



South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department Quarterly Report

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2024

Foundational Public Health Areas

Communicable Disease Control

- 289 Immunizations given
- 257 People immunized
- 26 Tuberculosis skin tests
- 27 Sharps containers collected
- 20 Sharps containers sold

Disease Incident Cases

- 3 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- 28 Chlamydia
- 1 Cryptosporidiosis
- 4 E. Coli
- 2 Gonorrhea
- 2 Hepatitis A
- 4 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis C
- 7 Influenza Hospitalizations
- 1 Lyme Disease
- 8 Pertussis
- 2 Salmonellosis
- 2 Syphilis
- 4 Latent Tuberculosis
- 3 COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Access to & Linkage with Care

- 2 Quick Response Team (QRT) visits attempted
- 3 New Referrals
- 18 Case Management Encounters

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

- 124 Blood pressure screenings
- 3 Cholesterol/glucose tests
- 63 Boxes of Narcan distributed
- 10 Lock boxes distributed
- 6 Car seat checks
- 1 Pack N Play crib distributed
- 0 Bicycle helmet fittings
- 0 Bicycle helmets sold
- 1 Respiratory fit test



Maternal, Child & Family Health

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



Environmental Health

- 86 Food and recreation inspections
- 0 Rooming house inspections
- 21 Animal bite/rabies investigations
- 49 Complaints reported
- 0 Lead hazard investigations
- 4 Nursing follow-ups for child elevated blood lead level
- 3 Radon kits distributed



Vital Statistics

69 Births
96 Deaths



Foundational Capabilities

OCT-DEC 2024

Assessment & Surveillance

- Staff monitored the increase in pertussis cases in South Milwaukee
- Planned and held youth focus groups for the Community Health Assessment (CHA) with high school students from St. Francis
- Reviewed preliminary data and results from the CHA survey for both South Milwaukee and St. Francis - compared similarities and differences
- Discussed next steps for the CHA: secondary data collection
- Conducted data collection for the SPF-PFS grant that we will be applying for as a South Shore
- Provided lice checks and education for multiple residents
- Reviewed data from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys and Qualitative Data project to help determine focus of objectives for 2025 Maternal/Child Health (MCH) grant
- Monitored South Milwaukee and St. Francis overdose data

Community Partnership Development

- Attended the Public Health Leadership meeting
- Coordinated focus groups with the South Milwaukee and St. Francis school districts
- Planned and hosted the South Milwaukee-St. Francis Healthy Community Partnership meeting in October to brainstorm ideas for 2025 - agreed to begin meeting quarterly as a group
- Worked in coordination with the School District of South Milwaukee school nurse to host a Narcan training for the South Milwaukee Senior class
- Shared a vape disposal bucket with the SDSM school nurse to offer to students
- Worked with a representative from Divine Mercy to place three ONEBoxes (opioid emergency kits) in the school and church
- Met with the Franklin Health Department to discuss our initiatives surrounding youth and substance misuse
- Met with the Oak Creek and Cudahy Health Departments to discuss partnering for the SPF-PFS grant
- Participated in a conversation with the ADRC and LHD in an attempt to help strengthen our partnership and services provided to the community
- Met with Community Medical Services (CMS) to improve communicable disease reporting
- Shared fentanyl testing strips with CMS because they were running low
- Planned and hosted the South Shore Overdose Fatality Review where we conducted a reflection on 2024
- Attended a RISE Drug Free MKE meeting, the Milwaukee County OD-PHAST and Local Health Department Overdose Collaboration calls, the Milwaukee County Suicide Review, the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth quarterly meeting, and South Shore CARES leadership and partner meetings to combat substance misuse and mental health in Milwaukee County
- Worked on a proposal with the SMPD for the Opioid Settlement Fund Taskforce



Equity

- Staff offered flu vaccination to the public through offsite clinics (Wixon and St. Francis School District for their employees), home visits, and office visits
- Provided immunizations for several children behind on vaccinations
- Helped link families/clients that could benefit from a Thanksgiving food basket to the Rotary Club
- Completed a home visit and case management for a referral for a senior resident in need of resources
- Tabled at the CMS Resource fair as South Shore CARES offering mental health and harm reduction resources and as the SMSF Health Dept. offering flu shots (free for patients without insurance)
- Offered free flu vaccines to kids at SM schools through the state program
- Continued coordinating the Harm Reduction Vending Machine coming to South Milwaukee including graphics, delivery, software training, inventory, and more
- The South Shore Overdose Fatality Review Leadership team conducted a deep dive of recommendations to make them SMARTIE (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound, inclusive, and equitable)
- Offered blood pressure screenings at the senior center and both libraries

