



Report to the Board of Health on February 2024 Activities

PURPOSE

Each month the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) Leadership Team provides this summary report to the Board of Health on WCHD programs and services. The report is organized into the 10 Domains that follow the 10 essential public health services with health equity as the center as identified by the Public Health National Center for Innovations and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The 10 Essentials of Public Health Services

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities



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Assessment

1. Monitor Health

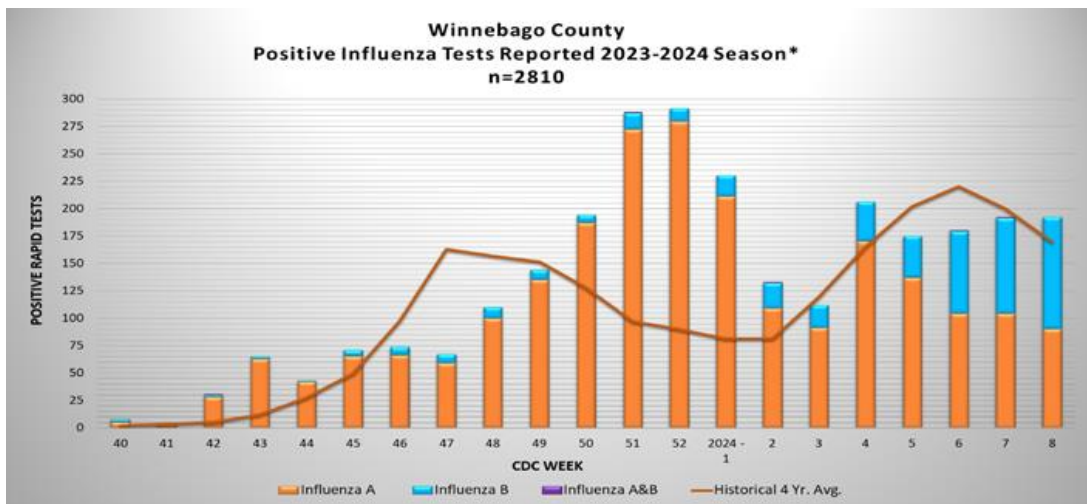
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

Communicable Diseases & Conditions In Winnebago County

RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

The weekly influenza reports is located on the WCHD website: <https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/data-and-reports/data-and-charts/>.

For CDC Week 8 (ending Saturday February 24), Winnebago County has 192 positive influenza cases to date. The County has seen 30 influenza related ICU admissions to date.



Assessment

2. Diagnose & Investigate

Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.

Environmental Health

In February, staff completed inspections and/or verified inspection status for all pumping trucks of septic contractors for the 2024 permit year. This ensures that trucks carrying septage or transporting portable sanitation units meet code and are capable of transporting this waste safely.

The Food Program has divided the county into seven territories to handle routine inspections and respond to requests for "Change in Ownerships" inspections. All inspectors have now been trained in "Change in Ownerships" inspections from start to finish. For these inspections, each inspector is



responsible for updating a progress spreadsheet for each establishment. Once the inspector has obtained all approvals (finals) from the other departments, the inspector submits the paperwork to the Environmental Health Coordinator (EHC). Once the EHC approves it, the inspector will conduct the final inspection and proceed forward with the issuance of the permit.



3. Communicate

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.

Digital Media Initiatives

In February, the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) initiated a communications campaign for the IPLAN, “Share.Submit.Shape,” to encourage community participation in completing the Community Health Assessment/Community Context Assessment. The campaign asked residents to SHARE what impacts their health, SUBMIT your experience, and SHAPE the health of Winnebago County.

WCHD worked closely with our partner agencies to encourage participation from residents. A partner toolkit was developed that included multiple promotional materials (handouts/posters, social media posts, videos, email templates and guides) that could be utilized to promote “Share.Submit.Shape.” This toolkit was accessed by almost one hundred and fifty different users with approximately sixteen hundred (1,600) items downloaded. WCHD launched the campaign to employees and partners first on February 8 and then with the official launch of “Share.Submit.Shape” to the community and on February 13 with a theme to “Be Our Community’s Valentine – Share.Submit.Shape.”

For the official launch, a news release was issued, an email was sent through Qualtrics to the WCHD Public Directory, and the message was pushed to the community through a variety of methods which included billboards, radio ads on LaBamaba Radio, Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) rail cards in buses, snapchat video ads, social media, digital media video ads on local news and websites, television PSAs, and handouts for outreach activities to reach the hard to reach populations. In addition, Dr. Martell was a guest on the GoodDay Stateline show to promote the campaign.

