



### Report to the Board of Health on September 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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<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/images/publichealthservices/10-essential-public-health-services.jpg?noicon>



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

### EMERGING DISEASES

As of September 30, 2024, there are no cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A (H5N1) virus (cattle nor human) in Winnebago County.

Since April 2024, 16 human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection have been reported in the United States. Six of these cases were associated with exposure to sick dairy cows and nine were associated with exposure to avian influenza A(H5N1) virus-infected poultry. The source of infection for one case in Missouri has not been determined.

The [USDA reported](#) 256 dairy cow herds in 14 U.S. states have confirmed cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) virus infections in cows as the number of infected herds continues to grow. For more information on dairy farms with H5N1 cases identified in cattle, go to:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock>

### Environmental Health

The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) will be conducting tick drags this fall. The cooler and less humid days in fall provide an optimal opportunity to collect ticks. The fall also provides a chance to better understand the life cycle of the tick as drags in the fall may be able to collect ticks in their nymph stage. All collected specimens are sent to the Illinois Department of Public Health for species identification and disease testing.



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# 2. Diagnose & Investigate

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

The Center for Health Protection prepared for the 2024-2025 Respiratory Virus Season surveillance efforts. WCHD notified healthcare partners of the upcoming respiratory virus season that begins on October 1 and of the reporting requirements for positive respiratory viruses (influenza, COVID-19, RSV) along with the new reporting link for this season's positive cases. In addition, the Center for Health Protection reached out to congregate care settings to remind them of the new respiratory outbreak definition that covers all three respiratory viruses and the reporting link for outbreaks.



### 3. Communicate

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

#### **Digital Media Initiatives**

Digital messaging in September highlighted National Food Safety Education Month, with messaging on important practices such as proper handwashing, keeping foods separate, cooking to safe temperatures, and appropriate chilling times and temperatures. Mental health messaging continued with dedicated posts promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

With September being National Preparedness Month, WCHD developed messages to share with the PIOs across the county to distribute together on a scheduled release. The coordinated "What to Expect" message distribution pushed information that is important to know for preparing for an emergency such as an evacuation, flood, or power outage. WCHD used a message format designed for emergency response with the county's joint information center.

As part of the IPLAN 2025 initiative, WCHD pushed messaging that asked residents and partners to join us to hear what health needs our community identified and tell us their opinion on our Top Health Concerns. WCHD also promoted the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) at the beginning of the school year, encouraging youth to get involved.



In September, WCHD began planning for the redesign of the igrow website with a focus on enhancing the functionality of the website as a central resource for igrow clients and partners.

Additionally, WCHD provided staff with a guide on how to use the new AI functions in Zoom, which can help with summarizing meetings.



### 4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships

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

#### **Youth Leadership Council**

WCHD continued to actively recruit members for the Youth Leadership Council 2024-2025 (YLC). Outreach was conducted at the downtown branch of the YMCA on September 3, 6, 9, 13, 17 and 18. Additionally, WCHD recruited for the YLC at the WCHD event on September 25 with community



members and partners. WCHD also issued a news release and posted messaging on social media. The first YLC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 555 N. Court St.

### **Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team**

The Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Team (MIGHT) continued to promote Respectful Care. WCHD's WIC and igrow programs continued to distribute the Safe and Respectful Care handout to all pregnant program participants. Additionally, all igrow partners were provided with the handout to share with families in their programs.

### **Opioid Response**

WCHD's WINNIE Harm Reduction Program provided outreach at the Winnebago County Courthouse three half days each week in September. In addition to the Courthouse, the Team provided naloxone training to staff at one local business and four community partners. With funding provided through Winnebago County Opioid Settlement funds, the WINNIE program will be expanded for Winnebago County residents. WCHD was also awarded grant funding through the [Illinois Regional Care Coordination Agency \(RCCA\)](#) responsible for state of Illinois Opioid Settlement Funds addressing BASE (Build, Amplify, Support, Empower Prevention Grant) to expand comprehensive harm reduction services to youth ages 12 – 25.

### **Trauma Informed Community**

The Violence Reduction Workgroup participated in an active discussion related to Historical Transgenerational Trauma to facilitate the development of goals and objectives for that subcommittee. The Violence Reduction Workgroup also reviewed upcoming trauma trainings that will be provided with funding from the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board. A Suicide Prevention training was held virtually on September 26 with approximately twenty-five (25) participants. Attendees learned how to identify key factors leading to suicidal behavior along with strategies to help prevent suicide attempts.



