

Poweshiek County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Access to Health Care System and Referrals/Needs: A referral system for knowledge of all resources could help with all of the problems identified.
- Cost of Health Care/ Needs: A resource to assist patients to navigate the Health Care System and look for available funding sources
Education and outreach

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Problem: Motor vehicle injuries/Needs: Identify areas that most of the MVA occur and then methods to reduce accidents

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Public Education concerning Environmental Hazards/ Needs: Awareness training for environmental hazards such as mold and lead exposure
- Deterioration of County Roads/ Need: Resources to restore roads
- Lead/ Needs: Education and outreach to the public and providers
- Pesticides/ Training and certification completed yearly by applicators.
- Water quality/ Poweshiek water association monitors and ISU offers well testing. The community needs to be aware of this.
- Food Safety as indicated by number of cases of Salmonella/Needs: Serve-Safe Certification and training available
- Radon/Education concerning testing and mitigation of high levels

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- Influenza /More prevention of flu with immunization and education
- Sexual transmitted diseases/Need: Follow through with education and physician coordination
- Tuberculosis/Need: follow up and education on Tuberculosis
- Coordination of Pending Epidemic/Need: Ability to communicate with the public in a consistent and effective manner
- Unified message to be coordinated through Public Health/Need: a better Listserve to contact all providers such as the High School, Day Care and the Poweshiek County residents in an epidemic

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

Problems/Needs:

- Communication Network/ Need: All stakeholders in an emergency need to be able to communicate in an orderly way. All need to make the change in the radio systems as mandated.
- Risk Communication/Need: The ability to communicate with Poweshiek County residents in a timely manner to mitigate and prevent illness, injury and death.
- Surge Capacity/ Need: The ability to coordinate a response to a Public Health emergency in the initial stages.
- Emergency Response/ Need: Better coordination from all responding agencies in Poweshiek County

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- Lack of access to healthcare/Need: Physician acceptance, government coverage, after hours care, ability to pay. Needs are; 1. After hours urgent care. (Family Doctors rotate to provide this coverage) 2. Expand Community Care Clinic (Grinnell Health Alliance) 3. Access to Mental Health services and follow up
- Affordability/Need: Payment plans, help to determine what options there are, Health coach with higher focus on prevention, Expanding community care clinic to two nights
- Transportation/Need: more funding for public transit to make it affordable. Making the public and medical community aware of scheduling for transportation so they will be flexible in scheduling appointments.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
The residents of Poweshiek County will have readily available resource information and financial assistance available to become and stay healthy.	Use current coalitions such as Healthy Choices Coalition and the Poweshiek County Interagency Council to gather resource information that will be compiled and available in many forms such as web sites, and written format.	MICA has an Intern each year who might be able to do this or a Grinnell College Intern from Public Health.	If someone is found to compile this and keep updated annually it could be ready in 3-6 months September, 2011

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To Improve access to Health Care in Poweshiek County	Urgent Care and after hours health care available through Grinnell Health Alliance	Grinnell Regional Medical Center	6 months to 1 year
	Expand Free Clinic hours	Grinnell Regional Medical Center	6 months to 1 year
	Provide transportation network through: 1. volunteers 2. Churches 3. Region VI 4. Providers	The Community of Grinnell	2 to 5 years
	Form a coalition of Mental Health providers in Poweshiek county to find resources such as grants to promote Mental Health care access	Grinnell Regional Medical Center	1-2 years

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Sexually transmitted diseases diagnosed and treated at low cost or not cost to prevent barriers to care and treatment.	Patient is given thorough education by provider to prevent the spread of disease.	Providers of care in conjunction with IDPH.	This could begin immediately if a coordinator is found.
	Physician offices and agencies such as the Iowa Department of Health work together to refer patients to appropriate agencies and services such as Family Planning.	Providers of care in conjunction with IDPH.	Same as above
	Educate providers concerning all resources available to Poweshiek County residents for care of sexually transmitted diseases.	Public Health	1/1/2010

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Poweshiek County will have a contact list of special needs residents with contact information in case of a Public Health Emergency	Physician offices will be contacted to supply this information for the Public Health Coordinator and the Emergency Manager.	Public Health and Emergency Manager	1 year (1-1-12)