

# APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT April – June 2016

## Executive Summary

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

Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Health Supervisor, 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. Although not required but recommended in last year's report, the manager has become a Certified Food Manager. While the Boys and Girls Club is exempt from licensing, it is still important to assure safe meal delivery.

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

Environmentalists Michelle Roberts, RS, and Steve Kihl, RS, conducted food stand inspections at the annual Xavier Food Fair event held Sunday, May 1. No critical violations were found during those inspections.

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 April, May and June 2016. These new residents came from the Afghanistan, Cuba, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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

This quarter staff provided a variety of education sessions including:

April 4, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN and Becky Lindberg, RN trained staff at Young Child Development Center on the Ten Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Centers. 15 staff members attended the training.

April 5 and 7, Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN trained 11 community members in Youth Mental Health First Aid at Appleton West High School.

April 11, Public Health Nurse Kathleen Sprangers, RN presented on, “Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention”, at Thedacare Regional Medical Center-Appleton’s Mommy and Me group. 16 Moms and their babies were in attendance.

April 12, Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Supervisor, gave a presentation at the 2016 Wisconsin Environmental Health Association Annual Spring Conference. The topic was Beekeeping in an Urban Setting.

April 19, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht moderated the keynote session at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual meeting of the Wisconsin Health Education Network Conference held in Madison. This year’s theme was “Building Capacity for Healthier Communities: Celebrating the Past, Focusing on the Future”.

April 21, Health Officer Eggebrecht spoke at the Citizen Academy held in City Hall. He provided a brief history of the development of a public health system in Wisconsin and the current services provided by Appleton Health Department.

April 22, Health Officer Eggebrecht was a guest speaker at the Fox Valley Technical College. The class was for future law enforcement personnel and he spoke on interdepartmental cooperation using the ICS structure during a public health emergency.

May 4, Weights and Measures staff provided training at two area farm market meetings. Weights and Measures Specialist Keith Verhagen 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. He provided information regarding policies as well as the testing of 30 farm market vendors’ scales. The mandatory meeting provides a great foundation for high compliance throughout the Farm Markets summer duration. Weights and Measures staff will monitor the farm market closely throughout the summer to ensure compliance.

May 5, Health Officer Eggebrecht spoke at the Wisconsin Hospital Association Summit. The theme was to Advance Community Health in Wisconsin. Eggebrecht spoke of the hospital/public health partnership in the Fox Valley where population health is addressed to improve the health of the community.

May 6, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle, RN and Becky Lindberg, RN presented on safety and injury prevention at the Young Parent Conference. 20 young parents were in attendance.

May 9, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, RN and Jess Moyle, RN trained staff at Celebration Child Care Center on the Ten Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Centers. Eight staff members attended the training.

May 11, Public Health Nurse Ashley Rankin, RN presented on “The Real Happy Hour”, at the Appleton Boys and Girls Club Health Fair. 143 children attended the health fair.

May 25, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Weights & Measures Specialist Keith Verhagen participated and spoke at the annual Appleton Downtown Saturday Farm Market Vendor meeting held at the Appleton Library. They provided information

regarding policies as well as going over farm market rules. Staff tested 29 farm market vendor's scales as well as conducted package and labeling inspections.

May 26, Public Health Nursing Supervisor Sonja Jensen, RN, in collaboration with staff from World Relief Fox Valley and the Winnebago County Health Department, presented at the breakout session at the WPHA-WALHDAB annual conference. The presentation was titled, "Refugees: The Real Story".

June 20, Public Health Nurse Kathleen Sprangers, RN presented on Immunizations at Thedacare Regional Medical Center-Appleton's Mommy and Me group. Twelve Moms and their babies were in attendance.

June 30, Health Officer Eggebrecht was asked to present at the Northeast Health Educators group. The topic was Expanding the Knowledge and Networking Opportunities for Health Educators. More than 40 attended the program held at the Menasha Library.

***"Provides services in a cost effective and efficient manner"***

In coordination with Mosaic Family Health Residency Program, this quarter, two resident Physicians met with Environmental Supervisor Tim Mirkes to learn about the Environmental Health responsibilities at the Health Department. By providing this in-service, Resident Physicians gain awareness of rabies follow-up, food safety and food borne illness investigation as it relates to their practice, as well as other areas where the environmental section can be a resource.