The updated trauma informed training schedule for the 2024-2025 year is as follows:

- Trauma & LGBTQ+ Identity (virtual) - 10/28 - 10 am - 12 pm
- Trauma Informed Supervision for Supervisors (virtual) - 1/30 - 12 - 2 pm
- Trauma Informed De-Escalation (in-person) - 5/15 - 10 am - 12 pm

Information on all upcoming trainings can be found on the WCHD website [Trauma Trainings page: publichealth.wincoil.gov/freetraumatrainings](https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/freetraumatrainings)

### **Tobacco Free Communities**

WCHD's Tobacco Free Communities (TFC) program collaborated with Rosecrance to have their youth clients start participating in CATCH My Breath, an e-cigarette prevention program, in October. TFC staff connected with current Illinois Tobacco Quitline (ITQL) Referral partners throughout the month and



provided them with ITQL's newly developed promotional materials. The TFC Coalition met in September and coalition members are planning to attend the Salvation Army's Koats4Kids distribution event in October to provide resources.

### **Other Partnerships**

The Public Health Administrator, Dr. Martell, presented the inclusion of social connectedness in community assessments and engagement of local health departments and participated in a roundtable discussion with Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging (NIAA) – AgeGuide on September 17, 2024. Engagement with this member of the local public health system was timely with the largest growing age demographic being 65 years of age and older in Winnebago County and with the emerging themes identified by Winnebago County including support needs for aging.



## **5. Policies and Plans**

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

### **Strategic Initiatives**

The workgroups met in September with the following updates:

- **Assessors** continued to focus on the IPLAN 2025 Data Book and discussed changes, including rewording and consistency of descriptions, and the need for clear explanations and notations about the survey's frequency and limitations.
- **Assurance** continued to attend each of the strategic workgroups and health priority groups to ensure they are on track with their goals and objectives. They also reviewed drafts of health priority quarterly reports and added data.
- **Collaborators** reviewed WCHD 2023 Annual Report in preparation for sending out messages to community partners. They also distributed the Health Priority Workshop Report and invitations for the Chairman and Mayor's Youth Leadership Council.
- **Organizers** reviewed the prioritization documents for the upcoming IPLAN event and provided suggested improvements.
- **Policy Makers** finalized the Cultural Diversity Policy and presented it to WCHD Leadership for review and approval.
- **Reporters** reviewed the final draft of a dashboard on violence reduction, intended for partners who are data-oriented. They also discussed the potential for creating similar dashboards for mental health and maternal health, using the objectives they already have.
- **Reaccreditation** reviewed the criterion for the IPLAN prioritization process and provided feedback regarding the proposed definitions to ensure everyone was prioritizing with the same basic understanding.
- **Workforce Development** gave feedback on CEMP and offered suggestions for improving the platform. Members reviewed a previous training for CEMP and proposed that new employees



complete a short training program for using the CEMP forty-five (45) days after the start of employment. They also discussed the PH Wins Survey which is currently underway.

During the last strategic workgroup meeting of the month, members of the Internal Steering Committee, the Organizers, and the Collaborators lead the discussion. They shared their experience with the IPLAN process leading up to and including the community/partner event. They reviewed how information was gathered, what their role was, who attended, what information was shared, how the prioritization went, and feedback at their table.

They then engaged the group in the following discussion:

- Do the ten priority areas surprise you in any way?
- Would you agree with the current ranking of priorities? If not, what would you change?
- Do the priorities align with our current strategic plan?
- Do the priorities relate to your current work at the health department? If so, how?
- Can the priorities be used as strategies in our work moving forward?
- Can you identify potential partners for each priority area?
- Is there anything missing from the list? If so, what?

After thorough discussion, consensus from WCHD staff was that mental health, maternal/child health, and violence should be WCHD's top three health priorities for the 2025 IPLAN.

### **Public Health Preparedness**

In September, the Center for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) launched a pilot registry for individuals with disabilities who may need additional help during an emergency. The pilot registry was sent to residents of the Luther Center senior and supported living apartment residents. The official launch of the registry to the public is scheduled for October.

PHEP trained staff at Rockton School District to administer undesignated naloxone in schools.

The PHEP Assistant Director attended the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Submit September 3 through the 6. In addition, the PHEP Director participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on September 27.

### **MRC Volunteers**

The PHEP Assistant Director / MRC Coordinator participated in the UIC Health Sciences Campus Volunteer Fair September 25 to recruit MRC volunteers.

Starting September 2024, PHEP worked with the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness and United Way to develop a new volunteer opportunity for MRC volunteers reading to children in the WIC program waiting area to demonstrate and promote the benefits of reading during early childhood. Two MRC volunteers volunteered four hours with the program.



**Reaccreditation Updates**

The site visit team for Reaccreditation has been identified by PHAB but the date of the site visit has not been determined. It is anticipated that the date will be provided in the next month.

