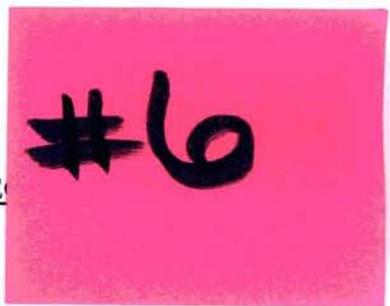


**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) RE**



Date: May 27, 2016

Weekly Agenda Date: May 31, 2016

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: <u>Supervisor Jeremy Taylor</u>		
SUBJECT: <b>Good News Report</b>		
<b>ACTION REQUIRED:</b>		
Approve Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/>	Approve Resolution <input type="checkbox"/>	Approve Motion <input type="checkbox"/>
Give Direction <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Informational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachments <input type="checkbox"/>

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** Honoring Siouxland District Health Department Board and Employees

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors seeks to highlight and appreciate those who volunteer and takes the opportunity tonight to honor the Siouxland District Health Department Board and its key employees.

**BACKGROUND:** The following good news is the result of some highlights that Director Kevin Grieme recently shared with me. He also did an excellent job representing SDHD (and Woodbury County) on KSCJ's Open Line on May 23.

Walking School Bus - Siouxland District Health Department had 10 staff members volunteer to staff the Irving Walking School Bus. This involved meeting at the school by 7:30 and then disperse to three designated "bus stops" on identified routes to school. The students come to the bus stop and then they walk in a group toward school while stopping at the remaining stops to pick up all riders on the bus. We then arrive at Irving around 8:20 and then off to work.

Mercy Child Advocacy Center support - a group of 6 staff members organized events in observation of National Child Abuse Prevention Month of April. This involved wearing of blue on designated days, the planting of a "pinwheel" garden in front of the building. The culminating event was to deliver multiple boxes of new stuffed animals to the Child Advocacy Center for their use with the children they work with.

Miracle League Fields- During the month of April, SDHD staff had the chance to support the Miracle League Fields that are being built in the Riverside area. Their support was by providing a donation to the

project which entitled them to wear jeans on Fridays. The goal was to raise \$800 and when the donations were totaled, they had raised \$910!

Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health- 10 staff members attended this annual update on public health practice. During the conference three staff members had been selected to present information on work that was being done at SDHD. Angela Drent presented on the work being done to assist medical facilities in serving the needs of disabled individuals. This involves education about tools available and also strategies on providing accommodations.

Kevin Grieme provided an update the work being done by the Iowa Gaining Ground Coalition and its' work on public health accreditation. This collaboration reflects involvement of the Iowa Public Health Association, Iowa Environmental Health Association, Iowa Department of Public Health and the Public Health Advisory Council. Funding for this initiative is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and focuses on supporting local public health agencies in preparing and applying for accreditation.

Becky Carlson - provided a poster session on the "Veggie Script" program she has developed. This program involves the donation of extra fruits and vegetables from the Up From the Earth initiative. This produce is bundled into packets that are delivered to four participating medical clinics. These clinics have identified patients that have a chronic disease that are written a prescription for these packets. This is all done to encourage them to make healthier food choices and improve access to them.

Region VII American Public Health Association Conference - Kevin Grieme presented an update on the statewide efforts in Iowa to support local public health agencies in preparing for accreditation. Region VII is made up of the states of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

**Iowa Environmental Health Association -**

Michelle Clausen-Rosendahl, Environmental Division Director has been elected to the position of President-Elect for the Iowa Environmental Health Association. This position is a member of their executive board and will take over as the President next year.

Michelle Clausen-Rosendahl received the Distinguished Service Award from IEHA. This award represents a member who has served on the IEHA committees, panels, boards and has displayed a true respect for the ideals of the organization and environmental health.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive the information.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Receive the information and share appreciation with this great board.