Utilizing snap chat for the IPLAN campaign was a first for the Winnebago County Health Department. The “Share.Submit.Shape” campaign received over ten thousand (10,000) impressions with one-





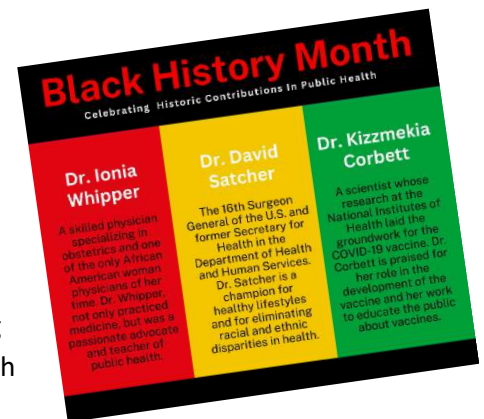
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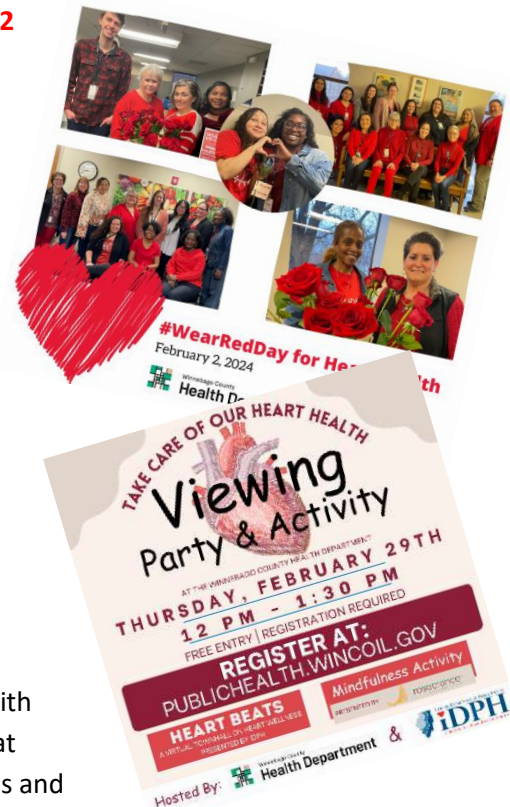
hundred and twenty-seven (127) click throughs to the online questionnaire in the six days the campaign ran.

In recognition of Black History Month, WCHD celebrated historic contributions to Public Health by highlighting Dr. Ionia Whipper, Dr. David Satcher, and Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett. Dr. Whipper, a skilled physician specializing in obstetrics and one of the only African American women physicians of her time, was a passionate advocate and teacher of public health. Dr. Satcher, the 16th Surgeon General of the U.S. and former Secretary for Health, is a champion for healthy lifestyles and for eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health. Dr. Corbett, a scientist whose research at the National Institutes of Health laid the ground work for the COVID-19 vaccine, is praised for her role in the development of the vaccine and her efforts to educate the public about vaccines. Messages were distributed on social media and through handouts to the community at some of the outreach events for the “Share.Submit.Shape” campaign.



In recognition of February’s Heart Health Awareness Month and Wear Red Day (February 2), WCHD initiated a messaging campaign to raise awareness about heart health and heart disease risks. WCHD issued a news release encouraging residents to take steps toward living a heart healthy lifestyle and spread awareness about heart health. Controlling for risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking can help to prevent heart attack and stroke which are both conditions that disproportionately impact African Americans in our community. The community and staff were encouraged to Wear **RED** on **Friday, February 2** for National Wear Red Day and share heart health messages on social media. Clients coming into WCHD on February 2 were offered a red rose to inspire discussion about heart healthy living and encourage them to stop by the clinic to be linked to our heart health program. The public was also encouraged to learn CPR and know the signs of heart attack and stroke. The message worked to encourage residents to take steps toward a heart healthy lifestyle and to connect resident to the WISEWOMAN program for support in living a heart healthy lifestyle. Social media messages were distributed throughout the month utilizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Million Hearts campaign, the Live to the Beat campaign that focuses on reaching the African American population, and the Moving Matters campaign that all encourage heart healthy habits. WCHD will continue to utilize the messages on heart health from the Centers For Disease Control and Preventions throughout the year to encourage heart healthy living.

In addition, the Winnebago County Health Department in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hosted a viewing party that included watching IDPH’s “Heart Beats” virtual townhall on heart wellness and participating in a mindfulness activity lead by Rosecrance.





During February, harm reduction materials were updated and some materials were translated into Spanish.

Policy
Development

4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.

Youth Leadership Council

Youth Leadership Council continued planning their event, “What’s Next: Planning for Our Future” a workshop for high school students to take place on Thursday, March 14th at the Riverfront Museum Park from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. The event will be hosted and facilitated by Youth Leadership Council members. Topics will include Mock Interviews, Resume Building, College Career Path, Job Career Path, Financial/Literacy, and Job Opportunities for High School Students. Special guest speakers will be Jeff Hohn (Boylan HS), Ashya Ford (Rockford Park District), Matt Simpson (IL Office of Minority Economic Empowerment), Ann Woolsey (The Workforce Connection), and Rashawn Foreman (Black Diamond Consulting Group). Other partners for the event will include Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, Judson University, MembersAlliance Credit Union, Northwest Building and Construction, Rock Valley College, Rockford Career College, Rockford Public Schools Career Readiness Dept., Rockford Mass Transit District, TRIO/Student Success Project, The Workplace, and University of Illinois – College of Medicine, Dept of Biomedical Sciences.

