



## **APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT April, 2019- June, 2019**

### **Executive Summary**

*The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the first quarter of 2019 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”***

May 9, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Weights & Measures staff spoke at the annual Festival Foods Farm Market meeting at the Festival Foods Store on Northland Ave. A record number of vendors attended the meeting this year. Weights and Measures Specialists provided information regarding policies as well as the testing of 17 farm market vendors' scales. The mandatory meeting provides a great foundation for compliance throughout the Farm Markets summer duration. Weights and Measures staff will monitor the farm market closely throughout the summer to ensure compliance is maintained.

May 29, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Weights & Measures staff spoke at the annual Appleton Downtown Saturday Farm Market Vendor meeting held in the Library meeting room. Maggio provided information regarding policies as well as going over rules. Weights and Measures staff tested 26 farm market vendor's scales as well as package and labeling inspections. The meeting which is mandatory provides a great foundation for compliance throughout the summer duration.

This quarter, public health nursing staff worked with World Relief Fox Valley and various partners in the Appleton community to welcome 13 new refugees to Appleton. This service includes a review of medical records and facilitates finding a medical home for these new residents.

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

May 1, Health Officer Eggebrecht requested staff from Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the University of Wisconsin to conduct environmental sampling of a residence in Appleton for methamphetamine contamination following clean-up efforts by the homeowner. May 2, the testing took place and determined that the clean-up efforts were successful, and the occupant and children were allowed to move back into the home.

June 4, Michelle Roberts, RS conducted a courtesy inspection at the Boys and Girls Club food service kitchen at the request of the Food Manager. No items were noted in need of correction. While the Boys and Girls Club is exempt from licensing, it is still important to assure safe meal delivery.

Although at the time of writing, no cases of measles have yet to be reported in Wisconsin, more than 1100 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 30 states in 2019. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the US since 1992 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000. With a safe, effective vaccine available, this outbreak is the result of parents choosing to not vaccinate their children. By choosing not to vaccinate their children, they are also putting children too young to be vaccinated at risk of serious illness and long-term complications. This quarter we have increased our education efforts with Appleton public, private and university institutions to prepare for school exclusions of unvaccinated students and faculty, should we experience a lab-confirmed case. Health Officer Eggebrecht has also communicated these concerns on several radio programs this quarter.

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

April 18, Health Officer Eggebrecht presented at the Appycademy where he discussed the history of public health and the services provided by the department. Participants were also provided a pandemic flu home planning kit.

May 3, public health nurses Becky Lindberg, Jess Moyle and Krista Waterstradt presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Young Parent Conference. Topics included safe sleep, pregnancy and breastfeeding. 42 young parents attended the conference, which was held at Fox Valley Technical College.

May 28, public health nurses Sonja Jensen and Krista Waterstradt presented on Communicable Diseases in Child Care to staff at YMCA Apple Creek Childcare. 13 staff were in attendance.

May 29, Michelle Roberts and Steve Kihl conducted annual training to participants of the ADI farmer's markets. These trainings lead to higher compliance and understanding of food safety issues.

June 3, public health nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle trained 21 staff at the Appleton Downtown YMCA on Breastfeeding Friendly Childcares.

June 4, Jess Moyle, RN presented at the Northeast Region Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) meeting in Menasha about Breastfeeding. 20 PNCC providers were in attendance.

June 10, public health nurses Val Davis and Krista Waterstradt presented on Communicable Diseases in Child Care to staff at the Young Child Development Center. 18 staff were in attendance.

June 13, Steve Kihl, along with staff from Police and Fire, conducted the annual training for new participants planning to have food booths at this year's Octoberfest.

June 13, public health nurses Jena McNeil and Krista Waterstradt presented on Communicable Diseases in Child Care to staff at the Apple Tree Connections where 20 staff were in attendance.

***“Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner”***

April 4, Public health nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle designated the Appleton YMCA Child Learning Center as Breastfeeding Friendly. This designation is based on criteria established for the workplace setting.

***“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”***

April 18, Health Officer Eggebrecht moderated the morning keynote presentations at the Wisconsin Health Education Network conference held in Middleton, Wisconsin. This year's theme was Emotional Intelligence at the Workplace.

Public health nurses Jess Moyle and Becky Lindberg are active in a regional coalition called The Breastfeeding Alliance of Northeast Wisconsin (BFAN). In April, they hosted two Community Conversations. Participants were asked to reflect on their early breastfeeding experiences, and their successes and challenges. The Community Conversation on April 30 was held at the Appleton Library, and included 11 Moms and 9 children.

April 24, Health Officer Eggebrecht hosted the UW Population Health Institute's Advisory Board meeting here in Appleton. This is the first time the Board has convened outside of Madison. Eggebrecht has served on the Board for several years, which provides insight to the important work of the Institute, including the county health rankings, health equity and state policy development.

May 6, public health nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle met with staff from the Downtown YMCA and the Fox Cities Chamber and provided education on how worksite locations can become Breastfeeding Friendly.

June 28, Health Officer Eggebrecht was requested to meet with public and non-profit organization leaders in Chippewa Falls who are interested in Health in All Policy legislation to advance the health of all in their community. There is a growing recognition that community health improvement efforts need to focus on engaging those that often don't have a voice to improve the health of all.

Health Officer Eggebrecht continues to serve on the State of Wisconsin Health Improvement Plan advisory committee. This quarter they met May 20 and June 25 to discuss how health inequities impact the health of all residents.

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

*Our department places a high priority on staff training. This quarter, staff participated in a variety of trainings, including:*

April 4, public health nurse Krista Waterstradt attended the Madison-Dane TB Summit in Verona, WI.

April 16-17, public health nurses Jess Moyle and Krista Waterstradt attended the Maternal Child Health Summit in Eau Claire. The theme at the conference was, “Investing in Health Equity with Family and Community Partnerships”.

May 2, Steve Kihl attended Pest Control Operator recertification training offered by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the UW-Extension. This recertification is required every 5 years to allow the use of restricted-use pesticides used for rodent control.

May 9, Steve Kihl attended training regarding the Recreation/Education Camp administrative code. This training was offered by WI DATCP, Food and Recreational Licensing section.

May 17, public health nurses Sue Larson and Becky Lindberg, along with public health nursing supervisor Sonja Jensen, attended the joint refugee resettlement team meeting in Oshkosh. This meeting included testimonies from Oshkosh North High School students with refugee backgrounds, and held a round table discussion regarding, "Career aspirations expressed by our refugee population".

May 22-23, several staff received state scholarship funds to attend the Wisconsin Public Health Association annual conference. This year's event was held in Wisconsin Dells. Public health nurses Jena McNiel, Val Davis, Krista Waterstradt; Weights and Measures City Sealer Eric Maggio and Health Officer Eggebrecht all benefited from this two-day training.

June 19, public health nurse Val Davis attended HIV Partner Services training in Madison.

This quarter, due to retirements, the Health Department hired two new Public Health Nurses. Valerie Davis started on April 23 and Julie Erickson started on June 25.

Respectfully submitted,

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