Vending Machine Prep



Design finalized



Packing fentanyl test kits



Keeping the public informed

Communications

- Staff presented at the WPHA Public Health in Practice conference on the South Shore Equity in Recovery Project that was done through the Qualitative Data grant we received
- Created advertisements for the Mariner & Bridges newsletters
- Posted on social media about relevant health topics such as monthly breast cancer awareness month, Halloween safety, mental health, food safety, weather, illness, etc.
- Made edits to the SMSFHD and South Shore CARES websites and communicated with St. Francis for edits to be made on their website
- Developed an educational handout about lice for the SDSM
- Developed a press release and was interviewed by the mayor for the harm reduction vending machine
- Collaborated with South Shore CARES to develop a “one-pager” resource for PD & FD to hand out in the South Shore.



Wearing green for Injury Prevention Day

Gas station ad displayed Sept-Dec. with the warning signs of an overdose and promoting Narcan availability at LHDs



Q&A on the Mayor's Minute for the vending machine!

Organizational Competencies

- New public health nurse shadowed a car seat check and performed a safe sleep (Cribs for Kids) education and evaluation to a client
- She also attended a Public Health 101 seminar to get an overview of Public Health
- Completed the Fall 2024 Stepping On falls prevention workshop and conducted the booster session
- Followed-up on a repeat blood draw for child with an initial elevated blood lead level
- Completed the quarter 3 report for the MCH grant
- Attended an all-team retreat to strengthen the ability to work together as a team
- Participated in webinars regarding Vaccines for Children, Vaccines for Adults, Breastfeeding Support Call, Pertussis open forums with DHS, HHPSS (lead) call, Stepping On facilitators call, community of practice offered by UW-Madison on foundational capabilities, data + health equity, DHS Healthy People 2030, the Social Development Strategy, elevating youth voices, and decreasing youth substance use by increasing mental health initiatives
- Staff attended the WPHA Public Health in Practice Conference and learned about using narrative in public health and how to improve data visualization in reports
- Attended the Wisconsin Health Education Networking meeting
- All staff attended monthly staff meetings
- Provided support for local long-term care facilities regarding respiratory outbreak prevention and control
- Wrote and submitted a grant to conduct an alcohol marketing scan in our cities
- Two staff members attended Trauma Informed Care Train the Trainer and attended a session dedicated to the Public Health point of view
- Began Direct Observed Treatment for LTBI client in need of medication
- Provided health insurance and pregnancy resources for resident in need

Policy Development & Support

- Staff updated Immunization Policies and Intimate Partner Violence Policy
- Learned about the top five public health policies to watch in 2025
- Planned for mini grant activities to conduct an alcohol scan in 2025 which would be presented to policy-making stakeholders in each city

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Attended the HERC exercise design meeting and board meeting
- Prepared for our annual emergency preparedness hazard vulnerability assessment (HVA) by researching data surrounding the social determinants of health and how they may apply during an emergency
- Began writing the after action report (AAR) for the kids vaccine clinics we held
- Held the Zone E hazard vulnerability assessment for the three public health departments and submitted the HERC
- Began work on the Risk Analysis Data Elements (RADE) document for emergency preparedness on the top 5 risks from the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment that we completed in October for the Zone E health departments

Accountability & Performance Management

- Staff updated the daily tracking sheet used by staff members to better align with information needed for reporting purposes
- Completed the first batch of immunizations through a new billing system and received payment
- Wrapped up our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan and began coordinating the 2025-2027 plan
- Met with the Opioid Settlement Funds Task Force to discuss the proposed ideas for spending funds
- Continued to develop our electronic health record to fit our needs - made new documentation tab for DOT

2024 Holiday staff photo



QUARTER 4 HIGHLIGHTS (October-December)



CBS58 Ad

In collaboration with many other Health Departments in Southeastern Wisconsin, we developed a 30 second advertisement to educate folks about the warning signs of an overdose and promote Narcan availability at all of our local health departments. The advertisement was created in English and Spanish.



South Milwaukee Senior Class Narcan Training

A collaboration between the School District of South Milwaukee school nurse, the Community Impact Manager from Community Medical Services and the Public Health Specialist from the South Milwaukee-St. Francis Health Department resulted in a Narcan training for the South Milwaukee Senior Class. There were at least 100 students in attendance!

