

**Board of Health Meeting
May 11, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health

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MONTH: April, 2010

Highlights:

- Staff coordinated and participated in the **Racine County Free Medication Drop Off** held at the City of Racine household hazardous waste drop off site on Saturday April 17. A total of 526 cars participated. Sixty (60) pounds of controlled medications were collected and turned over to the Racine Police Department for incineration. Law enforcement personnel must take possession of all controlled medication as per Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) regulations. Statistics for the total pounds of unwanted medication collected are not yet available. Veolia Environmental Services takes possession of and disposes of the unwanted medication. Seventeen large barrels of medication were collected. In addition to the medication we recycled plastic bags, plastic bottles, and cardboard.
- The ***Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership*** has completed lead abatement in 3 Racine homes and 1 Kenosha home to date for the new grant that started January 2010. The program has a goal of identify and controlling lead hazards in at least 125 homes in each community (250 total). Staff is in the process of contacting individuals on the waiting list from the previous grant. The program is off to a strong start. The grant is also providing education and outreach for lead poisoning prevention.

Activities:

	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (initial and follow-up)	88	352
Lead Inspections (initial)	4	19
Lead Inspections (follow-up)	92	248
Nuisance Animal Investigations	17	40
Animal Bites	17	37
Restaurant Inspections (initial and follow-up)	143	453
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (new food establishments)	5	13
New permits released	5	12
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	3/2	11/14
Dog Licenses Issued		3,211
Cat Licenses Issued		712
Pet Fanciers' Permits Issued		69

Outcomes:

- Preliminary reports identify that one hundred ten (110) children were first tested for lead poisoning; one (1) had an elevated blood lead level ($>9\mu\text{g/dL}$), or 1 percent.
- Preliminary reports identify two hundred forty-three (243) children as being tested for lead poisoning; six (6) had an elevated blood lead level ($>9\mu\text{g/dL}$), or 2.5 percent.

DATE	MEETING	PURPOSE	OUTCOME
4/1/10	Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Food Safety and Recreational Licensing, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health (M. Fernholz, B. Carlson, Matt)	Meeting with Shane Sanderson, manager of the Recreational Water Program for the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health	Review conducted of several licensed pool facilities within the City of Racine, provided training and program updates to staff.
4/9/10	Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Webinar to discuss the upcoming conversion of the Systematic Tracking of Elevated Lead Levels and Remediation (STELLAR) to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS)	Advisory group recommended taking a conservative approach with address matching for lead locations—looking for exact matches only. They suggested removing the street suffix and/or apartment numbers. There was consensus that this was not a good idea because we have streets with the same name (i.e. 6 th St. and 6 th Ave.) and there aren't enough resources to conduct lead risk assessments on large apartment complexes so an apartment number is needed to distinguish which unit was inspected. These concerns will be taken back to the committee and a follow up meeting will be scheduled.
4/13/10	Racine County Emergency Management (M. Breheim)	Review and update the County Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)	Updates and suggestions for changes were made to the Emergency Support Functions (ESF) concerning public health within the Racine County Emergency Management Plan. Updates to the CEMP are made every five years.
4/13/10	City of Green Bay (M. Fernholz)	Meeting with Green Bay officials to review housing and redevelopment efforts underway in Green Bay.	Green Bay has a nuisance abatement team. They act aggressively toward problem properties and use several enforcement tools to gain compliance. The Mayor will follow up and assess Racine's current programs.
4/28/10	The Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc.	Strategic planning session for development of a five year plan for the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency	Completed focus group summary to be used in the development the five year plan.
4/30/10	Closed Dispensing Sites for Cities Readiness Initiative and the Technical Assistance Review for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) (M. Breheim)	Developed a survey for potential closed dispensing sites to assess feasibility and discuss the TAR requirements with Caledonia Mount Pleasant Health Department (CMPHD)	Developed a survey tool to be administered to local business, residential facilities and churches to identify current points of contact and the number of people who work, reside or attend the facility that will likely be used as closed dispensing site to reduce the burden of population that will attend mass clinics.