



# APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT January 1-March 31, 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”***

January 5, Weights and Measures Specialist Keith Verhagen made an unannounced visit to the Saturday Indoor Winter Farm Market at the City Center. There were total of 17 booths that were inspected. A total of 1,268 items were inspected with only 2 minor labeling violations found. Maintaining a strong presence at the market as well as holding yearly Farm Market meetings and scale tests ensures an accurate commercial transaction for the consumer.

January 9, a small kitchen fire occurred at a licensed downtown restaurant. Steve Kihl and Michelle Roberts met with owners on site along with the Appleton Fire Department and discussed clean-up procedures and food that needed to be discarded. Establishment reopened the next day.

### ***“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 17 refugees during the months of January, February and March of 2019.

Public health nursing staff and Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht worked with Xavier High School staff to provide the second round of 64 TB skin tests to staff and students in February. In addition, staff from Partnership Community Health Center were on site to provide TB blood tests for 19 additional individuals. Both rounds of testing on site have demonstrated no additional spread of disease. After consulting with the State TB Program, we have communicated to the School Administrators and Board of Health that no additional public health interventions are required.

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

February 11, public health nurse Becky Lindberg, RN presented to the Mommy and Me class at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center – Appleton. The subject was Safe Sleep and 7 mothers and their babies were in attendance.

February 15, Becky Lindberg, RN presented at a Health Fair at Horizons Elementary School in Appleton. The topics were nutrition and the importance of water. Three classes of first and second graders attended (52 students and staff).

February 19, public health nurse Jess Moyle, RN gave a presentation at Miller Electric on being a Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace. 10 employees were in attendance.

March 5, Health Officer Eggebrecht and the Menasha Health Officer, Nancy McKenney, were guests on WHBY radio to discuss the Fox Cities Community Needs Assessment and key findings to date.

March 12, Public Health Nurse Supervisor Sonja Jensen, RN presented on Bloodborne Pathogens and Clinical Lab Packaging at the all-staff meeting. All 16 health department staff members completed the annual training.

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

January 25, public health nurses Ann Steele and Jess Moyle participated as volunteers at a Poverty Simulation. This simulation was part of a conversation surrounding the 2019 Fox Cities Reads book, “Evicted”, and was hosted by Cap Services and the Appleton Public Library.

In February, Environmental Supervisor Tim Mirkes provided annual respirator fit testing to the Health Department staff. The annual fit testing is conducted, not only for preparedness planning, but also assures respirators are being correctly fitted to provide effective protection from contaminants such as TB and asbestos.

***“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”***

January 10, public health nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle assisted with the redesignation of Bridges Childcare Center as Breastfeeding Friendly.

February 13, Health Officer Eggebrecht joined the Menasha Health Officer Nancy McKenney to present the Fox Cities Health Survey (phone-based survey) results to the primary care physicians at Hope Clinic. The clinic was interested in supporting our efforts to improve population health. All the physicians and administrative staff attended.

March 13, Health Officer Eggebrecht joined the City of Appleton Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, Library Deputy Director Tasha Saecker and Appleton Area School District to represent Appleton at the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) meeting held in Appleton. GARE is a national network of governments working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. This is a year-long training opportunity.

Health Officer Eggebrecht has been asked to serve on the newly formed Overdose Fatality Review Committee, comprised of law enforcement, legal, coroner's office, first responders, healthcare, public health and other impacted agencies. This effort is to look upstream to determine if anything can be done to reduce premature deaths caused by prescription and non-prescription drugs.

This quarter, we wrote a grant and successfully received funds to support a mentor/mentee program with the Eau Claire Health Department. Over the course of the year, we will learn first-hand how to successfully become an accredited health department. These funds can be used, in part, to support the accreditation application fees.

Health Officer Eggebrecht has been selected to serve on the steering committee to advise the new State Health Plan. Over the course of the year, both phone and face-to-face meeting will result in the next ten year State Health Plan 2030.

***“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:*

January 24, the annual Weights and Measures Policy and Procedure training was held in Madison, WI. Local City Sealers and State Inspectors attended the meeting with State Management. The meeting provided information regarding recent changes in policies as well as the yearly schedule for training and state surveys. City Sealer Eric Maggio was a member of the Policies and Procedures Committee that oversaw and implemented these changes.

February 5 and 6, Health Officer Eggebrecht attended the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards Health Operations Conference. This was a peer-to-peer sharing of emerging best practices for Health Department Administrators across the state.

February 19, Tim Mirkes, Steve Kihl and Michelle Roberts attended the annual DATCP road show in Waupaca for the day. DATCP State updates, Recreational Education Camp training and Health Space updates were part of the road show.

Public health nurses Ashley Rankin and Krista Waterstradt completed IABLE Breastfeeding Champion Training in Oshkosh. This training was held on January 30, February 13 and 20, and March 13.

January 22, all public health nursing staff, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht, and Administrative Assistant Melissa Suttner successfully completed the refresher course for BLS Provider CPR training. The training was provided by City of Appleton Fire Department staff.

February 1, public health nurses Ashley Rankin, RN and Jess Moyle, RN attended the training, “TB 101”, presented by staff from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services TB Program. This training was hosted by Outagamie County Public Health and held in Appleton.

February 5, public health nurses Jess Moyle, Ashley Rankin and Krista Waterstradt attended the Northeast Region PNCC meeting at the Menasha Library.

February 11-15, public health nurse Jena McNiell, RN attended the training, “Journey of Facilitation and Collaboration”. In this workshop, participants were introduced to a unique technology called Integral Facilitation that balances the “hard” and “soft” skills required to build a collaborative, high performing culture. The training was funded through the 2018 State Health Assessment Mini-Grant, and held in Madison, WI.

February 15, Sue Larson, RN and Sonja Jensen, RN attended the joint refugee resettlement team meeting at the Appleton Library.

March 7-8, Jess Moyle, RN attended the 2019 Wisconsin Association of Lactation Consultants conference at the Best Western Premier Waterfront & Hotel Conference Center in Oshkosh.

March 21-22, Tim Mirkes attended the 2019 Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The theme for the conference was focused on communications.

March 25-29, Health Officer Eggebrecht, Sonja Jensen and Jess Moyle attended the 2019 Preparedness Summit in St. Louis, Missouri. Kurt, Sonja and Jess were able to attend the conference thanks to a training scholarship provided from Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The theme of the conference was, “The Evolving Threat Environment”.

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

Health Officer Eggebrecht served on the selection committee that recommended this year’s Health Award recipient at the Celebrating Volunteers award ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

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