WHAT'S NEXT?
PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

Thursday, March 14
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKSHOP

- Career Planning
- Credit & Financial Literacy
- Professional Ethics & Integrity
- Resume Building & Mock Interviews

FREE TO ATTEND!

Riverfront Museum Park
711 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61103

HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN & MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team

The Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team (MIGHT) workgroups continued to meet. Planning efforts continued around a Respectful Care Event with support from the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC).

igrow

During the month of February, Coordinated Intake continued with “Elevating Parent Voice”. The purpose is to engage parents in conversation that gives greater insight to their experiences with Home Visiting/ and to offer feedback and suggestions to the igrow Collaborative. Coordinated Intake visited several igrow partner agencies during the month of February, including Easterseals, which provides Home visiting and Doula services. Families voiced appreciation for help in understanding their child’s



development and behavior. Many parents stated they wanted the Collaborative to provide information on more no-cost activities where they can take their children, as most places were not affordable for them.

Opioid Response

The Winnebago County Opioid Response Team met on February 21, 2024 with updates from team members and an overview on opioid overdose data. The Winnebago County Coroner's office continues to report over a three (3) month delay in confirming overdose deaths. Dr. Martell and P. Ngum will work with SUDORS (Statewide Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System) data with support from Northwestern University to determine if there is more timely access to data or improved modeling that can be used for missing data. Harm Reduction Agreements (Project Winnie) have been provided to the 17th Judicial Circuit Court System for signature to allow the health department to provide services on-site.



The Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC) has also convened a working group of local health departments to review and consider how health departments can successfully apply and use opioid settlement funds under the authority of the state of Illinois.

The first meeting of the Regional Care Coordination Committee for Region I, including Winnebago, is scheduled for March 5, 2024.

WCHD's Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) facilitated several trainings in the month of February. DOPP conducted a training at one of the National Youth Advocacy Program sites that works with support services for youth and families. DOPP also trained approximately fifty (50) first responder employees at Collins Aerospace and provided the company with a supply of Naloxone kits for their AED kits. DOPP also completed the second of three pop up events at Rock Valley College, continued to partner with Remedies, and completed bi-weekly pop up events.

Tobacco Free Communities

The Tobacco Free Communities Program (TCF) staff provided Illinois Tobacco Quitline training to three new referral partners this month including the Salvation Army, the Family Peace Center, and Remedies Renewing Lives. Random and follow-up Smoke Free Illinois Act checks were completed in Rockford and Loves Park throughout the month of February and TFC Staff is continuing to compile business lists for cities throughout Winnebago County.

The Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP) started conducting the second of three rounds of compliance checks. Two of the five agencies that WCHD partners with completed checks. TEP Staff will schedule the remaining three Law Enforcement Agencies during the month of March.

Trauma Informed Community

WCHD continued to work with the Illinois Coalition on Youth (ICOY), with funding from the Winnebago County Mental Health Board, to host free trauma training. Dates for upcoming trainings are:





- April 16th - Virtual - Culture Trauma
- April 17th - Virtual - Cultural Humility
- April 30th - Virtual - Trauma Informed Care Resiliency
- May 8th - reschedule of cancelled Trauma and Attachment Training
- May 14th - Virtual - Trauma LGBTQIA Identity
- June 12th – Conference - Topics TBD

Information on all upcoming trainings can be accessed on the WCHD website [Trauma Trainings page](#).

The Violence Reduction Workgroup and its subcommittees are working to enhance trauma informed efforts in the community through training, public awareness, and proclamations.



5. Policies and Plans

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.

Strategic Initiatives

The workgroups met in January with the following updates:

- **Assessors** reviewed community health initiative dashboards published by health departments comparable to WCHD for some ideas as they finalize dashboards for WCHD. They are also assisting the Workforce Development Team in review of WCHD's tier training calendar timeline and processes to facilitate efficient tracking of staff who completed WCHD Trainings, potentially through Qualtrics.
- **Assurance** continued to attend each of the strategic workgroups and health priority groups to ensure they are on track with their goals and objectives.
- **Collaborators** continued to update, enhance, and categorize their current list of community partners. They shared invitations for Trauma Trainings and are providing additional IPLAN outreach.
- **Organizers** have worked with the IPLAN Internal Steering Committee to provide assistance to community members interested in completing the Community Health Assessment.
- **Policy Makers** reviewed the New Employee Orientation Packet to ensure that Trauma Informed and Health Equity were included as appropriate. They are also reviewing all WCHD policies to promote inclusion of health equity and trauma informed language appropriately tailored to the demographics of Winnebago County.
- **Reporters** assisted with IPLAN messaging and communications. In addition, they are working to understand more about the cultures represented in Winnebago County to be able to tailor materials to specific audiences.
- **Reaccreditation** continued their efforts is assigning top three powers to organizations who participated in the community partners assessment.



