



South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department Quarterly Report

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

Foundational Public Health Areas



Communicable Disease Control

- 99 Immunizations given
- 87 People immunized
- 36 Tuberculosis skin tests
- 34 Sharps containers collected
- 25 Sharps containers sold



Disease Incident Cases

- 1 Camplyobacteriosis
- 1 Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales
- 1 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- 26 Chlamydia
- 2 Cryptosporidiosis
- 3 E. Coli
- 3 Gonorrhea
- 1 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis C
- 1 Lyme Disease
- 4 Pertussis
- 6 Latent Tuberculosis
- 8 COVID-19 Hospitalizations



Access to & Linkage with Care

- 1 Quick Response Team (QRT) visit attempted
- 6 New Referrals
- 19 Case Management Encounters



Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

- 121 Blood pressure screenings
- 4 Cholesterol/glucose tests
- 16 Boxes of Narcan distributed
- 7 Car seat checks
- 1 Pack N Play crib distributed
- 0 Bicycle helmet fittings
- 0 Bicycle helmets sold
- 11 Respiratory fit tests



Maternal, Child & Family Health

- 0 Hearing screenings
- 0 Vision screenings
- 3 Breastfeeding Support Encounters



Environmental Health

- 94 Food and recreation inspections
- 1 Rooming house inspection
- 10 Animal bite/rabies investigations
- 35 Complaints reported
- 0 Lead hazard investigations
- 2 Nursing follow-ups for child elevated blood lead level
- 2 Radon kits distributed



Vital Statistics

71 Births
64 Deaths

Foundational Capabilities

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Assessment & Surveillance

- Staff concentrated on Community Health Assessment (CHA) outreach in the community by tabling at numerous locations including Human Concerns, the Grobschmidt Senior Center, St. Francis Concerts in the Park, and the South Milwaukee Downtown Market
- Planned and executed CHA key informant interviews with many community stakeholders in each city
- Continued to share and push out the Milwaukee County Community Health Needs Assessment
- Explored new data and metrics on the City Health dashboard, for which both of our cities were selected (out of 51 total selected in the entire country!)
- Reviewed data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for the St. Francis School District and the School District of South Milwaukee
- Provided guidance for a long-term care facility with a COVID positive employee
- Provided information to local daycares on 5th disease due to an increase in cases
- Monitored the increase in pertussis cases locally and statewide
- Continued to monitor overdose trends in our communities
- Reviewed monthly health department data



Community Health Survey outreach continued



Policy Development & Support

- Staff updated the bike helmet and immunization policies and procedures
- Worked on the documents appendix and updated other pieces of the Tuberculosis policy
- Discussed how to properly follow-up on new perinatal Hepatitis C cases and developed a plan to contact parents/guardians
- Provided feedback to an intern who created a "Zero-Proof Toolkit" to educate local bars and restaurants about non-alcoholic options and inclusivity
- Provided resources and support to local schools regarding the student immunization audit requirements
- Partnered with the South Milwaukee High School CNA program to screen their students for Tuberculosis (TB) to help them meet clinical requirements
- Passed along vaping and tobacco policy information from Community Advocates to both public school districts

Equity

- Staff hosted community blood pressure clinics and provided education at the libraries and Grobschmidt Senior Center
- Translated all documents for emergency preparedness into Arabic, Spanish, Albanian, and Hindi
- Submitted our Qualitative Data project to be presented at the Wisconsin Public Health Association Public Health in Practice Conference
 - Selected for the poster section - created a poster to be on display
- Presented the Qualitative Data project (including successes, challenges, lessons learned, and next steps) on a Qualdata Community of Practice call with WI DHS and other health departments
- Provided gonorrhea treatment for a client who could not make it back to their medical provider
- Helped two clients set up their blood pressure cuffs and ensured they were reading accurately
- Provided resources for a low-income senior
- Ordered flu vaccine to have on hand for uninsured adults
- Sent the CHA survey to our Healthy Community Partnership members with no email - received 3/4 back!

Community Partnership Development



- Attended the Southeast Alliance for Wisconsin Youth quarterly meeting
- Offered mental health resources at a Talk Saves Lives event at the Kelly Senior Center
- Participated in many South Shore CARES leadership meetings and partner meetings
- Collaborated with the Medical College of WI on an Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Recommendation toolkit
- Introduced a new agency to our OFR team
- Attended the OFR Community of Practice
- Planned and hosted the Q3 South Shore OFR meeting
- Attended the quarterly Public Health Generalists meeting
- Created a spreadsheet for the South Shore health departments to share what vaccines they have in stock so we can effectively provide Vaccines For Children (VFC) and Vaccines For Adults (VFA) without vaccine expiring
- Planned and hosted fall influenza clinics for city employees and at the schools, senior apartments, and other partners such as Wixon
- Hosted the Public Health Leadership meeting
- Participated in the Maternal Child Health (MCH) quarterly call with a focus on breastfeeding friendly businesses
- Planned the next Healthy Community Partnership meeting and discussed a possible restructure
 - Sent a coalition feedback survey for members to evaluate our processes
- Attended monthly Milwaukee Suicide Review meetings, Milwaukee County Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST) meetings, and many local health department overdose collaboration calls
- Attended the Wisconsin Department of Justice COSSUP in-person meeting to discuss OFRs, Medication Assisted Treatment, and Deflection programs
- Provided resources for the newly established Nursing Lounge at the St. Francis Public Library

