

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MAY 13, 2008
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:**

- On April 24, 2008 the City of Racine Health Department in cooperation with the National Kidney Foundation hosted Dr. Lia Knox, PhD, LCPC, at the 21st Century Preparatory School. She presented a program "Say Goodbye to the Blues and HELLO to a Healthier You!" Dr. Knox spoke about depression and how to treat it in a very uplifting presentation. There were over 50 participants primarily from the African American community.
- We continued to work on the October 31, 2007 disease outbreak at Racine Unified School District (RUSD) Middle Schools. We participated in a conference call on April 23rd with the FDA and the State Department of Health and Family Services to review the incident and clarify some of the findings. The investigation is ongoing and the Food and Drug Administration has the case under review.
- Ms. Marcia Fernholz and Ms. Michele Breheim presented the *RUSD Middle School Outbreak October 31, 2007* at the annual Wisconsin Environmental Health Association conference in Stevens Point, WI.
- On April 18th, Ms. Michele Breheim was interviewed on WRJN radio about the role of public health during the current measles outbreak.

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	100	368
Lead Inspections (<i>initial</i>)	2	7
Lead Inspections (<i>follow-up</i>)	63	178
Nuisance Animal Investigations	44	95
Animal Bites	10	30
Restaurant Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	99	337
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (<i>new food establishments</i>)	3	11
New permits released	1	12
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	1/4	4/10

Outcome Achievements:

- Two hundred and ninety (290) children tested for lead poisoning had blood lead levels between zero and nine ug/dL (0-9 ug/dL).
- Preliminary reports identify that one hundred (100) children were first tested for lead poisoning; one (1) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 1 %.
- Preliminary reports identify a total of two hundred and ninety seven (297) children as being tested for lead poisoning; seven (7) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 2.4 %.
- The number of 2008 city dog licenses obtained to date is three thousand two hundred and fifty (3,250).
- The number of 2008 cat licenses obtained to date is seven hundred and seventy nine (779).
- Seventy nine (79) pet fanciers' permits have been issued in 2008.

**MEETINGS/TRAINING
APRIL 2008**

Date	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
3/31 – 4/7	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Lincoln Village Convalescent Center	Assisted in the investigation of a norovirus outbreak at the nursing home
4/1	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Wisconsin Environmental Health Association (WEHA)	Attended the WEHA annual conference in Stevens Point and presented information regarding the <i>RUSD Middle School Outbreak October 31, 2007</i>
4/2 4/7 4/9 4/8 4/10	M. Fernholz M. Breheim	Milwaukee County Emergency Management/Waukesha County Technical College	Attended Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training in Incident Command (ICS 300 and ICS 400) utilizing NIMS (National Incident Management System) at Mitchell International Airport
4/5	K. Marquez B. Carlson	Community Action Agency of Racine and Kenosha	Conducted lead outreach at the Energy Assistance Fair at Martin Luther King Center
4/8	D. Mazius M. Fernholz	Wellness meeting	Monthly meeting to discuss the City of Racine wellness program and plans and goals for 2008
4/9 -current	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) Communicable Disease/Vaccine Preventable Disease	Assisted in the investigation of a measles case in the City of Racine and reports of suspect cases. Participated in several phone conferences with the state/SE region.
4/10	M. Fernholz B. Carlson K. Marquez	CLEAR Meeting	Collaborative planning meeting for lead elimination committee
4/14	M. Breheim	Antiviral Distribution Policy webcast	Review the state's new Antiviral Distribution Policy and how it will be used during a pandemic influenza.
4/15	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Medication Collection Day meeting	Plan for April 19 th Medication Collection Day
4/15	Environmental Health Staff	Racine Health Department	Bimonthly Staff meeting for current health department information, staff updates, presentations, etc.
4/17	M. Fernholz	Racine Loan Board	Review loan applications for City of Racine loan program and discuss housing issues
4/17	M. Breheim	City of Racine Employees (CORE) Wellness Program	Collected specimens and performed glucose and cholesterol screening on city employees (City Hall Annex/City Hall) for the CORE Wellness Program

4/18	M. Breheim	WRJN Radio	Participated in a radio show at WRJN and discussed the role of public health during the current measles outbreak. Also discussed the upcoming Medication Collection Day
4/18	B. Carlson M. Fernholz D. McLemore	Department of Health and Family Services	Meeting with State staff to discuss an informal hearing for lead contractor license revocation
4/19	M. Breheim M. Fernholz J. Zlevor	Racine Health Department Caledonia Mt. Pleasant Health Department	Participated at the Medication Collection Day
4/21	M. Fernholz	Racine Housing Coalition	Meeting to discuss housing issues in the City of Racine
4/21	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium	Tri-County Consortium BOD meeting
4/21	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium	Tri-County Consortium Full Membership meeting and conducted a presentation regarding the <i>RUSD Middle School Outbreak October 31, 2007</i> for the group
4/21	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium Objectives Committee meeting	Discuss common grant objectives with local preparedness partners
4/23	K. Marquez	Twenty First Century Preparatory School	Meeting to discuss lead poisoning prevention outreach activities with staff
4/23	M. Breheim	Racine County Healthcare Networking Meeting for Emergency Preparedness	Coordinate preparedness planning with local residential care facilities
4/25	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Pandemic Influenza Forum for Businesses	Promote pandemic influenza planning for local businesses
4/25	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Healthiest Racine	Plan for the Racine Community Health Improvement Plan listening session
4/28	M. Breheim	Racine Health Department	Facilitated access to the HAN (Health Alert Network), conducted respiratory fit testing and provided training on the city's blood borne pathogen and respiratory protection plans to two new health department employees
4/29-4/30	M. Breheim	Incident Management/Unified Command for Terrorism/CBRNE Incidents	To learn how to use the incident command system to support the management of expanding type 3 or higher incidents and review current trends in terrorism and weapons of mass destruction