr.org/ CCR&R attending Jasper Co. Cares.
		c	Information sessions once per quarter - for those interested in learning how to provide child care, registration, fit, etc.	Iowa CCR&R	Jasper County Cares Coalition https://iowaccrr.org/
		d.	Promote parent referral line or attend parent groups.	Iowa CCR&R	Jasper County Cares Coalition 12/22 Brenda CCR&R attended the Jasper Co Cares meeting and gave update. 2/2023 see press release from the State about new incentives.
		e.	Work to obtain 5 to 10 year data sheets and information to disseminate to employers to give to staff, etc.	Iowa CCR&R	Jasper County Cares Coalition CCR&R continues to do social media promo and outreach events. Acquired additional grants for child care.
		f.	Hospital will put information in birth packets to give to new mothers regarding child care resources available.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Iowa CCR&R, Public Health 100% complete during July 2022
		g.	Press release/newspaper article promoting data and information provided by CCR&R regarding childcare services available in Jasper County.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center, LTC	Jasper County Cares Coalition Social media information sharing also. 1/23 social media post about MCH services.
6	Healthcare Staffing	a	Local healthcare facilities will offer tuition reimbursement, sign on bonuses, and flexible scheduling, to increase the number of staff	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Hospital, EMS, LTC, Clinic 12/22 Capstone reported hiring new staff. Many agencies offering bonus and tuition for healthcare. Hospital is offering \$10,000-\$20,000 sign on bonuses for hard-to-fill positions including nursing, RTs, sonographers, etc.
		b	Hospital is investigating alternative staffing models.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA Hospital is working on a training program for Patient Care Associates (PCAs) who will be trained on the job and transition to a PCT and can take their boards to become registered through the program. Hospital continues to investigate critical care paramedic staffing models and weekend package staffing models to attract more candidates.
		c	Work with schools and DMACC around career promotion in healthcare (i.e. Career Fairs, high school speaking engagement, high school job shadowing)	DMACC	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA 10/11/2022 DMACC presented at schools and a follow up email about available information, along with last dollar scholarship. Hospital has 5 student volunteers gaining 80 hours each, and 9 student volunteers coming this semester. We also have about 20 coming next semester, from the Newton West campus. Additionally, we are in the process of setting up a rotation, through DMACC's Work-based Learning Program, for the school to include our facility in each semester's Worksite Industry Tours for all of DMACC, not just the Newton campus. This will also encompass schools from surrounding areas that leverage DMACC in their high school curriculum. Hospital has done a few career fairs, including PCM, Newton and DMACC. 1/2023 DMACC continuing to attend.
		d	Hospital Auxiliary will provide scholarships to healthcare students.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA 10/11/2022 DMACC presented at schools and a follow up email about available information, along with last dollar scholarship. Hospital has 5 student volunteers gaining 80 hours each, and 9 student volunteers coming this semester. We also have about 20 coming next semester, from the Newton West campus. Additionally, we are in the process of setting up a rotation, through DMACC's Work-based Learning Program, for the school to include our facility in each semester's Worksite Industry Tours for all of DMACC, not just the Newton campus. This will also encompass schools from surrounding areas that leverage DMACC in their high school curriculum.

