



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT October-December 2017

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the fourth quarter of 2017 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”

City Sealer Eric Maggio and Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht met with all eight contracted Consortium municipalities of Ashwaubenon, Berlin, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, New London, Ripon and Waupaca. The yearly meetings provide a chance to have face-to-face discussions about the program and answer any questions about the work completed during the year. The municipalities expressed positive comments regarding this partnership and 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 five new refugees during the months of October, November and December 2017.

This quarter, health department nursing staff provided 288 doses of influenza vaccine to elected officials, City of Appleton employees, their spouses, partners and children nine years of age and older.

Public health nurses Ann Steele, RN, and Kathleen Sprangers, RN, created a 3D model 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.

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

Staff continue to provide a variety of education programs:

October 18: Becky Lindberg, RN, presented at the annual Lawrence University Health Fair. 125 people attended, including students and employees.

November 6: Becky Lindberg, RN, presented on the topic of safe sleep to a group of 12 moms and babies at the Mom and Me class held at ThedaCare Appleton Regional Medical Center.

November 9: Becky Lindberg, RN and Jess Moyle, RN, provided Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare training to 3 in-home childcare providers.

November 15: Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht, participated in Team Up AASD, where he discussed public health’s role in the community at Einstein Middle School.

This quarter, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Kane, prepared influenza vaccine posters that encouraged the public to receive their flu shot. These posters were paired with a separate poster related to proper handwashing techniques and were distributed to all of the places of worship in Appleton. Orders for more posters came in following the initial samples that were sent out. Over 75 posters have been sent out throughout Appleton to date.

“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”

October 4: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Kane, took part in a drill called “Autumn Charge”. This nationwide drill allows public health the opportunity to test their volunteer management capabilities. The drill focuses on alerting, messaging and credentialing of public health volunteers during an emergency. An after-action review was conducted nationally which determined the drill an overall success.

October 19: Congressman Gallagher met with Health Officer Eggebrecht to learn more about local needs and how the federal government’s grants make an impact in our community.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Kane, has served on the State Plan Workgroup through much of 2017. It was tasked with creating an emergency plan template for public health departments statewide. Daniel has been working on converting Appleton’s current Public Health Emergency Plan over to this new format. Once all of the changes have been made, Appleton’s new Public Health Emergency Plan will have been redesigned, newly updated and closely aligned with that of the State. These updated plans will be presented to all department staff in 2018.

“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 training opportunities, including:

October 2-4: Weights & Measures staff attended the annual WWMA fall conference in Stevens Point, WI. The conference was administered by the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Association and the National Conference for Weights and Measures. Inspectors were trained on handling complaints correctly in order to ensure that the highest level of quality service is provided to the customer.

October 9-10: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Kane, attended a training related to incorporating those with access and functional needs into emergency plans. This training highlighted the importance of having plans in place for those with access and functional needs, which will help to fulfill a contract objective.

October 9: Public health nurses Jess Moyle, RN, and Trish Schuldes, RN, attended the First Breath Regional Sharing Session at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

October 10: Public health nurses Ashley Rankin, RN, Jess Moyle, RN, and Trish Schuldes, RN, attended the Northeast Regional Prenatal Care Coordination meeting at the Menasha Library.

October 12: Steve Kihl, RS, and Michelle Roberts, RS, attended the Lead Risk Assessor Refresher meeting at FVTC.

October 16, 23 and 30: Public health nurse Becky Lindberg, RN, attended Milk Mob training at the Oshkosh Wittman Airport.

October 19: Tim Mirkes, RS, attended the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association’s annual conference, held in Sheboygan.

October 19: Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht, attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference held at the Radisson Paper Valley.

October 27: Public health nurses Ashley Rankin, RN, and Becky Lindberg, RN, attended “Community Mental Health Training for Professionals”, sponsored by NAMI and the Fox Cities Housing Coalition. The training was held at Fox Valley Technical College.

October 3-November 1: Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht, participated in the Wisconsin Healthiest State-Agenda Setting Convening, held in Madison.

November 7: Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Supervisor, Steve Kihl, RS, and Michelle Roberts, RS, attended the annual DATCP regional meeting in Waupaca.

November 14-15: Public health nurses Jess Moyle and Becky Lindberg attended the annual statewide Maternal Child Health Summit at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. The theme this year was “Deepening Partnerships and Community Capacity Using a Health Equity Lens”.

November 21: Public health nurse Ann Steele, RN, attended the Housing Coalition’s Annual Report at the Community at Riverview Gardens in Appleton.

December 8: Public health nurses Becky Lindberg, RN, Sue Larson, RN, and Sonja Jensen, RN, attended the Joint Refugee Resettlement Meeting at Miron Construction’s Wenzler Center in Neenah. The theme of the meeting was “A Year in Review”.

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

During National Preparedness Month, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Daniel Kane, put together a sample emergency preparedness kit along with a printable checklist of important items to consider when building a kit. These items were photographed and shared on the City of Appleton’s main Facebook page with a direct link to the printable checklist for download.

Respectfully submitted,

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