



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT July 1-September 30, 2018

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the third quarter of 2018 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”

August 22: Weights and Measures Specialist, Keith Verhagen, inspected the Appleton Downtown, Inc. Farm Market. Of the 112 vendors inspected, there were five vendors found to have labeling issues.

September 29: Keith Verhagen, Weights & Measures Specialist, conducted Weights and Measures inspections at the Octoberfest celebration. There were 28 vendors inspected for Weights and Measures compliance of product labeling and trade practice regulations. Booths selling various items such as prepacked retail food products, herbal soaps and honey products were inspected. These items must be fully labeled and sold either by weight or measure, depending on the product type. There were three minor violations found that were fixed at the time of inspection.

In addition, this year, there were 86 food stand inspections and 10 re-inspections conducted by the Health Department during License to Cruise and Octoberfest. Three food stand inspections were conducted at License to Cruise. Eighty three (83) non-profit food stand inspections were conducted at Octoberfest. Of the 86 stands that were inspected this year, 67 food stands had *no violations* at the time of the inspection (78%). There were a total of 27 violations recorded at 17 food stands during Octoberfest and 3 violations found at 2 food stands at License to Cruise.

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

The State Environmental Health license year runs from July 1 through June 30. This year, Environmental Supervisor Tim Mirkes, RS, made a courtesy contact with all 51 establishments on our late fee list, notifying them that they are delinquent in paying for the Health license by the deadline of June 30, and they now also owe a late fee of \$95.00 on or before July 14 in order to remain open for business. Mirkes also made courtesy contacts to the 31 establishments that were on the Finance HOLD list. This year, no establishments were closed on July 15 for operating without a valid license.

Environmentalists, Michelle Roberts, RS and Steve Kihl, RS have had a busy summer working with the farm markets held Sundays at Festival Foods on Northland; Wednesdays at Long Cheng’s Market Place; and Saturdays at ADI downtown Appleton. They have had numerous consultations with vendors that were added to the markets after the annual spring training session was held.

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

July 10: Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht presented to second year medical students from the Medical College of Wisconsin-DePere campus. He shared how public health and the medical community work to resolve communicable disease outbreaks.

July 16: Becky Lindberg, RN, presented at the Mom and Me group at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center. Four moms and their babies were in attendance and the topic was Safe to Sleep.

August 24: Becky Lindberg, RN and Jess Moyle, RN, trained 38 providers of the Fox Cities YMCA on Breastfeeding Friendly Childcares. This presentation was held at the Appleton Alliance Church and presented in partnership with Outagamie County Public Health department staff.

September 21: Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht presented at the Healthiest State Conference. This event was held in Green Bay. Eggebrecht spoke on the Health in All Policy ordinance and related work that has resulted from this effort.

“Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner”

This quarter, the department applied and successfully secured a State Health Mini-grant to advance our health equity work in the community. These funds were used to support the planning for a key leader lunch and conversation, as well as facilitator training for staff to conduct listening sessions throughout the community from targeted residents who often don’t have a voice with traditional community health needs assessments. Those sessions will be conducted in 2019.

“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, we hosted an outstanding student intern from Lawrence University, by the name of Anna Pell. Anna worked on several projects, including compiling Lyme’s Disease identification kits. She then presented informative sessions to City staff whose occupation takes them into the natural environment. These included staff from Facilities, Park and Recreation, Department of Public Works and the Golf Course. She also put together an educational display to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week. Breastfeeding is an important public health issue that promotes health, prevents disease and helps contribute to reducing health inequalities. The display was on the 6th floor of City Hall, in the display case by council chambers, throughout the month of August.

August 4: The 7th Annual Breastfeeding Walk, hosted by the Breastfeeding Alliance Network of Northeast Wisconsin (BFAN), took place. This year’s walk started at First United Methodist Church in Appleton. The walk is held to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week and to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding. Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle, along with Student Intern Anna Pell, worked with BFAN members to help make the walk a success. There were 118 participants at the walk.

Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle redesignated 4 Appleton childcare centers as Breastfeeding Friendly during the months of July, August and September 2018. Faith Childcare, Kindercare on Ballard, Kindercare on Oneida and ThedaCare Learning Center all achieved this level of recognition.

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

July 31-August 1, public health nurses Jena McNiell and Kathleen Sprangers attended the 2018 WPHA Public Health in Practice Conference in Stevens Point. The theme for the conference was, “Better Together”.

August 8, public health nurse Becky Lindberg attended the Quarterly Consultation with the State Refugee Coordinator’s Office at Fox Valley Technical College Campus in Oshkosh. Food and nutrition were main topics at this consultation.

August 14, public health nurse Ashley Rankin attended a WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System) training at UW Green Bay.

September 18: The department held its annual off-site team building/learning day. These annual events have generated a better understanding and relationship building amongst the staff. Appreciation to Human Resources staff who assisted in the planning and support for this event.

September 25, public health nursing supervisor Sonja Jensen attended the 2018 Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network annual regional meeting at Liberty Hall in Kimberly.

Earlier in 2018, we submitted an application on behalf of our Appleton community, highlighting our collaborative health prevention work. September 20th, Health Officer Eggebrecht accepted the award, titled “Wisconsin Health Communities Designation” on behalf of our community, titled “Wisconsin Health Communities Designation Award”. Appleton was one of 31 communities to receive this inaugural designation.

September 26-27, public health nursing supervisor Sonja Jensen attended a Behavioral Change Workshop at the Pyle Center in Madison. This training was sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Tuberculosis (TB) Program, and is the first step towards a work plan for a statewide TB Prevention Coalition. This coalition of local health departments will work together to bring about positive changes in four main focus areas in the area of TB prevention.

This quarter, the Appleton Health Department hired a new Public Health Nurse, Krista Waterstradt, who started on August 21.

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

Public health nursing staff worked with World Relief Fox Valley and various partners in the Appleton community to welcome 14 refugees during the months of July, August and September, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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