- **Workforce Development** presented to All-Staff on HIPAA, FOIA and First Amendment Audits. They are also working to develop information explaining Public Health Policy Development, its purpose, and how it works.

Public Health Preparedness

WCHD continued to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the clinic. Two HeartSaver CPR classes were held, certifying twelve (12) participants. Undesignated naloxone training was provided for school nurses at Rockford Public School District and Harlem School District. PHEP Director participates in Pipeline Coordinated Response Exercises.

The Winnebago County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was selected as a recipient of the MRCIL STTRONG grant.



Policy Updates

No policies were reviewed and approved by the Board of Health in February.

Reaccreditation Updates

WCHD was assigned an Accreditation Specialist and WCHD's reaccreditation documentation will be reviewed prior to a site visit. Once initiated, the process can take approximately ninety (90) business days to complete. WCHD will have forty-five (45) days to respond to any re-opened measures.

IPLAN Updates

With the aim to harness the unique insights, expertise, and perspectives of Winnebago County residents regarding their health experience, WCHD's IPLAN 2025 Community Health Assessment (Context Assessment) was launched in February with a share, submit and shape approach. WCHD worked with community partners/organizations to encourage participation. By the end of February, more than two thousand five hundred (2500) responses were registered which is about eight hundred (800) responses more than the previous community health assessment.

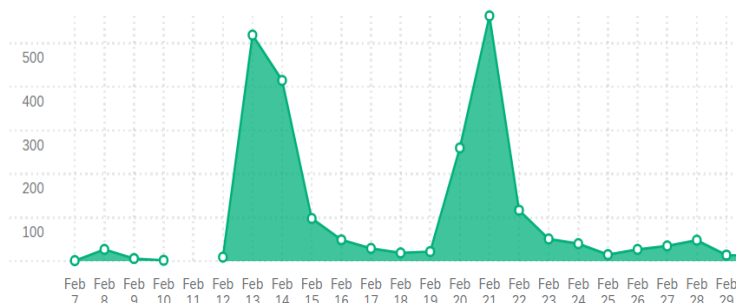
Most responses came through Qualtrics distributions. Underrepresentation was flagged for the younger population, Hispanic, Asians, Black or African Americans, and residents who live in rural areas.

Responses

2,515

▲ +69 over previous week

Response by Date 2,515





WCHD conducted focused outreach for hard to reach populations through social media and worked with community partners/organizations to ensure all sectors of the community were represented in the assessment. The following events were carried out in collaboration with community partners to encourage participation for hard to reach populations:

Community Partner / Organization	Date of Event	Time of Event
NAACP	Thursday, February 22, 2024	04:00 pm - 06:00 pm
Muslim Association of Greater Rockford	Friday, February 23, 2024	11:30 am - 02:30 pm
Save-A-Lot	Monday, February 26, 2024	11:00 am - 02:00 pm
Muslim Association of Greater Rockford	Friday, March 1, 2024	12:00 am - 02:30 pm
Save-A-Lot	Monday, March 4, 2024	10:00 am - 01:00 pm
Rock Valley College - Refugee Outreach	Monday, March 4, 2024	09:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rock Valley College	Wednesday, March 6, 2024	10:00 am - 02:00 pm
Rockford Rescue Mission	Thursday, March 7, 2024	10:00 am - 02:00 pm
Carpenter's Place	Friday, March 8, 2024	07:00 am - 07:45 am

WCHD will continue to work with community partners and residents to host Focus group discussions with key objectives to gather qualitative insights and opinions from Winnebago County residents regarding their health experience.

**Policy Development**

6. Laws & Regulations

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.

The Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC) Legislative Committee continues to monitor the approximately twenty-five (25) bills introduced between the Illinois House of Representatives and Illinois Senate that could have an impact on public health should they become law. The bill filing deadline for the current session was February 9. The Governor's Budget and State of the State was released on February 21.

**Assurance**

7. Equitable Access

Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.

Health Education Services

Using Healthy People 2030 as a guide, the Winnebago County Health Department's FY24 Oral Health Program focused on 1) increasing or expanding prevention programs through oral health education and 2) distributing oral health kits.



The Health Promotion and Wellness Director shared the Oral Health Program's focus during the February igrow partner meeting. As a result, two partners, Harlem School District 122 and Bright Point have agreed to participate in the Oral Health Program. The Center Director For Health Promotion and Wellness previously worked with the Director of Data and Quality who transferred the referral form into Qualtrics making it easier for the WIC Staff and now igrow partners to incorporate oral health education into their office or home visit.

Personal Health Services

In February, the Better Birth Outcomes Program outreached at Rockford Rescue Mission's Women's Crisis Center. The High-Risk Infant Follow-Up Program participated in NICU rounds and presented about the program at an educational meeting at one of the local healthcare facilities.