**IPLAN Updates**

After kicking off the Community Health Prioritization at WCHD's All Staff meeting in August 2024, WCHD continued to advance the IPLAN 2025 prioritization process throughout September. Key activities during this period include:

- Convening the IPLAN 2025 Partner Steering Committee (PSC) on September 19, 2024 to review the Community Health Assessment (CHA) data and to weigh the criteria of the prioritization matrix. The matrix, developed by WCHD's internal workgroups, focused on nine (9) criteria integral in identifying the most pressing health issues for Winnebago County residents.
- Multiple community members representing the Local Public Health System were invited and participated in the community IPLAN Prioritization Meeting on September 25, 2024 at 200 Prairie St, Rockford, IL, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Board of Health members Derrick Kunz, Dr. David Helland, Dr. Patricia Lewis, and County Board Representative Angie Goral participated in the prioritization. At the Health Prioritization event, Winnebago County residents, WCHD BOH members, elected officials, and partner organizations reviewed CHA data and prioritized health issues for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) using the Health Prioritization Matrix. Feedback from the prioritization event was further reviewed by WCHD Staff and leadership and consensus was reached resulting in the following three health priorities: **Mental and Behavioral Health; Maternal and Child Health; and Violence.**

*Policy  
Development*

## 6. Laws & Regulations

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

WCHD continued to coordinate with the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC) regarding funding allocation through the local health protection grant. There are \$15 million in unallocated funds from both the House and the Senate (total \$13 million) in the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) budget. Local health departments through the state have requested that \$6 million of those undesignated funds be reallocated to reinstate the cut that was taken for this fiscal year. No decisions regarding uses or plans of the monies have been determined at this time.

WCHD is responsible for permitting local food establishments. All medium risk food establishments were required to renew their food and beverage permits by July 1, 2024 to continue operations. Establishments that did not renew their food and beverage permits received an initial late fee of \$75.00 on July 30, 2024. Subsequent follow-up was conducted and by September 30, 19 medium risk food establishments had outstanding fees and no renewal submitted. WCHD food inspectors reached out by



phone and email to remind all owners to renew their permit to avoid potential closure of operations resulting in all but four food establishments renewing their permits.

In September, WCHD worked with the States Attorney's Office on legal notifications to proceed with four demolitions.

After approval of negotiations for competitive pricing from the Board of Health in August, the Center for Environmental Health worked with each lead contractor to ensure their contract agreements included that they would perform work according to all appropriate laws and codes and that they would abide by all program rules.

The Center for Environmental Health is reviewing the private sewage disposal code to identify areas that may have inconsistencies due to the property's characteristics.

Tobacco Free Communities staff continued to do random and targeted Smoke Free Illinois Act (SFIA) checks. In September, the checks occurred in Rockford, Machesney Park, and Loves Park. The Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP) is working with law enforcement partners on the new contracts for FY25.



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## 7. Equitable Access

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

### Health Education Services

As of September 13, WCHD has been providing WIC appointments for one year at the Crusader Clinic located in South Beloit High School. WIC appointments are offered each Wednesday and over the course of the year, 287 WIC appointments have been completed at this location.

WCHD collaborated with United Way of Rock River Valley (UWRRV) to start the Reach Out and Read Program in the WIC clinic. Through this initiative, WCHD staff are able to provide age appropriate books to children to help them foster a positive association with reading. Each week a new selection of books is brought to the clinic to be handed out to clients. Nutritionist discuss the importance of reading to children and the benefits it offers. The books have been provided in many languages seen within the WIC program, including Arabic, Spanish, and Swahili books. In addition to children getting books, WCHD has asked MRC volunteers to come to the office two days a week to read to the children in the WIC Waiting Area. Clients are enjoying having someone read to the children while they are waiting for their appointment.

There has been a formula shortage on AR (added rice) formula in the area. The WIC staff reached out to the state WIC office to communicate the shortage in the area. In response, the state WIC office was able to send 27 cases of AR formula to the clinic to give to the families that are struggling to find it. Each family was given a case of 6 cans of formula. This did not affect their WIC EBT card benefits, it was given as an extra to help them while they were searching for the formula.





igrow (Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting) has continued to see an increase in referrals through the second half of the year with a total of seventy-seven (77) in September, which is fifty-four (54) more than September of the previous year. igrow has continued its efforts to improve referrals from the child welfare system to igrow presenting the program to the Department of Children and Family Service of Rockford in September.

igrow hosted its quarterly partner training for the home visiting agencies of the collaborative. The topic during this training was parental incarceration, featuring a previously incarcerated father who described challenges that incarcerated parents face during incarceration and after re-entry into society.

The Substance Use Prevention Program is working to obtain memorandums of understanding (MOUs) for the Youth Prevention Education campaign and the Communications Campaign. MOUs for the Youth Prevention Education (YPE) campaign have been received from Johnson Elementary and RESA Middle School. MOUs for the Communication Campaigns (CC) have been received from Harlem Middle School and RESA Middle School.

### **Personal Health Services**

In September, the Center for Personal Health Services completed an annual audit of the Family Planning program. The audit was thorough and informative.

The lead nurse case manager continued to work to address elevated lead levels in children and collaborated with multiple partners including primary care providers to ensure timely follow-up testing and continuity of care. The lead nurse collaborated with Saint Anthony College of Nursing providing clinical days to nursing students.



