

APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT July – September 2016

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the third quarter of 2016 are enumerated in the attached report. The Department continues to work toward fulfilling the goals of our Department, keeping in mind the belief statements that support and enhance our mission statement.

“Plays a vital role assessing and assuring the health needs and trade practices in the community”

Weights & Measures Specialist, Keith Verhagen, inspected the Appleton Downtown Inc., Farm Market. Of the 130 vendors inspected, there were five vendors with unapproved scales and two vendors with labeling issues. The overall compliance was very high. In May Weights and Measures staff provided education to all vendors. The meeting, which is mandatory, provides a great foundation for high compliance throughout the Farm Markets summer duration.

This quarter Weights and Measures staff also provided education and inspections to vendors participating in Oktoberfest. Eighteen booths were inspected the day of the event resulting in no violations.

“Provides services to protect and promote the health and well-being of the citizen and consumer”

July 31, Environmentalist Michelle Roberts, RS, conducted food stand inspections at the annual Art in the Park event. No critical violations were found.

On multiple occasions, Environmentalists Michelle Roberts, RS, and Steve Kihl, RS, have inspected the downtown and Festival Foods (Saturday and Wednesday) farm markets. In addition, they have had numerous consultations with vendors that were added to the markets after the annual spring training session was held. Vendors are held to the same standard as other produce outlets in our community.

This quarter, there were 97 food stand inspections and 3 re-inspections conducted by the Health Department during License to Cruise and Oktoberfest. Twelve food stand inspections were conducted at License to Cruise. Eighty five non-profit food stand inspections were conducted at Oktoberfest. Of the 97 stands that were inspected, 74 food stands had *no*

violations at the time of the inspection (76%). There were a total of 13 violations recorded at 11 food stands during Oktoberfest and 5 violations found at 4 food stands at License to Cruise.

Of the items that are checked during an inspection, some are critical and some are non-critical, but all have a potential impact on the health and safety of the general public. A breakdown of violations found at this year's event were as follows:

- 2 notices of non-compliance with hand washing (lack of hand wash facilities or soap and toweling, improper facilities, inadequate hand washing frequency)
- 3 notices of non-compliance with hot food storage temperatures (<135 degrees)
- 4 notices of non-compliance with cold food storage temperatures (>41 degrees)
- 3 notices of inadequate spare utensils on hand
- 1 notice of non-compliance with food thermometers
- 1 notice of non-compliance with bare hand contact with food
- 3 notices of food stand construction/lack of screening
- 1 notice of miscellaneous violations (milk containers stored in ice intended as drink ice)

Every vendor is provided education on safe food handling, storage and preparation prior to permit issuance resulting in another successful event with no food related illnesses reported.

“Communicates with the public on health and consumer related issues”

This quarter staff provided several presentations and trainings including the following:

July 21, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN, and Becky Lindberg, RN, trained staff from Appleton KinderCare Learning Centers on the Ten Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Centers. 10 staff members attended the training.

September 29, Public Health Nurse Jess Moyle, RN, in collaboration with staff from the Manitowoc County Health Department, presented on the Northeast Region's Quality Improvement Project at the Statewide Prenatal Care Coordination meeting in Stevens Point. 175 professionals were in attendance.

August 4, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht presented to 40 Medical College of Wisconsin students on the St. Norbert Campus in De Pere. The topic was a review on the public health response to blastomycosis illness acquired on the Little Wolf River.

August 29, Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN, presented on Safe Sleep at Thedacare Regional Medical Center-Appleton's Mommy and Me group. 7 Moms and their babies were in attendance.

September 13, Public Health Nursing Supervisor Sonja Jensen, RN, gave a presentation on tuberculosis and other communicable diseases at Mosaic Family Health. 12 Physicians with the Fox Valley Family Medicine Residency program were in attendance.

“Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner”

The State license year runs from July 1 through June 30. This year, Environmental Supervisor Tim Mirkes, RS, made a courtesy contact with 47 establishments identified on our late fee list, notifying them that they are delinquent in paying for the Health license by the deadline of June 30. A late fee of \$95.00 was imposed. Mirkes also made courtesy contacts to 40 establishments that were on the Finance HOLD list for payment owed to the City. This year, no establishments were closed for non-payment.