In February, WISEWOMAN opened up new enrollments after new changes were implemented. The WISEWOMAN program worked to raise awareness to heart healthy living during February for Heart Health Awareness Month and engaged with clients on National **Wear Red Day** by offering a red rose to clients to inspire discussion about heart healthy living and encourage them to stop by the clinic to be linked to our heart health program (WISEWOMAN). Program staff actively recruited current and potential WISEWOMAN clients and their family to joint WCHD and IDPH for the viewing party of IDPH's "Heart Beats" virtual townhall. The team conducted the viewing party in both English and Spanish with subtitles and interpreters.



The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (IBCCP) billing had been on hold until new Medicaid billing was released. IBCCP staff continues to work to increase caseload numbers through outreach



The lead nurse orientated and educated nursing students to the Lead Program in February. The Lead Program collaborated with multiple primary care offices to ensure timely follow-up testing and introduced the new Case Management Action Plan to providers. The lead nurse distributed Illinois Department of Public Health posters regarding how to safely remove pain that may contain lead to the local hardware stores.

COVID-19 Vaccination Health Equity Initiatives

Approximately sixty (60) take-home COVID-19 test kits were distributed in February. WCHD continued to facilitate the Rapid Community Assessment (RCA) Survey for the PAVE (Partnering for Vaccine Equity) Grant. On February 6, WCHD surveyed residents at the Save-A-Lot and provided store gift cards as an incentive to customers who participated. A total of 96 surveys were completed at this event. The PAVE RCA is completed. Between AMC Showplace 16, the NAACP Freedom Banquet, the Rock River Valley



Food Pantry, and Save-A-Lot grocery store, a total of one hundred and sixty-three (163) surveys were completed.

Findings

- There were 163 surveys completed total
 - 104 (64%) of the survey respondents were residents who live in the health initiative area

Communication Method	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Email	5%	4%	7%	6%	7%	4%	33%
Text message	2%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	21%
Phone call	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	6%	17%
Social media	5%	7%	6%	2%	0%	2%	22%
Mail	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Others	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	6%



Assurance

8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.

Positions WCHD is currently recruiting for include:

- Environmental Health Program Inspector
- Case Manager Care Coordinator
- Clerk II



With the addition of the Digital Communications Specialist, WCHD increased our capacity to develop more video content that will assist with reaching youth and young adults through digital media channels including YouTube and Snapchat. In February, two videos were developed and utilized.

Training

At the All-Staff meeting in February, staff were trained on the HIPAA and Freedom of Information / First Amendment procedures. In addition, in February all staff completed annual Sexual Harassment training.

Some WCHD staff had the opportunity to participate in trainings including:

- Some staff received Heartsaver CPR training.
- The Supervisor of the HIV/STI Programs participated in the Illinois Public Health Association Local Health Department Supervisory Skills Training series.



- Nursing and clinical staff completed Title X training and trauma informed mandatory child abuse training through RHNTC.
- Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer/ WISEWOMAN Program Staff took part in multiple trainings including: Barriers to accessing breast cancer screening, ADA online training, Cancer and Genetic Testing, and Physical Activity resources for people with disabilities, and beyond engagement: Community-led initiatives toward equitable health.
- Environmental Health staff took the required Lab Inspector refresher course and have renewed their licenses through January 2025. Training for new staff will be provided in March.
- The Digital Communications Specialist participated in the FEMA Social Media Engagement Strategies training and the Social Media Practices for HIV Programs training.
- Some staff from the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness and from the Center for Personal Health Services attended the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Staff attended a breastfeeding conference hosted by the Northern Illinois Breastfeeding Taskforce. The topics covered included Mastitis, Lactation related breast and nipple pain, and hyperlactation. Staff will be able to use this information to better counsel clients with their breastfeeding issues.
- Finance Accountants staff were trained in Billing for Medicare & Medicaid for Public Health Services (IPHA), Credentialing and Contracting for Public Health Departments (IHPA), Billing for Public Health Services (IPHA), and Coding and Billing for Family Planning Services (IPHA).

WCHD will be hosting an IDPH Region 1 Mosquito / Tick training on April 3. Additionally, WCHD will be hosting its Mosquito Larvicide training for staff and municipal partners on April 12. Notice has been sent to various municipal partners. This will allow WCHD staff and our partners to apply mosquito larvicide product in areas of stagnant water to prevent mosquito development. WCHD Environmental Health Director has taken and passed the Illinois Pesticide General Standards and Mosquito tests. The WCHD will have a total of two licensed Pesticide Applicators to conduct the training listed above.

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9. Improve & Innovate

Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.

Quality Improvement Initiatives

WCHD continued to implement new Quality Improvement (QI) projects for 2024 with key objective to use QI tools for all projects and align QI initiatives with WCHD's Strategic plan and IPLAN.