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## 8. Diverse & Skilled Workforce

*Build and support a diverse and skilled  
public health workforce.*

WCHD is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Clerk II / WIC Program
- Public Health Nurse I – Temporary Part-Time
- Medical Assistant / CMA Personal Health Services
- Case Manager / Drug Overdose Prevention Specialist
- Case Manager Disease Investigator



The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness has a bilingual staff member working at intake which is helping the flow of the clinic in addition to being able to help translate for clients.

**Training**

In September, some WCHD staff had the opportunity to participate in various trainings including:

- Five staff were trained and certified in CPR Heartsaver
- Clinic staff completed Blood Borne Pathogen on-line training.
- Two Nutritionists attended a healthy mealtime webinar hosted by the National WIC Association. This webinar covered topics like: age-appropriate nutrition and feeding practices, introducing solid foods, supporting healthy eating habits from an early age, and fostering a positive mealtime environment for families. The Nutritionists educated the staff on any updates and information that they learned.

WCHD's Environmental Health Improvement Center hosted IDPH at the WCHD office to provide an IDPH Food Program educational training on September 5. This IDPH training provided the opportunity for food inspectors in the entire region discuss the new changes and revisions that occurred as part of the State's adoption of the 2022 FDA Food Code.

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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 make substantial progress towards achieving its Quality Improvement (QI) Plan goals and objectives, with a focus on fostering a culture of continuous improvement and enhancing service quality. Below is a summary of key updates for September 2024:

- **Leadership and Systems Thinking:**  
85% of QI teams now include diverse perspectives, exceeding the 80% target. Presentations on these initiatives are scheduled for December 2024.
- **Quality Improvement Initiatives:**  
85% of projects have identified process flows, and 85% have used QI tools. 50% have implemented improvements, with 20% in the ACT phase of the PDSA cycle.
- **Workforce Development:**  
QI training is now fully integrated into the New Employee Orientation. Updates have been made to the Workforce Development Plan to ensure accessible, web-based training.
- **Communication:**  
10 of 14 QI projects have been presented to the Board of Health Quality Committee. Final reports and storyboards are scheduled for December 2024, with posting planned for January 2025.

**Table 1.1: Leadership and Systems Thinking**

<b>Goal 1: Advance a culture of continuous quality improvement within Winnebago County Health Department</b>		<b>Updates September 2024</b>
Objective 1.1	Review the Quality Improvement Plan including Quality Improvement Tools with Leadership and Supervisors by January 2024.	Completed
Objective 1.2	Develop a quality improvement initiative aligned with the Strategic plan for each Center by January 2024.	Completed
Objective 1.3	Present the quality improvement initiatives to be recommended by the Quality Committee and adopted by Board of Health by February 2024.	Completed
Objective 1.3	Ensure diversity of perspectives within Quality Improvement Teams by including at least one member outside of the center/program (80% target by February 2024).	85% of QI groups have a disruptor
Objective 1.4	Present an overview of their quality improvement initiative at the Annual All Staff by December 2024.	Scheduled for December 2024

**Table 1.2: Quality Improvement Initiatives**

<b>Goal 2: Improve the quality of Winnebago County Health Department interventions and services</b>		
Objective 2.1	Identify the process flow for each quality improvement initiative targeted for improvement by April 2024.	80% of QI initiatives have identified or drafted a process flow.
Objective 2.2	Utilize at least one Quality Improvement tool to identify changes to current processes for each quality improvement initiative by May 2024.	As of August 2024, 80% of QI projects have utilized at least one Quality Improvement tool to identify needed changes to the current processes.
Objective 2.3	Implement at least one change to improve the current process for each quality improvement initiative through the PDSA cycle by June 2024.	35% of QI initiatives have implemented a change to improve the current process.
Objective 2.4	Analyze the impact of the change to determine the ACT (adopt, adapt, abandon) of PDSA cycle and implement by August 2024.	20% of QI initiatives have analyzed the impact of change to determine the next phase of their QI project which involves adopting, adapting or abandoning the implemented change.

**Table 1.3: Workforce Development**

<b>Goal 3: Enhance workforce competency in Quality Improvement</b>		
Objective 3.1	Required Quality Improvement trainings will be completed by 100% of new employees within 90 days of onboarding.	After incorporating QI trainings into the Orientation Program Policy, WCHD leadership is working on integrating QI trainings into the New Employee orientation presented to WCHD's new employees.
Objective 3.2	Review and revise the Workforce Development Plan to ensure accessibility and relevance to web-based training by March 2024.	WCHD's Workforce Development Team has incorporated updated trainings and links to the Tier training calendar located in WCHD's performance management system, CEMP.