“Develops and evaluates departmental programs, policies and procedures based on community needs and collaborate with community agencies and providers to assess those needs and ensure high quality services”

This quarter, our department continued to work with World Relief Fox Valley and various partners in the Appleton community to welcome 26 refugees during the months of July, August and September 2016. These new residents came from Afghanistan and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Public health nursing staff provided the initial health screening/review of medical records and assisted in finding a medical home for these new residents.

Staff also partnered with Fox Cities Kiwanis, Appleton Police Department and the Post Crescent to organize a bike project where the refugees were provided a bike, helmet and lock at no cost.

This quarter, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Scanlan, RS, provided all Assisted Living Centers and Daycares in Appleton materials and education related to heat-illness. This information was sent in July in anticipation of 90° plus weather.

In September, Sarah Scanlan, RS, conducted a spontaneous communication test with all members of the Northeast Preparedness Consortia. To test emergency response readiness, an automated call went to public health staff's phone and email contacts, which requested a response. The goal was for Sarah to receive a response within one hour of receipt. Results were provided to Health Officers for additional training and follow-up.

Also, this quarter, Fire Deputy Director Gene Reece and Health Officer Eggebrecht have been serving on the Outagamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee. The revised plan is an all hazard plan which should be completed in the 4th quarter.

“Professional staff works together as a cohesive team by cooperating, communicating and supporting each other to achieve departmental and individual goals”

This quarter staff participated in a variety of trainings including:

July 18-21, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht attended the National Association of City and County Health Officers Conference.

July 19, Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN, attended the training and open house event for the Infant Mental Health Alliance for the Northeast Region. This was held at Childcare Resource and Referral in Kimberly.

August 2 & 3, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Scanlan, RS, participated in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) exercise held at Appleton North High School. During the exercise Appleton Police Department, Appleton Fire Department, and Gold Cross collaborated on a scenario in which a vehicle crashed into the middle of the downtown Farmer’s Market. The idea of the exercise was to prepare emergency responders for triage of victims and collaborate with other emergency responders.

August 3, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN, and Ashley Rankin, RN, attended the WPHA Public Health Nursing conference in Steven Point. The theme of the annual conference was, “Health Equity: Creating Healthy Communities.”

August 25, Public Health Nurse Ann Steele, RN, attended the Fox Cities Housing Coalition Training in Collaboration with NAMI Fox Valley training held at Fox Valley Technical College.

August 31, Public Health Nurse Sonja Jensen, RN, attended the training, “Primed for Public Health – Accreditation Basics”, in Stevens Point.

September 20, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN, Ashley Rankin, RN, and Trish Schuldes, RN, attended a First Breath Program Refresher training, held at the Appleton Health Department. This training was given by staff from the Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation.

September 23, Public Health Nurse Jess Moyle, RN, attended the Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition’s Summit and Strategic Planning Meeting in Marshfield.

September 27, the Health Department staff participated in an annual team building day where we celebrate individual and department accomplishments. This year we also had learning opportunities on active listening and mindfulness. Thanks to Human Resources Training Coordinator Mel Lewis who assisted with committee with speaker selection and training goals.

Encourages the individual to share the responsibility for their health and the health of their family”

On August 6, at the 5th Annual Breastfeeding Walk, public health nurses Jess Moyle, RN, and Becky Lindberg, RN, recognized five Appleton Childcare Centers for achieving Breastfeeding Friendly designation. The five Appleton Centers recognized at this event were: Celebration Children’s Center, Faith Child Care, KinderCare Learning Center – Ballard, KinderCare Learning Center – Oneida, and ThedaCare Learning Center.

September was Public Health Preparedness Month and Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Scanlan, RS, provided a variety of topics on the department Facebook page. This year the department once again provided educational posters and hand sanitizer to the Appleton faith based community. The purpose of this campaign is to prevent the spread of seasonal influenza and encourage vaccination and good hygiene. Each individual needs to share the responsibility of flu prevention.

Health Officer Eggebrecht continues to serve on the core planning team for Weight of the Fox Valley. This quarter the initiative has secured agreements with Aurora, ThedaCare and Anegis Health Care systems to share their electronic medical records to better measure the community’s improvement in Body Mass Index (BMI). This data will be gathered and shared in a manner as to not identify individuals, rather, community wide data.

Respectfully submitted,

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