WCHD continued to meet to implement new Quality Improvement (QI) projects for 2024. Charters were developed for the new projects to identify key objectives and QI tools for all projects. Each QI initiative is aligned with WCHD's Strategic plan and IPLAN. On February 14, Center Directors, Supervisors and Program Managers attended a refresher training on QI which aimed at providing:

- Overview of Winnebago County Health Department Quality Improvement Plan



- Development of AIM Statement and PDSA (Plan Do Study Act) Cycle
- Review of Quality Improvement tools
- Health Department Quality Improvement Exercise (focused on how to develop an Aim Statement for QI projects)

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10. Organizational Infrastructure

Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

Governmental Organizations

Routine updates were provided to Winnebago County Board Chairman Chiarelli in February 2024. Updates focused on Sustain Rockford and their work to reduce the amount of food waste currently being sent to landfill. Estimates from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicate that 24% of landfill waste is comprised of food waste resulting in greenhouse gas emissions. Chairman Chiarelli, States Attorney Hanley, and several Winnebago County Board members will be meeting with representatives from Waste Connections regarding the Winnebago County Ordinance addressing waste haulers and enforced by the Winnebago County Health Department in March 2024. The lawsuit brought forward by Waste Connections had resulted in a tolling agreement to suspend enforcement.

Dr. Martell participated on the Advisory Committee for the Title V Needs Assessment for the State of Illinois as a local health department representative. Title V is the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant aimed at improving the health of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including those with special needs, and their families. A comprehensive needs assessment is completed every five years. This needs assessment guides the work of the state's maternal and child health work.

Non-Governmental Organizations

Alignment Rockford continues its work with participation from Dr. Martell to develop the case for Universal Newborn Support Services (UNSS) in Winnebago County. The workgroup is working with Conlon and Associates to review existent models of home visiting, develop feasibility study, consider policy implications and funding to support universal newborn home visiting. The first meeting focused on review of existent services with a focus on the home visiting programs under the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) coordinated intake managed by the Winnebago County Health Department.

The Director and Supervisor of Health Protection along with the Public Health Administrator attended the Hektoen Institute HAI/AR Roundtable Discussion on February 29, 2024. The primary goal of the roundtable was to enhance infection prevention practices and create a platform for knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals in acute care and long-term care settings. Colleagues from UW Health and OSF St. Anthony's participated in the discussions alongside public health.



Data Appendix

1. Monitor Health

Communicable Disease

Disease	February 2024	February 2023	2024 Year Total	Calendar Year 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Anaplasma phagocytophilum (formerly HGA)	0	0	1	1	0
Botulism Infant	0	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	2	4	10	54	29
Candida auris, clinical	0	0	1	0	0
Candida auris, screening	0	0	0	1	0
Carbapenemase Producing Organism - Clinical	2	0	2	3	0
Carbapenem Resistant Organism	0	0	1	5	8
Chlamydia	130	120	311	1874	1832
Cryptosporidiosis	1	2	1	9	5
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	2	1
Dengue	0	0	0	1	0
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (formerly HME)	0	0	0	0	1
Gonorrhea	35	29	80	417	704
Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease	2	2	2	8	5
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) Post Diarrheal	0	0	0	2	0
Hepatitis A	1	0	1	8	6
Hepatitis B Chronic	3	1	6	29	29
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	0	0	0	3	3
Hepatitis C Virus Chronic Infection	14	4	23	100	92
Hepatitis C Virus Perinatal	0	0	0	0	1
Hepatitis Delta	0	0	0	1	0
Histoplasmosis	0	0	0	2	5
HIV	2	2	5	26	26
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	5	0	14	18	44
Legionellosis - Legionnaires Disease	1	0	2	13	13
Listeria Invasive Disease	0	0	1	0	1
Lyme Disease	2	1	2	44	33
Malaria	0	0	0	1	1



Monkeypox	0	0	0	0	5
Mumps	0	1	0	2	1
Pediatric Influenza Death	0	0	0	0	1
Pertussis	0	0	0	11	2
Rabies, Potential Human Exposure	1	1	6	70	38
Salmonellosis	0	3	3	41	43
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19)	35	830	173	8345	32372
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- O157:H7	0	0	0	2	0
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	0	0	0	3	5
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin pos, not cultured or serotyped	2	1	2	18	12
Shigellosis	1	0	1	9	16
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	0	0	0	0	2
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	3	3	7	25	25
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	0	2	3
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	0	0	1	2
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome with Necrotizing Fasciitis	0	0	0	0	1
Streptococcus Pneumoniae - Non Drug Resistant Invasive Disease (< 5 years)	0	0	0	1	0
Syphilis	9	11	22	108	99
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	4	8
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	1	1	7	8
Vibriosis	0	0	0	5	1
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	0	0	0	2	0

Environmental Health

Radon

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Radon Screenings	1	1	1	1
Average (pCi/L)	2.3	6.2	2.3	6.2
Max (pCi/L)	2.3	6.2	2.3	6.2
Radon Test Kits Purchased	5	0	10	5
Average (pCi/L)	3.0	8.5	8.6	8.5
Max (pCi/L)	5.7	15.8	15.2	15.8
Phone Calls	3	1	5	2
Units Reported Mitigated	0	0	0	0



Non-Community Water Wells

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Non-Community Water Sampled	13	4	30	11
Non-Community Samples Positive	0	0	0	0

