



South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department Quarterly Report

January-March 2025

Foundational Public Health Areas

Communicable Disease Control



- 37 Immunizations given
- 28 People immunized
- 22 Tuberculosis skin tests
- 30 Sharps containers collected
- 23 Sharps containers sold

Disease Incident Cases



- 29 Chlamydia
- 1 Coccidiomycosis
- 3 E. Coli
- 8 Gonorrhea
- 4 Hepatitis B
- 1 Hepatitis C
- 41 Influenza Hospitalizations
- 2 Legionellosis
- 1 Lyme Disease
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Pertussis
- 2 Latent Tuberculosis
- 8 RSV Hospitalizations
- 12 COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Access to & Linkage with Care

- 0 Quick Response Team (QRT) visits attempted
- 5 New Referrals
- 35 Case Management Encounters



Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention



- 15 Blood pressure screenings
- 10 Cholesterol/glucose tests
- 37 Boxes of Narcan distributed
- 32 Lock boxes distributed
- 2 Car seat checks
- 2 Pack N Play cribs distributed
- 0 Bicycle helmet fittings
- 0 Bicycle helmets sold
- 22 Respiratory fit tests

Maternal, Child & Family Health



- 1 Hearing screening
- 725 Vision screenings
- 0 Breastfeeding Support Encounters

Environmental Health



- 78 Food and recreation inspections
- 5 Rooming house inspections
- 10 Animal bite/rabies investigations
- 32 Complaints reported
- 1 Lead hazard investigation
- 6 Nursing follow-ups for child elevated blood lead level
- 10 Radon kits distributed

Vital Statistics

52 Births
94 Deaths



Foundational Capabilities

JAN-MARCH 2025

Assessment & Surveillance

- Worked on the 2025 South Shore Community Health Assessment (CHA) with the Cudahy and Oak Creek Health Departments
 - Compiled data regarding quality of life
 - Completed focus groups with middle school students
 - Reviewed focus groups and key informant interviews to provide qualitative data
 - Completed the first rough draft
- Staff participated in training to learn how to use Essence to gather data on overdoses, falls, and suicides in our communities
- Researched new potential trends in overdose deaths
- Stayed up-to-date surrounding the current measles outbreak
- Encouraged the school districts to participate in the upcoming YRBS

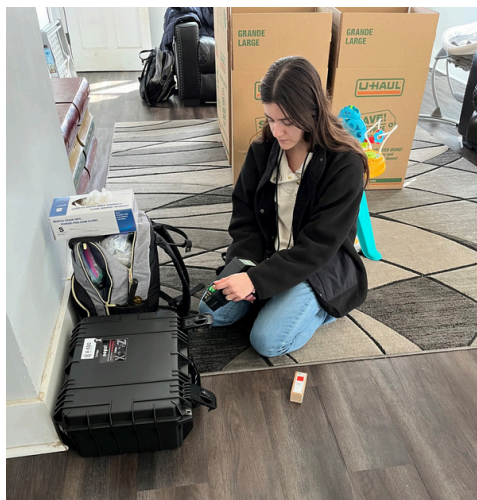
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For those of us who want to continue to grow our families here, we need healthier options for food and continued safer options to get to bike trails and such.

-Survey Respondent

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Lead Risk Assessment



Our dedicated Environmental Health Sanitarian out in the field conducting a Lead Risk Assessment (LRA) to help protect community members—especially children—from the dangers of lead exposure.

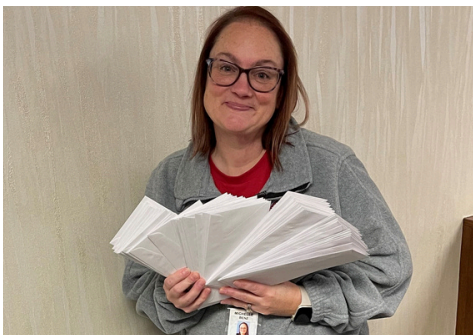
Using the XRF lead testing gun

Communications

- Staff reviewed resources provided in the orange substance use disorder folder to assure they are still viable
- Provided informational handout about lice for local school/childcare center
- Developed social media posts and information for digital signs to help promote health and prevent injuries, educate on healthy eating and interpreting food labels, inform the public of extreme cold warnings, snow storms, and warming shelters, educate on environmental health topics, and more
- Updated the health department website

Equity

- Staff provided resources for a resident needing assistance to stay in her home
- Arranged for a client with no insurance to be vaccinated against multiple diseases, as required by immigration
- Provided proof of pregnancy for an uninsured resident needing Badgercare
- Provided vision and dental resources to the School District of South Milwaukee for students in need
- Made a referral to Child Protective Services (CPS) for a home that had children living in poor conditions
- Provided LTBI treatment to residents in need
- Attended the monthly Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) calls to ensure continuity of services for our communities
- Made outreach to all of the food/service industry type of businesses in South Milwaukee and St. Francis to provide Narcan training and ONEboxes to their staff and establishments
 - Coordinated and planned Narcan trainings for the businesses interested



Letters mailed to bars and restaurants to offer Naloxone training to their staff and ONEboxes to their establishments