		e. Address and advocate against travel agencies, etc. to improve local retention efforts.	hospital, LTC	medical providers in Jasper Co	10/11/2022 DMACC presented at schools and a follow up email about available information, along with last dollar scholarship. Hospital has 5 student volunteers gaining 80 hours each, and 9 student volunteers coming this semester. We also have about 20 coming next semester, from the Newton West campus. Additionally, we are in the process of setting up a rotation, through DMACC's Work-based Learning Program, for the school to include our facility in each semester's Worksite Industry Tours for all of DMACC, not just the Newton campus. This will also encompass schools from surrounding areas that leverage DMACC in their high school curriculum.
7	Up-to-date local ER	a Hospital will have master facility plan with conceptual ER department design investigated and will investigate funding options.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center		Hospital completed preliminary master plan concept for expanded ED. In Fall of 2022, Hospital proposed partnership with Jasper County Board of Supervisors to consider project to expand MercyOne Newton ED with \$2 Million dollar kick-off gift to start further capital campaign.
	Anticipated Impact: Investigate opportunities to plan for an improved Emergency Department to serve the needs of Jasper County	b			
8	Healthcare Transportation	a Hospital will budget for cab services, transportation vouchers, etc. to assist patients with rides home after discharge, etc.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center		100% Met, CICS will pay for mental health patients.
	This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b Investigate opportunities with HIRTA (evaluate whether new grant award will stabilize or expand services and hours or operations).	HIRTA	Jasper County Cares Coalition	12/22 HIRTA receiving more grant funding.
	Anticipated Impact: Increase awareness of resources for help	c Hospital will donate to RSVP to help continue and promote services for rides for healthcare visits.	RSVP	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	100% Met. This is a program we support that pays for mileage for the Jasper County Ride Program. By 1/15/23 we will have paid our annual commitment amount of \$1,200.00. Jasper Co donating to continue.
		d Explore travel opportunities or collaboration with long-term care centers.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Jasper County Cares Coalition	Not met at this time. Newton Health Care Center now providing transportation to residents. Newton Village providing this. Mercy One will meet with Accura.
9	Access to Primary Care	a Hospital will work with local clinic to help with recruitment efforts and tuition reimbursement assistance to potential providers.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton Clinic, Iowa Ortho	Hospital has assisted with physician recruitment incentives during FY23 with three physicians, and 2 in area of FP/OB and 1 FP. Hospital continues to commit funds over several years per provider as recruitment incentive for local primary care physicians joining Newton Clinic.
	Anticipated Impact: Increase awareness of primary care availability and options.	b. Promotion of urgent/quick care services.	Quick Care Urgent Care/ Newton Clinic	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	12/22 promoted on social media and new sign on road. July – Radio station's Brainbuster Trivia live mention every weekday: "Breakfast Brainbuster Trivia is brought to you by MercyOne Newton and the Newton Express Care Clinic, located in the Newton Hy-Vee and open 7 days a week for your urgent care needs."; July – Express Care radio ad (weekdays, voiced by Stephanie Alexander); July – Express Care ad on cover of TV Guide publication; August – Express Care ad in Sports Schedule Book; August-October – Express Care ad appearing weekly in Newton News for 10 weeks; September – Express Care ad in Eat Shop Play Stay publication; December – Express Care ad on cover of TV Guide publication; December-January 2023 – Starting Dec. 26 and going through Jan. 31, Brainbuster Trivia live mention and daily radio ad will be Express Care.
	Anticipated Impact: Enhance options for primary care in the community.	c. Promotion of CareMore mobile clinic services reentering Jasper County.	Care More	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	12/22 not attending meetings. Care More is not currently coming to Newton due to staffing. The Goal is to purchase a mobile health care unit in 2023. They do see patients in Des Moines and provide transportation as needed.
		d. Hospital will investigate recruitment of a pediatrician.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	Unable to successfully recruit a physician pediatrician at this time, but have partnered with Newton Clinic to recruit a pediatric trained midlevel professional (ARNP) specially trained in pediatrics, Michael Brooks, who will start during 2023.
10	Obesity	a Refer to initiatives on priority Item #3			See progress comments above.
	Anticipated Impact: Encourage exercise participation in community to improve health.	b. Investigate resources for food insecurities. Promotion and education of. Food pantry option once every 30 days.	Salvation Army	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA, Salvation Army, DHS, Iowa State Extension, Schools, Farmer's Market	12/22 We updated the resource guide with many food and recreation options. See guide.
	Anticipated Impact: Increase healthy food selection and exercise prevention options/programs to individuals of all ages, but especially the youth.	c. Continue evaluating Elderly Nutrition programs	Jasper Co. Elderly Nutrition	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	12/22 Jasper Co receives and waivers to assist with needs.

11	Affordable Housing	a	Hospital will donate to Newton Development Corporation to help market and promote economic development.	MercyOne Newton Medical Center	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	100% Met. Hospital donated \$5,000.
	This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b.	Affordable Housing advertisement and grant to build the market rate apartments at the old Maytag location.	NDC	City of Newton, Local Businesses	12/22 City of Newton promotes in media, social media, website.
	Anticipated Impact: Bring awareness to affordable housing need for Seniors in community.	c.	Newton Correctional Facility will build modular homes to put on vacant lots; habitat for humanity is also assisting with building homes in the community for low income first time home buyers.	City of Newton	NDC, Newton Correctional Facility, Habitat for Humanity	https://www.iaprisonind.com/store/pg/1321-Home-Building-Program.aspx
		d.	Education and marketing regarding Hotel Maytag Apartments available at income dependent rates	City of Newton	Newton PD, Capstone, Hospital, Public Health, CICS, EFR, Schools, Sheriff, YMCA	8/22 General Assistance received more housing funding.
12	Poverty	a	Hospital will continue Charity Care program to support those below FPL and vulnerable ("Free Care").	MercyOne Newton Medical Center		Through 7/1/22 to 12/16/22 the hospital has provided \$294,834 in charity care.
	This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b.	See initiatives in items #1 - #11 which help address poverty in some regard.			

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February 23, 2023

State Ending COVID-19 Mandatory Reporting

(Des Moines, IA) Effective April 1, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) will no longer require positive COVID-19 tests to be reported to the state Public Health Division. Since March 2020, any COVID-19 test processed in a clinical lab was required to be reported to the state Public Health Division and then to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This type of reporting no longer accurately reflects the prevalence of the virus in the state.

Since the development and widespread availability of rapid in-home tests – which are not required to be reported – the case and positive test counts in the state are no longer as meaningful as they once were. Iowa currently has no mandatory reporting order for any of the other respiratory viral illnesses such as influenza, RSV, and rhinovirus.

Beginning April 1, Iowa's COVID-19 reporting dashboard will be replaced by the incorporation of surveillance data into the weekly respiratory virus surveillance report published by the Division of Public Health and available at <https://hhs.iowa.gov/influenza/reports>. The report will be published weekly, similar to existing reporting standards for other respiratory viruses. The Public Health Division will continue to review and analyze COVID-19 and other health data from several sources, including Syndromic Surveillance which the state has launched through the Health Information Exchange allowing near real time monitoring of illnesses.

“It's important for Iowans to know that the Public Health Division will monitor the virus, just as we do for other respiratory illnesses,” said State Medical Director Dr. Robert Kruse. “The Public Health Division will continue to work collaboratively with our local health departments, healthcare partners in the state, and partners at the federal level.”

TestIowa at Home will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing for Iowans through the end of 2023.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that based on current COVID-19 trends, they plan for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. More information is available at