**Table 1.4: Communication**

<b>Goal 4: Ensure transparent communication and reporting of quality improvement efforts to stakeholders.</b>		
Objective 4.1	Report monthly on quality improvement initiatives related to the PDSA cycle to the Director of Data and Quality by March 2024.	Ongoing
Objective 4.2	Present update on the quality improvement initiative to the Board of Health Quality Committee at least once during the calendar year by December 2024.	8 of the 14 QI projects have been presented to the BOH Quality Committee by WCHD Center Directors.
Objective 4.3	Provide an annual report via Storyboard for each quality improvement initiative by December 2024.	Scheduled for December 2024
Objective 4.4	Post storyboards for quality improvement initiatives on the Winnebago County Health Department website by January 2025.	Scheduled for January 2025

**Table 2.0: Center/Program Level QI Initiatives**

Project	Center	Project Phase Sept-2024
By December 31, 2024, increase response to EHI customer service surveys from 2% to 10%.	Environmental Health	Plan
By December 31, 2024, all revenue sources will be accurately classified against fixed based expenses.	Finance	Plan
By December 31, 2024, IBCCP will increase its caseload by 5% to reach a total caseload of 468.	Personal Health Services	Plan
By December 31, 2024, WCHD will respond to an identified foodborne illness within 48 hours with an assessment/mitigation plan and a reopen strategy for the food establishment to return to normal operations.	Health Protection/Environmental Health	Plan
By December 31, 2024, increase documentation reviews for destruction and/or archiving by 20%.	Public Health Policy	Do
By December 31, 2024, identify and initiate a process for collecting feedback from website users and utilize the feedback to set a baseline of data and initiate a minimum of three (3) modifications based on the data to the website.	Communications	Do
By December 31, 2024, identify a trusted WCHD connection and communications pathway for 50% (6/12) of the identified populations and develop a culturally relevant public health message for 25% (3/12) of the identified groups.	Communications	Do
By December 31, 2024, reduce the number of business days to respond to data requests by 30% dependent on system.	Data and Quality	Do
By December 31, 2024, increase participation in voluntary self-reporting of access and functional needs (AFN) among individuals with disabilities residing in non-institutional settings in Winnebago County by 50% of 2023 levels.	Emergency Preparedness	Do
By June 30, 2025, increase the utilization rate of the State Opioid Response program to 95% (mid-year).	Finance	Do
By Dec 31st, 2024 exclusive breastfeeding rates will be increased from 11%-13% for our agency.	Health Promotion and Wellness	Do
By December 31, 2024, increase the amount of time strategic leads are working collaboratively by 50% to improve strategic workgroup efficiency in goal attainment and enhance staff engagement in strategic workgroups.	Strategic Initiatives	Do
By December 31, 2024, the number of High School students participating in the Mayor and Chairman's Youth Leadership Council identified through community nominations will increase from four (4) to twelve (12) - (300%).	Health Promotion and Wellness	Study
By December 31, 2024, Winnebago County Health Department will improve the percentage of individuals inadequately treated for low risk animal rabies PEP according to IDPH guidelines from 26% down to 10%.	Health Protection	Study



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## 10. Organizational Infrastructure

*Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.*

### **Governmental Organizations**

Routine updates continued with Winnebago County Board Chairman Chiarelli. Focus continued on environmental health including the proposed garbage service for Winnebago County District #18 to address blight. Winnebago County Zoning has noticed residents in District #18 that dumpsters, unless for construction refuse, will not be permitted and the current ordinance will be enforced. Additionally, updates were provided on respiratory viruses in circulation.

The Mental Behavioral Health Advisory Board met with the selected applicants' in response to the RFP regarding best practices around the Coordinating Entity and Access as outlined in the Community Support System Framework (CSS) adopted by the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board. Additional discussion was held around the selection of Rosecrance, Inc. for the expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) in Illinois as part of the [Section 223 CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration](#). A fact sheet regarding the CCBHC can be found under correspondence. There are nine required CCBHC Services including: 1 – Crisis Services; 2 – Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Service; 3 – Person and Family-Centered Treatment Planning; 4 – Community-Based Mental Health Care for Veterans; 5 – Peer Family Support and Counselor Services; 6 – Targeted Case Management; 7 – Outpatient Primary Care Screening and Monitoring; 8 – Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services; and 9 – Screening, Diagnosis, and Risk Assessment. These services are provided regardless of the individual's insurance and includes prospective payment for providers. The CCBHC focuses specifically on Medicaid-enrolled.

Representatives from Winnebago County and City of Rockford government attended the IPLAN 2025 Prioritization Event with other community partners to review the data from the three MAPP 2.0 assessments.

The quarterly meeting with the Mayor of the City of Rockford focused on the emerging top priorities and alignment with other initiatives currently operational including the Bridges to Prosperity, Alignment Rockford, and Opioid Response.

