

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JULY 8, 2008
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

- Severe storms with heavy rains, threat of tornadoes, hail and strong winds impacted Racine County between June 6-9, 2008. The Root River hit record high levels. Many residents were affected by basement flooding, and evacuations were encouraged in the City of Racine flood plain. After flood water receded, Racine Health Department staff went door to door providing information regarding flood damaged homes and how to clean up after a flood. Mold information and clean up kits were also provided to citizens in the flooded area. We continue to field calls from citizens with questions regarding flood damage. We also have a limited supply of clean up kits available.
- Ms. Marcia Fernholz attended the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) annual conference in Tucson, AZ from June 22 – June 25. The mission of NEHA is “...to advance the environmental health and protection professional for the purpose of providing a healthful environment for all.”

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	85	527
Lead Inspections (<i>initial</i>)	4	17
Lead Inspections (<i>follow-up</i>)	145	418
Nuisance Animal Investigations	14	136
Animal Bites	11	49
Restaurant Inspections (<i>initial and follow-up</i>)	130	588
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (<i>new food establishments</i>)	4	17
New permits released	5	19
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	0/0	4/10

Outcome Achievements:

- Two hundred (200) 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 nine (209) children as being tested for lead poisoning; nine (9) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 4.3%.
- The number of 2008 city dog licenses obtained to date is three thousand four hundred and forty six (3,446).
- The number of 2008 cat licenses obtained to date is seven hundred and ninety nine (799).
- Ninety nine (99) pet fanciers’ permits have been issued in 2008.

**MEETINGS/TRAINING
JUNE 2008**

Date	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
6/1 – 6/30	EH Staff	National Incident Management System	Completed ICS 200 training
6/2	M. Breheim J. Aydelotte	Adventures in Lifelong Learning Program at Gateway Technical College (GTC)	Conducted a presentation regarding the RUSD Middle School Outbreak October 2007 to students of the Adventures in Lifelong Learning Program at GTC
6/9 – 6/20	M. Fernholz	Wisconsin Division of Public Health	Participated in the state conference calls regarding flooding issues
6/10	D. Mazius	Wellness meeting	Monthly meeting to discuss City of Racine wellness and plans/goals for 2008
6/10 – 6/30	EH Staff	Racine Health Department/American Red Cross/Salvation Army	Distributed information and cleaning kits to households affected by flooding. Answered phone calls regarding flood questions
6/11	M. Breheim	State Antiviral Distribution Policy	Conducted a presentation to staff at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints regarding the State Antiviral Distribution Policy
6/11	M. Breheim	Medical Reserve Corp	Discuss collaboration between the Medical Reserve Corp and the local health departments during an emergency
6/12	M. Fernholz	Individual Development Account / Weed and Seed project	Monthly board meeting to discuss the program and progress being made
6/19	M. Fernholz	Racine Loan Board	Review loan applications for City of Racine loan program and discuss housing issues
6/16	M. Breheim	Tri-County Consortium Objectives Committee meeting	Discuss common grant objectives with local preparedness partners
6/16	M. Breheim	Tri-County Public Health Consortium	Tri-County Public Health Consortium BOD meeting
6/16	M. Fernholz	Racine Housing Coalition	Meeting to discuss housing issues in the City of Racine
6/18	M. Fernholz	Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services	Met with Secretary Karen Timberlake and staff and toured the flooded area in Racine
6/18	M. Fernholz	Countryside Humane Society	Annual meeting and monthly meeting to discuss animal control issues in the City of Racine
6/18	M. Breheim	RHD staff meeting	Facilitated a presentation regarding revisions to the RHD Public Health Emergency Plan
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			Public Health Emergency Plan
6/22 – 6/25	M. Fernholz	National Environmental Health Association	Annual educational conference in Tucson, AZ.
6/24	M. Breheim	County Executive Flood meeting	Discuss the delivery of human services to people impacted by recent flooding including the triaging of clients, identifying gaps in need, and the overall coordination of human services
6/26	M. Breheim	Health Literacy	Facilitated a presentation regarding health literacy to staff at Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant Health Department
6/27	M. Breheim	Environmental Health Flooding teleconference	Discuss environmental health issues related to recent flooding throughout the state
6/30	M. Breheim	Medical Reserve Corp	Discuss training opportunities for Medical Reserve Corp volunteers and their role in a public health emergency