

**City of Racine Board of Health
August 14, 2012**

DEPARTMENT: Administration
PREPARED BY: Dottie-Kay Bowersox, MSA
MONTH: June 2012

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
May 2011 through 2012	HD Budget	Develop Individual Budgets for Every HD Program / Service	Exceedingly time consuming endeavor that will enable HD Personnel to enhance their current facilitation of finances / programs and will be phased into the HD's organizational plan. All formats have been developed and approved by City finance.
July 2011 through 2012	Committee of the Whole	Presentation for Proposed Tobacco Ordinance	This item has not yet been rescheduled for further review / discussion by the Committee of the Whole. See survey results at the end of this report.
November 2010 through December 2012	Animal Control	Provide an Overview to Date of Animal Control Efforts	Communication continues with the selected architects / real estate agent / property owners / collaborators in the evaluation of options.
April 2012 through 2012	Urban Chickens	Continue with City Ordinance Recommendations	Several community members have contacted the HD to continue discussions on this issue.
January 2012 through 2012	Update / Revise HD Job Descriptions	Continuation of this Process	Research / review / update all HD positions. This is an ongoing project.
January 2011 through December 2012	Animal Licensing and Regulations	Discuss Opportunities as a County on the Reporting of Rabies Vaccinations	Develop a plan to process animal licenses and potential collaboration of rabies vaccination notification. In addition, revise the City of Racine's animal control ordinances. This is a complicated process.
March 2012 through October 2012	City Maintenance	Discussing Cleaning / Products	Determine appropriateness of current cleaning schedules, products, and policies.

			New recommendations have been presented.
July 12, 2012	Administrative Assistant Interviews	Select a Candidate for the Vacant Position	Wynn Brown was selected as the new Administrative Assistant with a start date of August 13, 2012. Welcome Ms. Brown.
July 17, 2012	Child Death Review (CDR) / Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)	Determine Sustainability	The three Racine County Health Departments, County Representatives, and the Children's Alliance met to discuss the framework for a potential FIMR project. In addition, the CDR Team met to review / discuss cases of child deaths in Racine County.

PROGRAMS: Wisconsin Well Woman Program of Racine County, Greater Racine County Mammogram Coalition (Susan G. Komen Grant), Racine County Breast and Cervical Health Fund (Scholarship Program)

PREPARED BY: Sarah Clemons, CHES, Public Health Educator II

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Ongoing	Press Release Production	Inform the Community and City Officials of Current Events	Sarah Clemons is one of the designated Public Information Officers (PIO) for the HD. At my request she has been compiling information concerning programming, services, personnel, and public health matters.

PROGRAM: City Wellness Initiative

PREPARED BY: Debbie Herz-Mazius, RN

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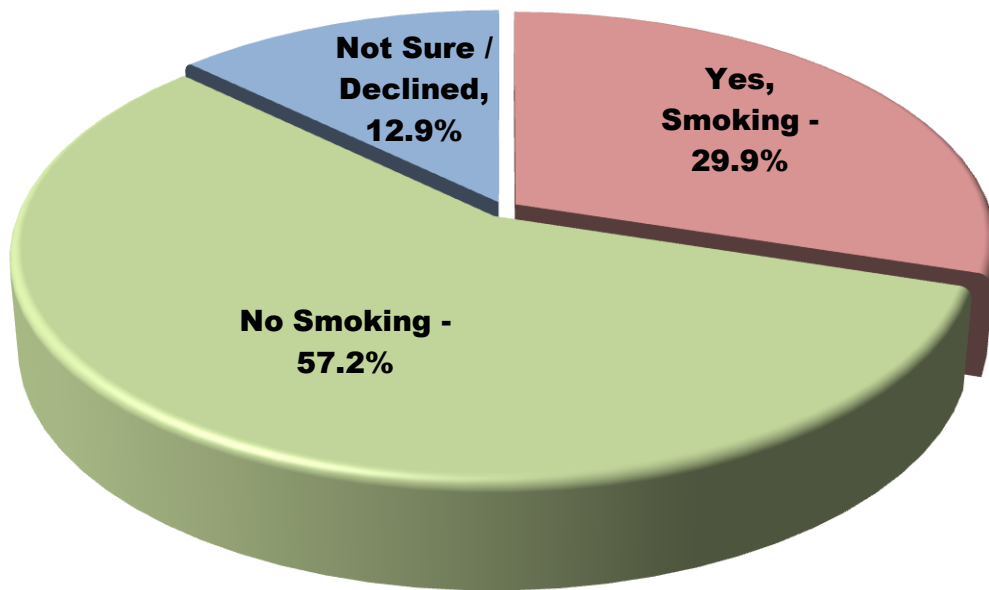
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July 18, 2012	Wellness Presentation at City Hall	Promote the Need for Preventive Healthcare and Educate about the Importance of Preventing Health Problems	In attendance were 25 employees, retirees, and spouses. The feedback was very good.
July 19, 2012	Wellness Presentation at Wastewater Plant	Prevent Injuries, Increase Knowledge Base, and Demonstrate Exercises	Participating in the exercise routines were 30 employees. This was a valuable experience

TOBACCO AT THE BEACH SURVEY RESULTS

For two consecutive weekends in July, staff from the Health Department Laboratory visited North and Zoo beaches to survey beachgoers on their opinions and concerns regarding smoking at the beach. All patrons that chose to participate were asked the same question: *“Do you believe smoking should be continued / allowed at North and Zoo Beaches?”* Responses were tallied, and comments were recorded.

	Total	Yes, Smoking	No Smoking	Not Sure/ Declined
Saturday, July 21	251	50	170	31
Sunday, July 22	207	73	98	36
Saturday, July 28	111	41	59	11
Sunday, July 29	107	38	60	9
Grand Total	676	202	387	87
Percent of Total	100.0%	29.9%	57.2%	12.9%

“Do you believe smoking should be continued / allowed at North and Zoo Beaches?”



Comments from Beachgoers

“... should not be allowed because of small children.”

“No smoking please, my son has asthma.”

“We were here two weeks ago, and there were people smoking all around us. I’m concerned about kids and second hand smoke.”

“[Cigarette] butts should not be allowed on the beach.”

“I don’t want children to see it.”

“It’s not healthy. I don’t want my children to see it.”

“People should be able to smoke, it’s a free country.”

“... should be in designated zones or areas.”

“I’m fine with smoking, as long as they pick up after themselves.”

“Yes on Zoo, no on North Beach”

“... should be allowed since they are outside.”

“The government should stop restricting people’s rights.”