



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT October 1-December 31, 2018

Executive Summary

The Health Department's day-to-day activities for the fourth 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.

“Provide a vital role assessing and ensuring the health needs and trade practices in the community”

City Sealer Eric Maggio and Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht met with the nine contracted Consortium municipalities of Ashwaubenon, Berlin, Fox Crossing, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, New London, Ripon and Waupaca. The yearly meetings provide a chance to have face-to-face meetings about the program and answer any questions about the work we've done during the year, update new contracted fees and learn of new projects within their communities that likely will require Weights and Measures services. This allows us to monitor expected number of service days. The municipalities remain pleased with the work Weights and Measures staff provides and the partnership of sharing services.

“Protect and promote the health and well-being of the citizen and consumer”

Health department nursing staff provided 258 doses of influenza vaccine to elected officials and City of Appleton employees, their spouses, partners and children nine years of age and older.

Health department staff responded to an active TB case in a school-age child. Due to the close contacts for a prolonged time frame, we provided testing on site to determine if any other faculty or students had contracted the illness. This requires a two-step process weeks after, due to the nature of this disease. We collaborated with local medical providers and public health nurses provided testing on site. We also collaborated with Partnership Clinic for those requiring a blood test.

The first round of testing did not reveal any additional cases. The second round of testing will occur in the first quarter of 2019. To inform the medical community and community at large, significant communication was provided by Health Officer Eggebrecht. Physicians in the three county region received emails with the parent notification letters attached. He also utilized print, TV and radio to educate the community of the disease and the low risk of contraction of TB.

Public Health Nurses Ann Steele and Kathleen Sprangers, along with Administrative Assistant Melissa Suttner, created two displays to promote Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. These educational displays were available for the community to view at the Appleton Public Library for the entire month of October.

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

Department staff provided several education sessions this quarter, including:

Jess Moyle, RN, gave a presentation about breastfeeding to 7 AmeriCorps members on October 2. This training was held at the United Way Fox Cities in Menasha.

Becky Lindberg, RN, and Jess Moyle, RN, gave a presentation to 46 First Grade students at Foster Elementary on October 8. This interactive presentation focused on handwashing and “germs”.

Becky Lindberg, RN, presented at the annual Lawrence University Health Fair on October 9. She partnered with former Appleton Student Intern Anna Pell, and the topic was Breastfeeding Friendly Worksites and other general breastfeeding information. 180 people attended, including students and employees.

Becky Lindberg, RN, presented on the topic of Safe Sleep to 3 students at Appleton Central High School.

Public Health Nurse Jess Moyle was a member of the Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Panel at the Annual Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition’s Annual Summit in Marshfield on November 13.

Kathleen Sprangers, RN, presented to 9 Appleton Health Department employees (public health nurses and administrative assistant) on Vaccine Storage and Handling.

Jess Moyle, RN, and Sonja Jensen, RN, gave a presentation and participated in a discussion with six Mosaic Family Health Faculty and Management staff members on November 15. The topics focused on were Prenatal Care Coordination, Maternal Child Health, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Immunizations.

Public Health Nurses Ashley Rankin, Jess Moyle and Krista Waterstradt met with Appleton Area School District nurses and social workers on October 30. At this meeting they discussed various Public Health services such as Prenatal Care Coordination and Maternal Child Health.

“Collaborate and provide high quality services in a cost effective and efficient manner”

This past semester, the department hosted Alexis Woerishofer, a Master in Public Health candidate from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Health Officer Eggebrecht served as her mentor and she focused her work on promoting the benefits of seasonal influenza vaccine. Alexis outreached to the faith-based community in Appleton with posters promoting vaccine effectiveness and the benefits of proper handwashing. She also updated the showcase outside of Council Chambers while early voting took place.

“Develop and evaluate department programs, policies and procedures based on community needs”

In October, Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Supervisor, participated in a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) Exercise.

October 30—Health Department staff hosted a lunch and listening session with community leaders to better learn of the health issues important to the communities they serve. This first meeting will be followed up with several community listening sessions in early 2019. We are seeking input directly from residents that often don’t have a voice in traditional methods of data collection related to health improvement.

This quarter, Health Officer Eggebrecht participated in a series of meetings with other key stakeholders to support and provide input into ThedaCare’s community health needs assessment and prioritization plans.

“Maintain a professional staff that works together as a cohesive team by cooperating, communicating and supporting each other to achieve department and individual goals”

This quarter, department staff attended several training opportunities, including:

In October, Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental Supervisor, and Michelle Roberts, RS, attended the annual DATCP regional meeting in Waupaca.

In October, Steve Kihl, RS, and Michelle Roberts, RS, participated in a two day FEMA Training in Green Bay. The course was “A Team Approach to Foodborne Outbreak Response”.

October 2, Public Health Nurses Ashley Rankin, Jess Moyle and Krista Waterstradt attended the regional PNCC meeting at the Menasha Library.

October 2, Nursing Supervisor Sonja Jensen attended United Healthcare Community Plan Innovation Day in Howard. The focus of the Innovation Day was, “Wisconsin Children Living Health Lives”, with the intertwining themes of Trauma-Informed Care and Birth Outcomes.

October 8-10—City Sealer Eric Maggio represented Appleton by attending the annual Wisconsin Weights and Measures 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. A variety of topics were discussed during this year's training.

October 19, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Susan Larson attended Refugee Mental Health and Suicide Prevention training. This was sponsored by World Relief Fox Valley and held at United Congregational Church in Appleton.

November 11, Health Officer Eggebrecht attended the State Cancer Summit: Equity in Action, held in Madison.

November 13, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Jess Moyle attended the Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition Annual Summit in Marshfield. This event was sponsored by the Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition and Wisconsin Association of Lactation Consultants.

November 16, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg and Sonja Jensen attended the Joint Fox Valley Refugee Resettlement Meeting at Miron Construction in Neenah. Topics included the facts and challenges of a refugee's immigration process and a panel-led discussion on the topic of Secondary Migration.

Respectfully submitted,

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