May 26, our department hosted a training seminar on syphilis testing. Representatives from the Aid Resource Center and the local public health department participated.

***"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"***

On April 6th, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Burmeister participated in the Fox Valley Area Health Care Coalition design team meeting. Sarah worked with the design team since November 2015 putting together an Ebola Exercise that tested capabilities in Mass Fatality and Information Sharing. On April 8th Sarah attended a training called HSEEP, which standardizes the way an exercise is evaluated. The HSEEP training prepared Sarah to evaluate the Ebola Exercise. On April 13th department staff Ann Steele, Sonja Jensen, Tim Mirkes, and Sarah Burmeister attended the Ebola Table top Exercise. Attending the exercise allowed Ann, Tim, and Sonja to talk through how emergency operations would work during an Ebola outbreak. How our department would respond as a region was also an outcome of this training.

Also, this quarter on April 14th, the North East Wisconsin Public Health Preparedness coalition met to discuss changes made to the Resource Management checklist portion of the Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP) to close gaps in the Volunteer Management Capability. Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Burmeister also shared the work she has done on job action sheets as part of the Partnership's Mass Fatality Plans.

On June 14th, Sarah Burmeister participated in a state-wide exercise, called BAT-16. The purpose of the exercise was to practice the dispensing of medicine from the Department of Health Services to local health departments. Sarah served as an evaluator for the Fond du Lac County Health Department. Fond du Lac County practiced opening a point of dispensing location for their response partners. The exercise was very informative and allowed Sarah to gain more experience evaluating an exercise.

This quarter our department worked with the Fox Cities Kiwanis Club, Police Department and World Relief to collect bicycles and helmets for our new refugees we have welcomed to Appleton. This need was identified at our April Fox Valley Refugee resettlement meeting.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht participated in the Leading Indicators For Excellence (LIFE) Study. At this event held in Neenah participants, reviewed data prepared by consultants then voted on top health priorities for our region.

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

Health Department staff participated in a variety of training opportunities this quarter including:

April 6, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, Jess Moyle, and Trish Schuldes attended the training Parents Interacting with Infants. This was held at the Riverwalk Hotel in Neenah, and was sponsored by CESA 11.

April 8, Public Health Nurses Ann Steele, Jess Moyle, Kris Eiden, and Trish Schuldes attended the Wisconsin Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) upgrade training, held at UW-Fox Valley in Menasha.

April 12, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Burmeister, attended the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association (WEHA) Spring Conference on a stipend awarded to her from the organization. The conference focused on local issues such as local food being used in schools and how to handle local emergencies, such as a sewage spill in a local community garden from an environmental and food safety standpoint.

April 18 - 22, Public Health Nurse Jessica Moyle and Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sarah Burmeister attended the Preparedness Summit held in Dallas, Texas. Jessica and Sarah were able to attend the conference thanks to a training scholarship provided from Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The conference focus was on Community Recovery and Resiliency. The speakers of the conference really drove home that when rebuilding a community, it should be built to better withstand disasters for the future. There was also a special late breaking session on Zika virus that both Jessica and Sarah attended.

April 21, Public Health Nurses Ashley Rankin, Becky Lindberg, Kathleen Sprangers, Sonja Jensen, and Trish Schuldes attended the 2016 Immunization Update: "Community Immunity: Protecting Tweens and Teens." The training was sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin Immunization Coalition and held at The Marq, De Pere.

May 3, Public Health Nurses Kathleen Sprangers and Sonja Jensen attended the Wisconsin Immunization Registry User Group Training in Green Bay.

May 20, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Susan Larson attended the Fox Valley Refugee Community Collaboration meeting at the JP Coughlin Center in Oshkosh. This was sponsored by World Relief Fox Valley.

May 24 - 26, several staff and Board of Health members attended the joint conference of the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards of Health and Wisconsin Public Health Association (WAHLDAB-WPHA) Spring Conference. The conference focused on public health ethics. Staff utilized scholarship funds from State Department of Health Services to participate in the conference, which had a preparedness tract and discussed the balance between protecting the general public and an individual's rights. The event was held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

June 2, Public Health Nurses Ann Steele and Kris Eiden attended the Annual Partner Services Regional meeting at the Schieg Center in Appleton. This training was sponsored by the State Of Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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