

APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT October – December 2016

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the fourth 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”

During the 4th Quarter, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht met with the eight contracted Weights and Measures Consortium municipalities of Ashwaubenon, Berlin, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, New London, Ripon and Waupaca. The yearly meetings provide an opportunity to answer any questions about the work we've done during the year, review fees and prepared reports generated on their behalf. All municipalities remain pleased with the work and the collaboration of sharing services.

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

Public health nursing staff worked with World Relief Fox Valley and various partners in the Appleton community to welcome 28 refugees during the months of October, November and December 2016. These new residents came from Afghanistan and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

October 14, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, RN, Susan Larson, RN, and Sonja Jensen, RN, attended the Joint Refugee Resettlement meeting in Oshkosh at the James P. Coughlin Center. Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht was invited to share the bikes for refugee's donation program organized by the Fox Cities Kiwanis Club.

In November the Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Preparedness Consortium attended the Fox Valley Area Health Care Coalition table top exercise. Sarah Scanlan was part of the design committee for the waterborne exercise. The exercise focused on the capability of Medical Surge and practiced for a water related emergency. Several City of Appleton staff attended including: Chris Shaw, Utilities; Paula Vandehey, DPW; Kurt Eggebrecht, Health; Tim Mirkes, Health; Sonja Jensen, Health; Captain Rudy Nyman, Police.

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

Public Health Nurses Ann Steele, RN, and Kathleen Sprangers, RN, created a display to promote Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. This educational display was available for the community to view at the Appleton Public Library for the entire month of October.

This quarter staff presented at a variety of locations including:

October 19, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, RN, Ashley Rankin, RN, Jess Moyle, RN, and Preparedness Planner Sarah Scanlan, RS, presented at the City of Appleton Wellness Fair. Topics included: City Lactation Room, Weight of the Fox Valley, Healthy Eating, and Safe Food Handling. 250 people were in attendance.

November 12, Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN, and Jessica Hermes, RN, a UWGB Student, presented at the annual Health Fair at Lawrence University. Educational topics included: Nutrition, Healthy Eating, and Weight of the Fox Valley.

November 15, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, RN, and Jess Moyle, RN, trained staff from Bridges Child Enrichment Center on the Ten Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare Centers. 20 staff members attended the training.

December 6, Public Health Nurse Kathleen Sprangers, RN, provided the required Vaccine for Children (VFC) program annual training on Vaccine Storage and Handling. 8 public health nurses were in attendance.

“Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner”

During the quarter, health department nursing staff provided 290 doses of influenza vaccine to City of Appleton employees, elected officials, their spouses, partners and children nine years of age and older.

“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”

In October, Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Scanlan, RS, delivered 58 hand sanitizers to 11 different faith based communities to help prevent the spread of flu.

October 17 and 31, Sarah Scanlan, RS, evaluated mass clinic exercises for Marquette County and City of Menasha Health Departments respectively. These exercises help health departments prepare for real emergencies by practicing mass clinic set ups with real patients.

November 3, Public Health Nurse Ann Steele, RN, in collaboration with Lorna Will of the Wisconsin TB Program, presented at the Northeast Region TB Summit in Kimberly. Their presentation was titled, “The Roles of Public Health, at the State and Local Level”. 140 professionals were in attendance.

Britney Stobbe, Administrative Assistant, is serving on the planning committee for the Fox Cities Kidz Expo. The Expo will be held on April 8th at the Fox Valley Technical College. This Kidz Expo is a free family event that offers fun and educational activities for kids under 12, as well as programs, exhibitors and information for parents.

This quarter, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht began his term to serve on the Fox Cities United Way Community Impact Council. This council review and makes funding recommendations to the United Way Board.

This quarter department staff have researched, prepared and finalized recommendations requested from a Common Council resolution related to the keeping of backyard chickens in Appleton. The Board of Health will discuss these recommendations and proposed fee structure in early 2017.

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

Several staff participated in continuing education opportunities this quarter including:

October 6, Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Scanlan, RS, attended the Public Information Officer meeting, held by City of Appleton to learn more about HIPPA laws and how they pertain to public information.

November 2, Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Supervisor, Steve Kihl, RS, and Michelle Roberts, RS, attended an Emergency Response Planning Tabletop Exercise regarding Wisconsin’s ability to respond to a simulated Food Safety Emergency.

November 3, Public Health Nurses Ann Steele, RN, Ashley Rankin, RN, Jess Moyle, RN, Kris Eiden, RN, and Trish Schuldes, RN, attended the Northeast Wisconsin TB Summit at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. This conference was sponsored by Mayo Clinic.

November 4, Nursing Supervisor Sonja Jensen, RN, attended the WEDSS Advanced End-User training at UW-Fox Valley in Menasha.

November 9 and 10, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN, and Becky Lindberg, RN, attended the annual statewide Maternal Child Health Summit at the Best Western Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh. The theme this year was: "Partnerships: The Building Blocks of Transformation".

Respectfully submitted,

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