

**Board of Health Meeting
July 13, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: Laboratory
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MONTH: June, 2010

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
June 10 and June 24, 2010	Wilmette, Illinois Water Utility, Public Works, and Department of Health. State of Illinois Department of Public Health	Provide information and demonstration on rapid molecular methods	This conference call and face-to-face meeting was initiated by the State of Illinois, Department of Public Health. Illinois wishes to set up an initial rapid molecular capable laboratory as a demonstration project in Wilmette, Illinois. The group toured the Health Department Laboratory, observed the molecular procedure from start to finish and discussed capital equipment and physical space needs. This was a positive experience as it demonstrates Racine's leadership in this area. Our laboratory also had a visitor from Maine (June 9, 2010).
June 11, 2010	Tamara Anan'eva, Madison/Dane County Public Health Laboratory staff and WI DNR staff	Provide onsite training for field sample collection and processing for rapid molecular methods	As part of the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) grant we are collecting inland water samples from 12 national sites. Madison, WI is one of the sites. We visited the laboratory to provide training on proper sample collection and processing techniques for the project as well as providing information about equipment and physical space requirements. The Madison Public Health laboratory is looking to obtain molecular testing capability in 2011. This is an excellent example of resource sharing among local public health department labs in WI.
June 16 - 18, 2010	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI), Mayor Dickert	Attend annual meeting of United States and Canadian Great Lakes Mayors and monthly Board of Directors meeting	Attended monthly Board of Directors and annual meetings of GLSLCI. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss topics, such as waterfront restoration, that are vital to the social, environmental, and economic wellbeing of the Great Lakes. Staff and technical support was provided to Mayor Dickert who gave two presentations: 1) <i>Fresh Water Resources and Coastlines</i> and 2) <i>Working Together to Improve Beaches and Coasts</i> . This was a positive experience. We have had several follow-up emails in response to the presented material.

June 22, 2010	Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Scott Letteney, and Terry Parker	Discuss laboratory staffing	A meeting was called by Human Resources to discuss the employee status of current staff in the laboratory. The outcome was neither positive nor negative at this point and further discussions will continue in July.
June 15, June 23, and June 29, 2010	Health Officers and sanitarian (South Milwaukee and St. Francis); Mayor Keith Bosman, Directors of Parks and Public Works Department, Shelly Billingsley (Kenosha); Dr. John Skalbeck (UW-Parkside); Susan Greenfield (Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network); Administrator (Wind Point); Village Trustees (North Bay)	Discuss environmental sampling and coordination of services for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) projects	The recently awarded GLRI funding provides for coordination of coastal monitoring and remediation between the Racine Health Department and municipalities from Milwaukee county south to the state line. Initial meetings or phone conversations were held with Kenosha, South Milwaukee, St. Francis, North Bay, and Wind Point. City of Racine staff introduced themselves and provided information on the project. Communities provided information on current and future plans/needs for their beaches and lakefronts. These meetings were a great way to begin developing relationships necessary for the success of this multi-year effort.

Activities	Monthly	YTD
Management Team Meetings	3	11
Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Board of Directors meeting	1	6

Outcomes		
To Be Determined		