Organizational Competencies

- Staff interviewed many candidates for a Public Health Nurse opening and successfully brought on a new nurse in September
- Updated the Orientation Guide for new health department staff
- All staff attended monthly staff meetings to provide updates and coordinate plans
- Continued to work on the billing and immunization part of our new Electronic Health Record (EHR), making other updates, and training staff, as needed
- Attended webinars regarding Avian flu updates, lead updates, youth drug use prevention, social connection, grant writing, online accessibility tools, school immunizations, tobacco cessation, vaping, life after incarceration, community engagement, and emerging drug trends
- Took a chicken complaint for South Milwaukee
- Followed-up on many animal bites, lead cases, and communicable diseases
- Strategized about spend down of shared grants between the South Shore health departments
- Looked into how our health department can gain access to EpicCare to assist with communicable disease follow-up
- Received notice that our application for a Public Health Vending Machine (PHVM) was approved; dedicated much time to research and planning
- Attended the first Opioid Settlement Task Force meeting to brainstorm ideas for spending
- Attended a 2-day Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Summit
- Began attending the Foundational Capabilities Community of Practice Training through the UWPHI group
- Completed annual VFC training
- Completed end of year grant reporting
- Submitted an application for the next round of OFR funding

Communications

- Staff hosted a community Narcan training in South Milwaukee with 6 community members in attendance
- Prepared for and participated in South Milwaukee and St. Francis Community Night Out with a focus on mental health, offering iSpy jars to kids with educational cards
- Started a new Stepping On Workshop in St. Francis
- Collaborated with other local health departments to create a harm reduction advertisement for CBS58
- Developed an advertisement with the signs and symptoms of an overdose and promoting free Narcan at local health departments to be displayed above gas station pumps in St. Francis and Oak Creek
- Posted on social media about relevant health topics including an overdose spike alert for Milwaukee County, drunk driving for the RNC, beach advisories, emergency preparedness, immunizations, fall prevention, suicide prevention, recovery, tobacco education, bike helmets, pertussis info, and more
- Made updates to the health department website, as needed
- Made edits to the South Shore CARES website to promote resources for businesses in the South Shore
- Created updated videos for the lobby to educate the public on current happenings
- Began putting together “Purple Folders” for mental health resources to be shared with community members and other departments (Police, Library, etc.)



Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Coordinated with South Milwaukee Fire, South Milwaukee Police, and St. Francis Police to update N95 fit testing and respirator testing prior to the Republican National Convention (RNC)
- Planned and produced a training for emergency preparedness for all Zone E staff to be educated prior to the RNC
- Staff attended HERC daily RNC calls to represent public health and get updates regarding the RNC
- Attended the RNC After Action Report (AAR) to discuss what went well and what needs improvement for large events in the future
- Worked with the new zone preparedness coordinator to discuss different aspects of preparedness
- Worked on Radiological plans and Community Reception Center (CRC) plans with the state workgroup
- Working on a template for a CRC
- Worked on developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for animal decontamination to occur at a CRC and Radiological emergency plan
- Created a 5-year workplan for our new Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) with the new cooperative agreement to track deliverables for the near five years for South Milwaukee-St. Francis, Cudahy, and Oak Creek Health Departments
 - Met with all three health officers to discuss plans for the next five years
- Created and submitted Q2 CRI Action Plans to the state
- Began discussion with the WI DHS immunization team on the school based AAR and potentially working on improving it for easier and better use in emergency preparedness



Accountability & Performance Management

- Staff participated in a meeting with the Milwaukee County Evidence-Based Program Providers
- Updated the health department internal data tracking sheet to include referrals and new cases for case management
- Filled out a shared spreadsheet to quantify outreach completed since the inception of South Shore CARES



Health Department staff wearing "Sam Fan" shirts to support the new South Milwaukee mascot

QUARTER 3 HIGHLIGHTS

(July-September)

Community Night Out

In both communities, we offered iSpy jars to focus on mental health, encouraged people to take the South Shore Community Health Assessment, and tabled as South Shore CARES with substance use resources and a mocktail menu



South Milwaukee



St. Francis



Library Partnerships

With our MCH objective focused on breastfeeding friendly businesses, we were able to help the South Milwaukee and St. Francis Public Libraries establish spaces and policies for staff and community members to feed their babies



South Milwaukee
Public Library



St. Francis Public Library

