

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

- On February 19, Ms. Sandy Poehlman from the Department of Health and Family Services conducted the year-end site visit for our 2007 consolidated grants. Lead program staff, Bioterrorism preparedness staff and Worksite Health Promotion staff met with Ms. Poehlman and reviewed our year-end reports. All programs met or exceeded goals.
- Mr. Chuck Dykstra resigned from his position as a sanitarian; his last day was February 29th. Mr. Dykstra worked for the Racine Health Department for 12 ½ years. He has accepted a sanitarian position with the Kenosha County Division of Health. We wish him well in his new position.
- The City of Racine continues with the Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in partnership with Kenosha County. After one year, the ***Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership*** is meeting or exceeding all goals and has a Green rating with HUD which is the highest rating. The amount funded is \$3,996,928 for a three year grant cycle and is expected to continue until February of 2010. The monies are being used to identify and control lead based hazards in at least 200 homes in each community. Seventy nine (79) homes have been completed so far with another thirty nine (39) that are in process. The grant also provides education and outreach for lead poisoning prevention.

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	79	222
Lead Inspections (<i>initial</i>)	2	4
Lead Inspections (<i>follow-up</i>)	3	78
Nuisance Animal Investigations	21	41
Animal Bites	9	17
Restaurant Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	90	157
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (<i>new food establishments</i>)	4	6
New permits released	4	8
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	0/3	0/4

Outcome Achievements:

- Two hundred and fourteen (214) children tested for lead poisoning had blood lead levels between zero and nine ug/dL (0-9 ug/dL).
- Preliminary reports identify that sixty eight (68) children were first tested for lead poisoning; two (2) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 2.9%.
- Preliminary reports identify a total of two hundred and twenty four (224) children as being tested for lead poisoning; ten (10) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 4.5%.
- The number of 2008 city dog licenses obtained to date is two thousand nine hundred and seventy (2970).
- The number of 2008 cat licenses obtained to date is seven hundred and thirty four (734).
- Seventy five (75) pet fanciers' permits have been issued in 2008.

**MEETINGS/TRAINING
FEBRUARY 2008**

	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
2/4 – 2/8	B. Carlson	UW Madison	Geographic Information System training for tracking lead and other health programs in the City of Racine
2/5	M. Fernholz	Volunteer Center of Racine	Earth Day meeting and planning for the prescription drug drop-off meeting
2/7	EH Staff	Bi monthly staff meeting	Health department updates and presentation on Health Literacy
2/7	M. Breheim	Racine Literacy Council/Wheaton Franciscan Health Care	Facilitated a presentation regarding Health Literacy at the all-staff meeting
2/7	M. Breheim	Racine Police Department Community Policing house	Staffed the COP House for health department outreach, counseled 2 people
2/7	M. Fernholz	Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC)	Employment law training session
2/11	M. Fernholz	Department of Health and Family Services	Phone conference for an informal hearing for lead contractor license revocation
2/12	D. Herz-Mazius	Finance and Personnel Committee meeting	Presented the CORE Wellness smoking cessation program and the health club reimbursement plan for 2008
2/13	M. Fernholz K. Hendricks C. Wanek J. Zlevor J. Aydelotte	City of Racine Parks and Recreation City Development Police Department Building Department	Meeting to discuss upcoming vending season: coordination of information, licensing, inspection and enforcement
2/13	M. Breheim	Phone conference with the DPH	Plan a presentation regarding the RUSD Middle School Outbreak for WEHA
2/14	M. Breheim B. Carlson C. Wanek	Safety Committee	Discuss the safety of the work environment for city employees and needed updates to city plans.
2/14	M. Fernholz	United Way of Racine County	Focus group meeting to discuss health care services for the homeless
2/14	D. Herz-Mazius	Twenty first Century Preparatory School	Meeting with wellness coordinator to discuss the program plans for 2008 including parents involved in the program
2/14	K. Marquez	Community Oriented Policing	Health department outreach at COP houses
2/15	M. Fernholz	Department of Health and Family Services	Presentation of Racine City/County health data by epidemiologist Amy Bittrich

2/16	M. Breheim	Making Healthy Choices Youth Conference	Conducted a presentation regarding the local incidence of STI's at the Making Healthy Choices Youth Conference
2/18	M. Fernholz C. Dykstra J. Aydelotte K. Hendricks	Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)	Field training for swab sampling at retail food establishments
2/18	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium	Tri-County Public Health Consortium BOD meeting
2/18	M. Breheim	Tri- County Consortium Objectives Committee	Discuss common grant objectives with local preparedness partners
2/19	M. Breheim M. Fernholz B. Carlson D. Herz-Mazius	Department of Health and Family Services	Year end (2007) consolidated grant review
2/20	M. Breheim	Medical Reserve Corp	Discuss collaboration between the Medical Reserve Corp and local health departments during an emergency
2/20	M. Breheim	Racine Unified School District	Conducted a presentation regarding STI's to a class at McKinley Middle School
2/21	D. Herz-Mazius	Twenty first Century Preparatory School	Meeting with staff to discuss the program plans for 2008
2/22	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Phone conference with the Division of Public Health – Communicable Disease Section	Plan a presentation regarding the RUSD Middle School Outbreak for WEHA
2/22	M. Breheim	Racine County Community Health Providers - RCCHP	Discuss the integration of grant objectives with other public health activities planned for 2008
2/25	D. Mazius M. Fernholz	Wellness meeting	Monthly meeting to discuss the City of Racine wellness program and plans and goals for 2008
2/27	M. Breheim	City of Racine Pandemic Influenza Planning Group	Discuss revisions to the City's Pandemic Influenza Continuity of Operations Plan
2/27	M. Breheim	Racine County Jail	Assess the Racine County Jail's pandemic plan
2/27 – 2/28	J. Zlevor	Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services – food Sanitation and Recreational Services	Attended the state agent meeting to discuss program updates
2/28	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Healthiest Racine	Plan for the community survey for Healthiest Racine 2013
2/29	M. Breheim	Risk Communication Seminar	Orient regional key partners to the Risk Communication section of the PHEP