2. Diagnose and InvestigateEnvironmental Health

Creating a Lead Safe Rockford

	Goal	Actual	Percent
Units Enrolled	200	29	15%
Inspections	160	22	14%
Mitigated Units	140	10	7%

Testing Lead in Water

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Samples Taken & Analyzed	0	2	0	5
Number Exceeding IEPA Lead Level	0	0	0	0
Average Lead Content	0	1	0	1
Maximum Lead Content	0	1	0	1

Food Complaints

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Foodborne Illness Complaints	5	7	10	10
Foodborne Illness Investigations	5	7	10	10
Non-Foodborne Illness Complaints	21	24	44	48

**Housing Complaints**

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Housing Complaints	53	53	106	99
Nuisance Complaints	18	9	35	23
Survey Complaints	46	12	102	26
Received Complaints	129	76	220	162
Re-Check on Complaints	278	201	494	401

Wells & Septic

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Well Complaints	0	4	0	40
Septic Complaints	7	0	10	3

Food Inspection Performance Indicator Risk Factors

Risk	Violation														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total	31 6.33%	39 7.96%	28 5.71%	0 0%	3 0.61%	3 0.61%	0 0%	15 3.06%	3 0.61%	113 23.06%	0 0%	0 0%	12 2.45%	0 0%	22 4.49%
High	24	32	26	0	3	3	0	14	3	105	0	0	12	0	22
Medium	6	7	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Low	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Risk	Violation													
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Total	71	0	1	6	10	11	40	58	4	3	0	0	16	1
	14.49%	0%	0.20%	1.22%	2.04%	2.24%	8.16%	11.84%	0.82%	0.61%	0%	0%	3.27%	0.20%
High	68	0	1	6	10	10	37	56	4	3	0	0	15	1
Medium	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Low														

3. Communicate**Digital Media**

TOP 3 Viewed Webpages For February 2024		TOP 3 Social Media Post For February 2024
# 1	Birth & Death Certificates [1,392]	Share.Submit.Shape Feb. 16, 12:00 pm (2.5K Reach; 2.8k impressions; 8 shares)
# 2	Sharesubmitshape [570]	COVID-19 Vaccine Bridge Program (1.7 k Reach & impressions; 2 shares)
# 3	Get a Permit or License [523]	Prevent Respiratory Viruses (1.6k Reach & Impressions)



# Forms Received Through Website For February 2024	
<i>Public Health Concerns</i>	31
Request for Involvement	0
harm Submit Question To WCHD	31

4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships

Youth Prevention Education (YPE)

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
School	RESA/Flinn	n/a	RESA/Flinn	RESA
Students	170	0	170	156
Curriculum(s)	Too Good for Drugs	n/a	Too Good for Drugs	Too Good for Drugs

Youth Leadership Council

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Youth Served	16	20	16	20
Schools Represented	7	7	7	7

Drug Overdose Prevention Program

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
People Trained	97	115	219	2328
Kits Distributed	401	183	927	5575
Reversal Forms Received	0	0	0	37
Community Sites for Rapid Naloxone Deployment	0	9	0	108



Drug Takeback

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Products	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drop Off Locations Made Available	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 (Facebook Post)

Illinois Youth Survey (IYS)

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Schools Registered for the Illinois Youth Survey	0	n/a	23	4
Schools That Completed the IYS	0	n/a	0	0

5. Policies and Plans

MRC Volunteers

New MRC Volunteers February 2024	Total New MRC Volunteers for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
0	14

6. Laws & Regulations

EH Code Enforcement

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Foods	460	371	830	738
Wells	3	4	8	17
Septic	5	1	7	3
Loan inspection	6	12	16	31

	Administrative Hearing February 2024	In-House Hearing February 2024	Calendar Year To Date 2024 Administrative	Calendar Year To Date 2024 In House	Administrative Hearings Calendar Year 2023	In House 2023
Housing	11	23	12	47	30	41
Foods	0	1	0	2	0	0
Wells/Septic	0	0	0	0	0	0



Illinois Tobacco Free Communities: Smoke Free Illinois Act Compliance Checks

	Random Checks	Targeted Checks	February Totals	Calendar Year
Number of new compliance checks	76	0	76	101
Number of rechecks (businesses may be rechecked more than once)	3	5	8	28
Number of businesses found to be in compliance during new checks	47	N/A	47	64
Number of businesses in compliance during rechecks	3	5	8	24
Number of violations observed during compliance checks (businesses may have more than one violation)	29	0	29	43

Tobacco Enforcement Program: Compliance Checks

	Benchmark	Round 1 December 23	Round 1 cont'd January 24	Round 2 Feb 24
Checks Completed	158	79	70	48
Sales to Youth	0	4	4	10
Communities Involved	5	4	1	2

7. Equitable Access

Dental

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Kits Sent	29	19	64	153
Families Recruited	13	19	48	168
Families Who Access a Dental Provider or Home	0	0	9	13

iGrow

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
# CIAT Completed (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool)	31	7	98	230
MIECHV Home Visiting Programs Referrals	20	6	66	154
Non MIECHV Home Visiting Agencies Referrals	7	1	21	74