### **Finance**

The Winnebago County Health Department received notice that it had been awarded funding in the amount of \$365,147.85 from the State of Illinois Opioid Settlement Funds referred to as BASE (Build, Amplify, Support, and Empower) Prevention subaward. The grant will focus on expansion of harm reduction services to individuals age 12 through 25 years of age. The kick-off meeting with other award recipients and the fund administrator Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) is scheduled for October 2025.





### Non-Governmental Organizations

On September 19, 2024, Dr. Martell presented on the role of public health epidemiology and environmental health in the investigation of a case of severe illness associated with consumption of a Diamond Shroomz™ brand product as part of the IDPH Fast PHACT clinician sponsored series. Winnebago County Health Department was involved in the first reported case in Illinois. The Health Protection unit was involved in interviewing the case to determine the source of the product and any other compounding risks/issues and the Center For Environmental Health Improvement conducted site investigations of establishments potentially selling the product. In addition, the Center for Data and Quality conducted surveillance to identify other potential cases.



# Data Appendix

## 1. Monitor Health

### Communicable Disease

Disease	September 2024	September 2023	2024 Year Total	Calendar Year 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Anaplasma phagocytophilum (formerly HGA)	0	0	6	1	0
Botulism Infant	1	0	1	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	0	0	0	0	1
Candida auris, clinical	8	4	54	54	29
Candida auris, screening	0	0	3	0	0
Carbapenemase Producing Organism - Clinical	0	0	0	1	0
Carbapenem Resistant Organism	0	1	7	3	0
CE - Jamestown Canton Neuroinvasive Disease	0	0	1	0	0
Chlamydia	114	156	1243	1874	1832
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	10	9	5
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	2	2	1
Dengue	0	0	0	1	0
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (formerly HME)	0	0	1	0	1
Ehrlichia muris euclairensis infection	0	0	1	0	0
Gonorrhea	48	48	348	417	704
Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease	0	0	4	8	5
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) Post Diarrheal	0	0	0	2	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	2	8	6
Hepatitis B Chronic	2	3	18	29	29
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	0	0	6	3	3
Hepatitis C Virus Chronic Infection	3	11	69	100	92
Hepatitis C Virus Perinatal	0	0	0	0	1
Hepatitis Delta	0	0	0	1	0
Histoplasmosis	0	0	4	2	5
HIV	0	0	9	26	26
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	0	0	22	18	44
Legionellosis - Legionnaires Disease	2	2	11	13	13
Listeria Invasive Disease	0	0	1	0	1
Lyme Disease	1	2	35	44	33



Malaria	0	0	0	1	1
Meningococcal (Neisseria Meningitidis) Invasive Disease	0	0	1	0	0
Monkeypox	0	0	0	0	5
Mumps	0	0	0	2	1
Pediatric Influenza Death	0	0	0	0	1
Pertussis	1	2	9	11	2
Rabies, Potential Human Exposure	5	6	50	70	38
Salmonellosis	3	8	34	41	43
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19)	0	766	1665	8345	32372
SARS-CoV-2 Infection (COVID-19) with ICU Hospitalization	3	0	12	0	0
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- O157:H7	0	0	1	2	0
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	0	0	1	3	5
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin pos, not cultured or serotyped	2	0	10	18	12
Shigellosis	0	2	7	9	16
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	0	0	5	0	2
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	2	1	16	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	1	0	1	0
Syphilis	10	2	83	108	99
Tuberculosis	0	0	2	4	8
Typhus Murine	0	0	1	0	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	2	7	7	8
Vibriosis	0	1	4	5	1
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	0	1	3	2	0

Environmental Health

## Radon

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
<b>Radon Screenings</b>	0	0	6	2
Average (pCi/L)	-	-	4.5	4.0
Max (pCi/L)	-	-	9.1	6.2
<b>Radon Test Kits Purchased</b>	1	5	31	17
Average (pCi/L)	-	3.2	5.7	4.8
Max (pCi/L)	-	4.6	15.2	
<b>Phone Calls</b>	1	0	10	7
<b>Units Reported Mitigated</b>	0	0	0	0

## Non-Community Water Wells

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
<b>Non-Community Water Sampled</b>	7	2	91	55
<b>Non-Community Samples Positive</b>	0	0	0	0

**2. Diagnose and Investigate**Environmental Health

## Creating a Lead Safe Rockford

	Goal	Actual	Percent
<b>Units Enrolled</b>	200	64	32 %
<b>Inspections</b>	160	70	44 %
<b>Mitigated Units</b>	160	30	19 %

## Testing Lead in Water

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
<b>Samples Taken &amp; Analyzed</b>	1	2	8	17
<b>Number Exceeding IEPA Lead Level</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Average Lead Content</b>	0.8	0.8	0.7	2.1
<b>Maximum Lead Content</b>	0.8	0.8	1.8	4.1



## Food Complaints

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Foodborne Illness Complaints	4	2	23	36
Foodborne Illness Investigations	4	2	23	36
Non-Foodborne Illness Complaints	21	17	184	197

