

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 8, 2007
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Highlights:

- Ms. Michele Breheim attended the *Advanced Public Information Officer Course for Health and Hospital Emergencies* April 30th - May 4th in Anniston, Alabama at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training center. This course taught how to effectively provide information to the public through the media during a public health emergency and how to establish a Joint Information Center. The expenses for the training were paid for by FEMA.
- Ms. Michele Breheim and Ms. Marcia Fernholz attended the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) Joint Annual conference in Appleton, WI on May 23rd and May 24th. The conference theme was *“Preparedness in Practice, Prevent, Promote, and Protect”*. The emphasis of the conference was on disaster preparedness.
- On 5/17/08, Michele Breheim conducted a test of the health department’s blast fax capabilities to local health care providers as part of our emergency preparedness efforts.

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	73	346
Lead Inspections (<i>initial</i>)	4	13
Lead Inspections (<i>follow-up</i>)	5	27
Nuisance Animal Investigations	108	387
Animal Bites	22	56
Restaurant Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	154	552
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (<i>new food establishments</i>)	12	39
New permits released	15	31
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	3/3	10/17

Outcome Achievements:

- Two hundred and thirty seven (237) children tested for lead poisoning had blood lead levels between zero and nine ug/dL (0-9 ug/dL).
- Preliminary reports identify that ninety seven (97) children were first tested for lead poisoning; three (3) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 3 %.
- Preliminary reports identify a total of two hundred and fifty four (254) children as being tested for lead poisoning; seventeen (17) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 6.7%.
- The number of 2007 city dog licenses obtained to date is three thousand eight hundred and twenty (3,820).
- The number of 2007 cat licenses obtained to date is eight hundred and eighty three (883).
- Ninety-four (94) pet fanciers’ permits have been issued in 2007.

MEETINGS/TRAINING
May 2007

Date	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
5/1	C. Dykstra J. Zlevor K. Hendricks M. Fernholz	US EPA University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)	Meeting to discuss Brownfield redevelopment.
5/3	M. Fernholz	Kenosha County Division of Health	Meeting with HUD staff
5/7	M. Fernholz	Kenosha County Division of Health	Interviews for HUD staff at Kenosha County Center
5/8	M. Breheim	City of Racine Pandemic Planning Group	Facilitated the City of Racine Pandemic Planning Group meeting. (City Hall)
5/8	M. Fernholz E. Rodriguez K. Marquez	Department of Health and Family Services	Wisconsin Lead Oversight and Advisory meeting in Madison. Racine was featured and we received a lot of recognition for our program efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by 2010.
5/9	D. Herz-Mazius M. Fernholz	CORE Wellness Committee	2007 Wellness Program planning for the City of Racine
5/10	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Racine County Emergency Management Critical Incident Protocol / Michigan State University	Participated in the Critical Incident Protocol tabletop exercise at Modine Manufacturing. This exercise demonstrated how public departments and private businesses respond to a disaster, and the collaborative effort needed.
5/10	M. Fernholz	HUD grant	Meeting with staff from Kenosha and Racine
5/11	M. Fernholz	Kenosha County Division of Health	Meeting to discuss the Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant and contractor orientation
5/11	EH Staff	City of Racine	Meeting with Clerk's office, Police Dept., City Development, Attorney's office and Building Dept., to discuss street vendor/push carts for the upcoming summer season.
5/14	M. Breheim	Wisconsin Emergency Management and American Red Cross (Franklin, WI)	Attended the Southeast Wisconsin Evacuation Plan meeting. The final plan was distributed.
5/14	E. Rodriguez K. Marquez	Milwaukee Lead and Asbestos Training Center	Training for lead Sampling Technician

5/15 5/16	Lead Staff	Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning – Baltimore, MD	Consultant Ruth Ann Norton from the Coalition was here to provide support and guidance for the outreach program and the new HUD grant.
5/15 – 5/17	J. Zlevor J. Aydelotte	Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services	Training and updates for the Radiation Response Team
5/16	M. Fernholz	Countryside Humane Society	Discussion of animal control for the City of Racine
5/17	M. Fernholz	Racine Loan Board	Review loan applications for City of Racine loan program and discuss housing issues
5/17	M. Fernholz	Individual Development Account (IDA) / Weed and Seed	Meeting with the IDA committee and consultants for program updates. This effort includes lead education to first time home buyers.
5/16 5/18	M. Breheim	CORE Wellness Program	Collected specimens and performed glucose and cholesterol panel testing on Racine Library employees and other Racine City employees for the CORE Wellness Program.
5/18	B. Carlson E. Rodriguez K. Marquez	Illinois Department of Public Health	Lead Poisoning Prevention Seminar including Lead Poisoning in Refugee Children
5/21	M. Fernholz	Racine Housing Coalition	Meeting to discuss housing issues in Racine
5/21	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium	Attended the Tri-County Consortium BOD meeting at the Kenosha County Center.
5/23 – 5/24	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Wisconsin Public Health Association and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards – Appleton, WI	Attended the WPHA/WALHDAB annual conference with an emphasis on disaster preparedness.
5/31	EH Staff	Roger T. Williams, Ph.D. Consultant and Professor Emeritus	Teambuilding Seminar for the Racine Health Department Staff.