Community Partnership Development

- Staff held a meeting with South Milwaukee Fire and South Milwaukee Police Departments to discuss Quick Response Team (QRT) visits for non-fatal overdoses and update the procedure for follow-up
- Attended the Safe Kids meeting, open house at Rogers Behavioral Health, the Milwaukee County Falls Prevention Coalition meeting, the SE Alliance for Wisconsin Youth quarterly meeting, the monthly OD-PHAST meetings, LHD Overdose Collab meetings, Milwaukee County Suicide Review, and more
- Hosted the Q1 South Milwaukee-St. Francis Healthy Community Partnership (HCP) meeting to plan community events that address social connection, mental health, and substance use disorder to support the CHIP
- Participated in South Shore CARES Partner presentations and leadership meetings and a Light Unite Red planning committee meeting
- Provided guidance to a Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) with GI and respiratory illness outbreaks and to the school district regarding possible varicella zoster (chicken pox) exposure
- Hosted the Q1 South Shore Overdose Fatality Review with Cudahy and Oak Creek Health Departments
- Developed a new partnership with the Casa de Oracion Adonai church in St. Francis to host a vaccine clinic for the uninsured church members

Organizational Competencies

- All staff participated in a strategic plan meeting for the health department which consisted of a SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) Analysis
- Staff participated in QPR training to better address someone who may be thinking of suicide
- Another staff participated in youth mental health first aid training, to recognize and manage a youth mental health crisis
- Developed a way to keep track of medication inventory using the electronic health record (instead of paper)
- Began planning the 2025 Stepping On falls prevention workshops
- Attended webinars regarding communicable diseases provided monthly by the state, alcohol advocacy and policy, cultural competence, what does not work in prevention, cannabis consumer safety, trauma and the brain, recognizing and responding to sex trafficking, and more
- Attended Stop the Bleed training
- Completed a data visualization training to compile the CHA data
- Trained all staff on the public health vending machine software and technology
- Completed training on the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation Grapevine presentation for Advance Care Planning that will be offered at the libraries
- An additional staff member became a GrapeVine educator on chronic disease prevention
- Attended the Southeast Region Public Health Nurse meeting
- Attended a presentation about the link between cannabis and suicide
- Completed the FEMA Shelter Course
- Attended the Overdose Fatality Review Forum: Turning the Tide in Portland, OR
- Began planning a resource fair in South Milwaukee, including a poster contest for the youth, and keynote speaker Tom Farley
- Wrote and submitted for the State Opioid Response grant
- Strategized for the SPF-PFS grant as a department, aligned with the State Health Improvement Plan, and then as a South Shore
- Updated the employee engagement board with a new topic
- Continued to have meetings with EHR technical support to learn more on billing

Wearing red to raise awareness for heart disease



Collaborated with the South Milwaukee School District to participate in their Wellness Fair: provided Narcan training, mental health and substance use resources, and more



Policy Development & Support

- Staff discussed updates to vision screening policy
- Updated immunization binder with new immunization policy & procedure and vaccine management plan
- Reviewed the updated pneumococcal vaccine policy and procedure
- Created a policy and procedure for the Leave Behind Kits
- Planned and implemented the AWY Mini Grant project for high school students to conduct an alcohol advertisement scan and photo voice project
- Updated the PHEP/CRI action plan for the Zone E Health Departments and followed-up to make sure PHEP & CRI deliverables are being met

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Staff took a citizen complain about used needles lying in the street and rectified the situation
- Attended the HERC board meeting and monthly meetings to build partnerships with other organizations surrounding public health emergencies
- Attended the Wisconsin Emergency Management Governor's conference and learned about setting up a shelter, how public health and emergency management can work together in planning for emergencies
- Planned the Biological Tabletop Exercise with facilitator training, table assignment, PowerPoint slides, and inject selection
- Attended the HERC chemical emergency and "chempack" seminar
- Attended the CURRIE exercise on radiological emergency and learned about how radiological materials are sometimes transported on our local highways and railways
- Fit tested the St. Francis Fire department (for their Self-contained breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and N95 masks) and the Water Department for their full-face respirators
- Began updating the Family Assistance Center/Emergency Assistance Center (FAC/EAC) Plan for Zone E
- Ordered, received, and allocated cots from WI DHS to Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management for storage for a potential shelter situation
- Participated in the HERC Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) design building for public health to participate as a FAC/EAC tabletop portion
- Attended a meeting with the Regional Health Officers, Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, and representatives from the WI DHS Office of Preparedness and Emergency Healthcare (OPHEC) regarding communication, exercise, and contract deliverable issues

Accountability & Performance Management

- Staff conversed with the electronic health record provider about improvements that could be made in their software to better perform for public health documentation
- Reviewed key informant interviews and asked staff to rank priorities in order to influence the next steps of the strategic planning process
- Tracked data for things such as social media and public health vending machine usage
- Assured accuracy of current vaccine and Narcan inventory
- Began working on the 2024 SMSF Health Department Annual Report

QUARTER 1 HIGHLIGHTS (January-March)

Vision Screenings

The Health Department partnered with the Lions Club to offer vision screenings to all South Milwaukee and St. Francis K5 and 5th graders!



725 Vision Screenings
Completed!

Public Health Vending Machine Launch

With the grant we secured last year, we were finally able to launch the public health vending machine in the city of South Milwaukee at the beginning of January!



Q1 Vending Machine Distribution

197 Boxes of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) = 394 doses
83 Fentanyl testing kits = 415 testing strips
43 Detera medication deactivation bags
138 Condom packs = 690 condoms
136 gun locks