

NITA LUDWIG

*Board Member since 2015
Executive Committee Member
Promotion Committee Member*

The last 19 months (since March 2020) have been a bit of a blur for Nita Ludwig. As Administrator for the Rock Island County Health Department she and her public health team have been living, breathing, and battling COVID-19. Besides her regular responsibilities of overseeing the Department and its many programs/services, the pandemic has added plenty of pressures (including 7 day work weeks, at times). “I’ve had to do vaccine inventory, case counts, clinic planning—you name it,” says Ludwig. While she has always appreciated the Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI), Ludwig stresses its convening and collaboration role is that much more critical because of the new demands on her own job. “I don’t know that I’d have the time to have some needed discussions [with area partners] without QCHI coordinating and leading. We get so busy in our own worlds,” Ludwig explains. She offers the Community Health Assessment or CHA (which QCHI helps oversee) as just one example of how the Initiative makes a direct impact on the community. “The CHA [which happens every 3 years and helps gauge the health of the community through surveys, focus groups, and other data gathering] is vitally important to the public health mission. We need to get [the health systems, health departments, and other groups] together and make cohesive plans that address all the priorities that surface. QCHI makes that possible,” insists Ludwig. She says so many leaders (in several sectors) know each other, thanks to QCHI bringing them to the table. “Because of that,” says Ludwig, “we can focus more quickly on action versus logistics or the process.” Just one more way QCHI is helping Ludwig and other professionals work together and create a more healthy community.

Board Stories

"We can focus more quickly on action versus logistics or the process."

NITA LUDWIG



QUAD CITY
Health Initiative