Family Planning

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Number of Clients Seen	113	79	220	1151
New Clients	55	36	71	567
Continuing Clients	58	43	149	584
Pregnancy Tests	31	5	58	96

Family Planning Quality Measures

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Initial Visits	9	0	25	156
Charts Reviewed	28	0	48	191
ACES Screenings	28	0	47	186
Pre/Interconception Education Documented	28	0	47	173
ACES Compliance	100%	0	98% avg	81% avg
PRE/Interconception Compliance	100%	0	98% avg	68% avg
New Clients	9	0	25	156

Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention/ WISEWOMAN Services

Service	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Clinical Breast Exam	5	14	16	225
Mammograms	12	13	21	177
Pap Smear	1	0	4	37

Integrated Clinic

Service	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Clinic Visits	82	0	144	660
Nurse Visits	194	212	419	2545
Total Visits	276	212	563	3206



Refugee Health

Nationality	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Afghanistan				13
Burma				18
Burundi				
Central Africa Rep.				1
Congo	16	16	35	178
Cuba				9
Eritrea				
Ethiopia				
Guatemala				5
Haiti				16
Iran				
Iraq				11
Ivory Coast				
Malaysia				
Pakistan				5
Rwanda				
Sudan				
Syria				
Tanzania				
Thailand				
Ukraine		4		16
Venezuela	0			15
Vietnam				1
Total	16	20	35	318

Harm Reduction Program

Harm Reduction Services	# Supplies Distributed this Month	Total Supplies Distributed in 2024	Total Persons Engaged in 2024
Harm Reduction Kit	10	15	20
Naloxone	14	18	20



PrEP Access

# Prescribed PrEP at WCHD in 2024	Attended 1st PrEP Apt with Community Provider	Didn't Attend 1st PrEP Apt/Unable to Reach	Taking PrEP 6 Months Post WCHD Visit	Taking PrEP 9 Months Post WCHD Visit
1	1	0	0	0

Ryan White

Ryan White Services	# of Individuals Served in Reporting Month	2024 Year to Date Total Served
Case management	50	129
Oral Health Care	0	2
Outpatient Medical Care	0	0
Housing Services	8	16
Emergency Financial Assistance (Utilities)	0	0
Medical Transportation	0	1

Tuberculosis Activities

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
New Clients	13	9	14	180
Returning Clients	9	20	25	261
Total Encounters	22	29	39	409
Physician Contact	18	9	19	141
Medication (direct observation therapy visit)	61	105	110	758
Diagnostic Testing (x-rays, CT scans, etc.)	14	4	23	103
Screening – TB Skin Test, Quantiferon Test	4	30	168	350
Screening – Positive TB Skin Test/T-Spot	3	1	7	22
Total Active Cases in Winnebago County	3	4	6	41

Women, Infants, and Children Program Caseload (goal is 90%)

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload Goal	6961	6693	6961	6693
Current Caseload	5425	5390	5377 Monthly Avg	5391 Monthly Avg
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved	78%	80%	77% Monthly Avg	67% Monthly Avg



WIC Caseload Population

	% of WIC Population February 2024
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.6%
Asian	4.5%
Black or African American	42%
Native Hawaii or Other Pacific Islander	.8%
Hispanic or Latino	33%
Multi-Racial	11%
White	64%

WIC Breastfeeding Rates (exclusivity goal is 15%)

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Percent of Infants Exclusively Breastfeeding	10.9%	11.8%	11.3% Monthly Avg	11.7% Monthly Avg
Percent of Infants Partially Breastfeeding	27.3%	27.8%	27.5% Monthly Avg	26.8% Monthly Avg
Percent of Total Infants Breastfeeding	38.2%	39.6%	38.8% Monthly Avg	38.9% Monthly Avg

HRIF/APORS

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload	98	97	98 avg	107 avg
Referrals Received	39	96	109	887

Better Birth Outcomes

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload	48	79	46 avg	61
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved (Caseload max 60)	80%	132%	76%	101%



Healthworks

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload in Winnebago County (under 6 years)	179	200	170 avg	226 avg
Caseload in Winnebago County (6 - 21 years)	470	753	396 avg	582 avg
Caseload in Border Counties (Under 6 years)	217	221	221 avg	229
New Cases to DCFS Custody (0-21 years)	37	28	60	403
Case Closure - Winnebago County (0-21 years)	14	20	23	250

Lead Poisoning Prevention

	February 2024	February Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Total Cases	102	99	104 avg	94 avg
New Cases	10	7	17	112
Contact Made	272	287	600	2796
Home Visits	5	5	16	114

8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

WCHD Workforce

	Total Employees	Full-Time Employees	Part-Time Employees	Seasonal /Employees	Temporary	New Hires	Separated Employees
February 2024	98	96	2	0	0	0	0

9. Improve & Innovate**10. Organizational Infrastructure**