## Housing Complaints

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Housing Complaints	71	68	500	619
Nuisance Complaints	22	25	182	237
Survey Complaints	5	5	126	131
Received Complaints	98	96	787	1003
Re-Check on Complaints	261	330	2338	2439

## Wells &amp; Septic

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
Well Complaints	2	3	23	20
Septic Complaints	11	13	66	66

## Food Inspection Performance Indicator Risk Factors

Risk	Violation														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total	17	17	16	0	10	9	0	9	2	86	0	0	23	1	18
High	13	13	11	0	7	9	0	7	2	73	0	0	20	1	16
Medium	4	4	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	9	0	0	1	0	0
Low	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2

Risk	Violation													
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Total	62	0	0	3	3	18	45	50	1	1	0	0	12	1
High	58	0	0	3	2	16	42	50	1	1	0	0	10	1
Medium	4	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Low	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**3. Communicate**

## Digital Media

TOP 3 Viewed Webpages For September 2024		TOP 3 Social Media Post For September 2024
# 1	Birth and Death Certificate – 1,146	YLC 09/11/24 – 5.2k impressions
# 2	Get a permit or license - 733	National Preparedness Month 09/05/24 – 4.7k impressions
# 3	Schedule a Clinic appointment - 247	National Preparedness Month 09/12/24 – 3.6k impressions

# Forms Received Through Website For September 2024	
<i>Public Health Concerns</i>	30
<b>Request for Involvement</b>	1
<b>Submit Question To WCHD</b>	50

**4. Mobilize Community & Partnerships**

## Youth Prevention Education (YPE)

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>School</b>	0	0	RESA/Flinn/Johnson	RESA
<b>Students</b>	0	0	170/140/128 = 438	156
<b>Curriculum(s)</b>	0	0	Too Good for Drugs	Too Good for Drugs

## Youth Leadership Council

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Youth Served</b>	0	0	26	36
<b>Schools Represented</b>	0	0	8	7

## Illinois Youth Survey (IYS)

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Schools Registered for the Illinois Youth Survey</b>	0	0	22	23
<b>Schools That Completed the IYS</b>	0	0	17	0



**5. Policies and Plans**

## MRC Volunteers

New MRC Volunteers September 2024	Total New MRC Volunteers for July 1, 2024-September 30, 2025
0	1

**6. Laws & Regulations**

## EH Code Enforcement

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar YTD 2024	Calendar YTD 2023
<b>Foods</b>	478	503	4424	3772
<b>Wells</b>	22	9	81	63
<b>Septic</b>	3	21	48	72
<b>Loan inspection</b>	12	13	121	128

	Administrative Hearing September 2024	In-House Hearing September 2024	Calendar Year To Date 2024 Administrative	Calendar Year To Date 2024 In House	Administrative Hearings Calendar Year 2023	In House 2023
<b>Housing</b>	0	12	121	181	124	203
<b>Foods</b>	0	0	0	12	0	9
<b>Wells/Septic</b>	0	0	1	0	0	2

## Illinois Tobacco Free Communities: Smoke Free Illinois Act Compliance Checks

	Random Checks	Targeted Checks	July Totals	Calendar Year
<b>Number of new compliance checks</b>	39	2	41	367
<b>Number of rechecks (businesses may be rechecked more than once)</b>	13	3	16	189
<b>Number of businesses found to comply during new checks</b>	7	0	7	186
<b>Number of businesses in compliance during rechecks</b>	11	3	14	158
<b>Number of violations observed during compliance checks (businesses may have more than one violation)</b>	37	3	40	232

**7. Equitable Access****Dental**

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Kits Sent</b>	71	47	301	125
<b>Families Recruited</b>	44	51	158	136
<b>Families Who Access a Dental Provider or Home</b>	0	0	9	11

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	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b># CIAT Completed (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool)</b>	75	23	502	292
<b>MIECHV Home Visiting Programs Referrals</b>	52	12	312	242
<b>Non MIECHV Home Visiting Agencies Referrals</b>	23	2	147	78
<b>Other (client declined, ineligible, referred to community partner, etc</b>	7	N/A	40	N/A

**Family Planning**

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Number of Clients Seen</b>	91	110	931	1151
<b>New Clients</b>	40	58	339	567
<b>Continuing Clients</b>	50	52	552	584
<b>Pregnancy Tests</b>	28	3	266	96



## Family Planning Quality Measures

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Initial Visits	9	17	111	115
Charts Reviewed	16	22	228	191
ACES Screenings	16	22	217	186
Pre/Interconception Education Documented	14	21	215	173
ACES Compliance	100%	100%	97%	81% avg
PRE/Interconception Compliance	88%	95%	95%	68% avg

## Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention/ WISEWOMAN Services

Service	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Clinical Breast Exam	11	17	138	225
Mammograms	14	17	129	177
Pap Smear	1	3	35	37

