

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**July 13, 2010**

**DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health**

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**MONTH: June, 2010**

**Highlights**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
6/1/2010	Completion of the Technical Assistance Review (TAR) with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS).	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	The Racine Health Department (RHD) is included in the Milwaukee statistical area for the Cities Readiness Initiative which requires the RHD to have a plan to provide oral medications to the entire population of the Racine Health Department jurisdiction within 48 hours. The WI DHS conducted a review of the RHD Mass Clinic Plan using the TAR tool and awarded the RHD's plan a score of 91 points out of a possible 100. A score above 90 is considered excellent and exempts the health department from needing further review. This was a positive and meaningful interaction and proved our planning efforts are important and we are meeting expectations.
6/2/10	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Demonstration and introduction of the state's new database for the Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Division of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health	The state has purchased a new database for the Food Safety and Recreational Licensing division. The program is called HEALTH SPACE and will track inspections, licensing of establishments, renewals, etc. for all the agent programs for the division (ex. Restaurant licensing, pools, tattoo and body art, hotel/motels, bed and breakfasts, etc.) State inspectors are currently using the program with many agent health departments utilizing it as well. We have completed the initial phases for obtaining and using the program. HEALTSPACE is currently reviewing Racine's application for use of the program including a listing of our licensed establishments and loading necessary fees and licensing information for our program. We will be scheduled to go live with the program after additional training is provided and licensing information is programmed into the system. We hope to be fully utilizing the program by September of 2010. The HEALTSPACE program is provided to us free of charge and will greatly improve our licensing and inspection program by making it more efficient. This has been a very positive and worthwhile activity.
6/8/2010	Listeria testing for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)	Sampling program for the WDATCP	Environmental Health staff collected a total of 30 samples for Listeria testing at three different retail stores. Samples were collected from food production areas including food contact surfaces (equipment, countertops) and non-contact food surfaces (door handles, scale key pads). All 30 samples tested negative for Listeria.

6/11/10 6/18/10	Racine Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services City Administration Department of Public Works JJR Consulting SC Johnson	Discussion of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain	Meeting to discuss Laurel Clark Fountain maintenance and policies and procedures for the operation of the fountain for the 2010 season. Discussion took place regarding modifications needed to meet state regulations for operation of the splash pad. The fountain plans include opening to the public in the beginning of July. Additional meetings will be conducted in July to discuss modifications to the fountain for the 2011 summer season. These meetings were positive experiences and resulted in plans for the 2010 season with future meetings for additional planning to be scheduled.
6/22/10	Racine County Housing Authority	Section 8 Housing meeting with property owners	Presentation at Gateway Technical College to approximately 10 Housing Authority landlords. Topics included lead paint statistics for Racine and the state of Wisconsin, local and federal lead paint laws, and procedures for elevated lead level cases. An overview of current city programs was also provided (ie lead education/outreach, Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership, City Loan program, free blood testing in the clinic, etc.). Many of the landlords were interested in taking advantage of the Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership Program to have lead abatement completed in their rental units proactively. This was a positive experience that provided meaningful dialogue with area landlords and the importance of lead poisoning prevention.
6/29/10	Eco Justice Center	Meet and interact with care taker of the chickens	Tour of the Eco Justice center including chicken and other coops located at the center. This meeting was a very positive interaction and resulted in us experiencing and interacting with chickens and gaining additional knowledge of requirements for keeping and caring for poultry.

### Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (initial and follow-up)	73	527
Lead Inspections (initial)	7	26
Lead Inspections (follow-up)	89	338
Nuisance Animal Investigations	11	61
Animal Bites	22	78
Restaurant Inspections (initial and follow-up)	173	914
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (new food establishments)	6	20
New permits released	5	18
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	3/3	21/18
Dog Licenses Issued	112	3320
Cat Licenses Issued	18	737
Pet Fancier's Permits Issued	2	74

### Outcome Achievements:

- Preliminary reports identify that ninety-six (96) children were first tested for lead poisoning; three (3) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 3.1 percent.
- Preliminary reports identify two hundred twenty-three (223) children as being tested for lead poisoning; nine (9) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 4.0 percent.