



# APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT April 1-June 30, 2018

## Executive Summary

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

April 18, 2018 a reinspection of a local gas station (Sayash LLC., 1920 E. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI 54911) by Kevin Grosskreutz, Weights and Measures Specialist, detected major violations during the reinspection which revealed 9 pricing errors (3 overcharges) in a 25 item sample. As the National Price Verification Code tolerance is + or – 2%, the 36% overall error rate found in this inspection is a violation, and indicated problems with the store's price control system. Because the store has not shown any improvement from its first inspection and it still hasn't made the necessary steps to avoid simple errors, a citation was issued along with a second warning letter. A reinspection was conducted in May with significant improvement to the price scanning system, resulting in compliance.

### ***“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 3 refugees during the months of April, May and June of 2018.

June 5, Tim Mirkes, RS, Environmental 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. While the Boys and Girls is exempt from licensing, it is still important to assure safe meal delivery.

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

*This quarter, staff provided several presentations on a variety of topics, including:*

April 3, Public Health Nurse Supervisor Sonja Jensen, RN, presented on Tuberculosis and Other Communicable Diseases to Resident Family Practice Physicians at Mosaic Family Health Center. Fourteen physicians attended the presentation.

April 5, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht presented to the staff of the Winnebago County Health Department. The topic requested was Appleton’s Health in All Policies ordinance and the expected outcomes of the work.

April 14, Public Health Nurse Jess Moyle, RN, represented the Breastfeeding Alliance of Northeast Wisconsin at the Kids Expo, held at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton.

May 4, Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN presented on Safe Sleep at the Young Parent Conference at Fox Valley Technical College. Forty young parents were in attendance.

May 9, 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. Keith provided information regarding policies as well as the testing of 21 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 31, City Sealer Eric Maggio and Keith Verhagen participated and spoke at the annual Appleton Downtown Saturday Farm Market Vendor meeting in the Library meeting room. City Sealer Maggio provided information regarding policies as well as going over rules. Weights and Measures staff tested 23 farm market vendor’s scales as well as package and labeling inspections. The meeting provides an educational foundation resulting in 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 31, Health inspectors also conducted annual training to participants of the ADI farmer’s markets. On June 21, they conducted the annual training for new participants planning to attend Oktoberfest.

June 24, Jess Moyle, RN presented at the Weight of the Fox Valley Wellness Collaboration meeting about the benefits of being a Breastfeeding Friendly business. Thirty-three community partners were in attendance.

June 27, Public Health Nurse Ann Steele, RN, as part of the Fox Valley Memory Project, staffed a resource table at a production of the play, “Painting Churches”. This was an Attic Chamber Theatre Production held in Menasha.

***“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”***

Public Health Nurse Becky Lindberg, RN, provided TB skin testing for Appleton Fire Department employees and staff at Homeless Connections in May. Eighty-three screenings were completed.

April 10, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht participated in the Wisconsin Health Education Network annual meeting held in Middleton. Eggebrecht serves on the planning committee for this annual training.

April 11, In coordination with Mosaic Family Health Residency Program, two resident physicians met with Environmental Supervisor Tim Mirkes, RS, 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 foodborne illness investigation as it relates to their practice, as well as other areas where the environmental section can be a resource.

May 15, the management team at the Appleton Health Department participated in an emergency management exercise called “Dark Sky”. This exercise allowed us to review and share what steps we would take to respond to a long term power outage.

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

Public Health Nurse Ann Steele was nominated, and was a finalist, for the 2018 Nightingale Award. The prestigious Nightingale Award for Nursing Practice, named in honor of Florence Nightingale, recognizes some of Wisconsin’s best nurses for excellence in clinical nursing practice. Ann was honored at the Nightingale Event, which took place on April 12 at UW Oshkosh. The comment from the nominating committee was, “You truly reflect what it means to be an amazing nurse and your exceptional dedication to provide your patients with the best care does not go unnoticed”.

This quarter, Environmentalists Michelle Roberts, RS and Steve Kihl, RS both successfully passed their restandardization exercises. The purpose of standardization is to promote statewide uniformity and establish proof of Inspector proficiency in the Food establishment inspection process. It focuses on risk factors that contribute to foodborne illnesses.

The Appleton Health Department hired a new Public Health Nurse, Jena McNiell, who started on April 30, 2018.

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

April 16-20, Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht, Public Health Nurse Ann Steele and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Daniel Kane attended the 2018 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. Kurt, Ann and Daniel were able to attend the conference thanks to a training scholarship provided from Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The theme of the conference was, “Strengthening National Health Security: Mastering Ordinary Responses, Building Resilience for Extraordinary Events”.

April 24, all public health nursing staff attended a training in Appleton on Cardiovascular Health. This presentation was given by Mohamed Abdelazim, RN, who completed his UWGB BSN clinical with the Appleton Health Department this spring.

April 25, Public Health Nurses Kathleen Sprangers and Sonja Jensen attended the Wisconsin Immunization Registry User Group Meeting in Green Bay.

April 26, Public Health Nurses Ashley Rankin, Jess Moyle, Kathleen Sprangers and Sonja Jensen attended the Northeast Wisconsin Immunization Symposium at The Marq in De Pere. The theme of the symposium was, "Communicating about Vaccines: Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy".

May 18, Public Health Nurses Becky Lindberg, and Sonja Jensen attended the joint refugee resettlement team meeting in Oshkosh. The topic of focus was "Long Term Integration".

May 22, Public Health Nurses Jess Moyle and Sonja Jensen attended a WEDSS update training in Green Bay.

May 22-24, Public Health Nurses Jena McNeil, Jess Moyle and Sonja Jensen, along with Health Officer Kurt Eggebrecht, attended the combined Wisconsin Public Health Association and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards conference in Green Bay. The 2018 theme was: "Leading the Evolution of Public Health".

June 12, Public Health Nurses Ashley Rankin and Jess Moyle attended the Northeast Region PNCC meeting at the Menasha Library. Topics included a presentation on perinatal depression and a question and answer session with Katie Kopina Buser, Nurse Midwife from Aurora Health Care.

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

May 19, The Ancestral Women Exhibit: Wisconsin's 12 tribes, featuring Mary Burns, took place at Atlas Mills. Health Officer Eggebrecht worked with tribal members and the Women's Fund to offer Native American Arts and Crafts, Gii Taa'se Singers Drum Group, Traditional Invocation by Menominee Elder and Mary Burns' presentation. The goal of the exhibit was to honor and celebrate ancestral women from each of Wisconsin's tribes. These are the women who have held families and communities together. They are the glue in the fabric of their communities' wellbeing.

June 16 was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Services Inc. Butterfly Festival, held at City Park. This is a fun event that raises funds to support Parent Connections, a child abuse prevention program that our department collaborates with on a regular basis. Health Officer Eggebrecht serves on the Board for Family Services and partners with the Fox Cities Kiwanis to support this effort that raised more than \$50,000 this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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