## Integrated Clinic

Service	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Clinic Visits	84	78	711	660
Nurse Visits	162	210	1761	2545
Total Visits	246	289	2472	3206



## Refugee Health

Nationality	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Afghanistan			22	13
Burma			1	18
Burundi				
Central Africa Rep.			7	1
Congo	21	1	132	178
Cuba				9
Eritrea				
Ethiopia				
Guatemala			4	5
Haiti			11	16
Iran				
Iraq			11	11
Ivory Coast				
Malaysia				
Pakistan				5
Rwanda				
Sudan				
Syria				
Tanzania				
Thailand				
Ukraine			1	16
Venezuela			5	15
Vietnam				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>318</b>

## Harm Reduction Program

Harm Reduction Services	September 2024	September 2023	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Harm Reduction Kits Distributed (Drug testing strips)	24	5	226	31
Naloxone Kits Distributed	514	545	4362	5711
People Trained (DOPP)	142	97	966	3211
Reversal Forms Received (DOPP)	0	0	1	8
Community Sites for Rapid Naloxone Deployment (DOPP)	18	8	183	104



## PrEP Access

# Prescribed PrEP at WCHD in 2024	Attended 1 <sup>st</sup> PrEP Apt with Community Provider	Didn't Attend 1 <sup>st</sup> PrEP Apt/Unable to Reach	Taking PrEP 6 Months Post WCHD Visit	Taking PrEP 9 Months Post WCHD Visit
9	2	6	0	0

## Ryan White

Ryan White Services	# of Individuals Served in Reporting Month	2024 Year to Date Total Served
Case management	74	450
Oral Health Care	0	17
Outpatient Medical Care	0	16
Housing Services	7	70
Emergency Financial Assistance (Utilities)	0	0
Medical Transportation	0	1

## Tuberculosis Activities

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>New Clients</b>	4	8	78	180
<b>Returning Clients</b>	19	24	157	261
<b>Total Encounters</b>	23	32	235	409
<b>Physician Contact</b>	7	22	11	141
<b>Medication (direct observation therapy visit)</b>	59	20	544	758
<b>Diagnostic Testing (x-rays, CT scans, etc.)</b>	4	7	121	103
<b>Screening – TB Skin Test, Quantiferon Test</b>	1	4	220	350
<b>Screening – Positive TB Skin Test/T-Spot</b>	0	4	14	22
<b>Total Active Cases in Winnebago County</b>	4	1	33	41

## Women, Infants, and Children Program

## Caseload (goal is 90%)

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload Goal	6961	6961	6961	6961
Current Caseload	5569	5387	5459	5451
Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved	80%	77%	78%	78%



## WIC Caseload Population

	% of WIC Population September 2024
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.6%
Asian	4.2%
Black or African American	41%
Native Hawaii or Other Pacific Islander	7.2%
Hispanic or Latino	34%
Multi-Racial	12%
White	65%

## WIC Breastfeeding Rates (exclusivity goal is 15%)

	Sept 2024	Sept Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Percent of Infants Exclusively Breastfeeding	12.2%	12.0%	11.7%	11.6%
Percent of Infants Partially Breastfeeding	27.0%	26.6%	26.9%	27.3%
Percent of Total Infants Breastfeeding	39.1%	38.6%	38.7%	38.9%

## WIC Medicaid Enrollment Numbers

Medicaid Enrollment Numbers	September 2024
Number of WIC clients checked for Active Medicaid	456
Number of clients who needed to enroll/reactive	6

## HRIF/APORS

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
Caseload	106	112	100 avg	107 avg
Referrals Received	33	51	443	887





## Better Birth Outcomes

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Caseload</b>	53	51	48	61
<b>Percent of Caseload Goal Achieved (60)</b>	88%	85%	80%	101%

## Healthworks

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Caseload in Winnebago County (under 6 years)</b>	168	189	170 avg	226 avg
<b>Caseload in Winnebago County (6 - 21 years)</b>	512	491	486 avg	582 avg
<b>Caseload in Border Counties (Under 6 years)</b>	187	225	203	229
<b>New Cases to DCFS Custody (0-21 years)</b>	27	28	287	417
<b>Case Closure - Winnebago County (0-21 years)</b>	115	24	272	261

## Lead Poisoning Prevention

	September 2024	September Last Year (2023)	Calendar Year To Date 2024	Calendar Year 2023
<b>Total Cases</b>	169	118	123	94 avg
<b>New Cases</b>	29	19	126	112
<b>Contact Made</b>	339	338	2653	2796
<b>Home Visits</b>	10	14	95	114

## 8. Diverse &amp; Skilled Workforce

## WCHD Workforce

	Total Employees	Full-Time Employees	Part-Time Employees	Seasonal /Employees	Temporary	New Hires	Separated Employees
<b>Sep 2024</b>	99	94	5	1	4	2	0

## 9. Improve &amp; Innovate

## 10. Organizational Infrastructure