



# South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department Quarterly Report

April-June 2025

## Foundational Public Health Areas

### Communicable Disease Control



- 31 Immunizations given
- 12 People immunized
- 47 Tuberculosis skin tests
- 34 Sharps containers collected
- 21 Sharps containers sold

### Disease Incident Cases



- 2 Camplyobacteriosis
- 29 Chlamydia
- 9 E. Coli
- 1 Giardiasis
- 3 Gonorrhea
- 1 Hepatitis B
- 4 Influenza Hospitalizations
- 1 Kawasaki Disease
- 3 Syphilis
- 3 Latent Tuberculosis
- 4 COVID-19 Hospitalizations

### Access to & Linkage with Care



- 6 Quick Response Team (QRT) visits attempted
- 10 New Referrals
- 54 Case Management Encounters

### Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention



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

### Maternal, Child & Family Health



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



### Environmental Health

- 120 Food and recreation inspections
- 3 Rooming house inspections
- 13 Animal bite/rabies investigations
- 46 Complaints reported
- 0 Lead hazard investigations
- 3 Nursing follow-ups for child elevated blood lead level
- 1 Radon kit distributed

### Vital Statistics



81 Births  
69 Deaths

# Foundational Capabilities

APRIL-JUNE 2025

## Assessment & Surveillance

- Staff completed final review of the South Shore Community Health Assessment draft
  - Conducted a thematic analysis of key informant interviews and focus groups
- Attended CHA/CHIP OPPA office hours
- Attended the Milwaukee County Community Health Needs Assessment Community Briefing on the results of their survey
- Utilized ESSENCE to analyze overdose data and suicide attempts
- Completed the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth photovoice project with St. Francis High School students to conduct an “environmental scan” of alcohol advertising in the community
  - Attended the students’ presentations on their perspective of said alcohol marketing
- Provided vision screening data for Prevent Blindness
- Gathered information about possible foodborne illness
- Participated in a focus group with DHS regarding immunization funding and resources

## Community Partnership Development

- Staff hosted the Q2 Healthy Community Partnership meeting to provide updates to community partners and collaborate for the Embrace Your Power event
- Collaborated with Cudahy and Oak Creek Health Departments to host the Q2 South Shore Overdose Fatality Review meeting to discuss interventions and strategies to prevent future fatal overdoses
- Provided Narcan training to First Congregational Church in South Milwaukee and the Bucyrus Club for their Skyline Catering team
  - Both organizations will be hanging a ONEbox!
- Participated in monthly South Shore CARES partner meetings and bi-weekly leadership meetings
- Attended the Milwaukee County OD-PHAST meetings
- Participated in monthly Milwaukee County Local Health Department meetings to discuss strategies for education and prevention
- Attended the Milwaukee County Suicide Review Commission meetings
- Attended the statewide Naloxone meeting
- Shared de-identified overdose data with a pastor from a local church
- Completed onboarding for a new Overdose Fatality Review team member from Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore
- Participated in the Milwaukee County Falls Prevention Coalition meeting
- Worked on developing a spreadsheet of all our partners
- Attended a Public Health Generalist meeting
- Attended the second Harm Reduction Vending Machine Summit
- Presented during Community Medical Services town hall about our partnership
- Met with 16<sup>th</sup> Street Community Clinic to discuss their lead outreach program to see how we can better partner to serve our population with elevated blood levels
- Trained a new public health nurse from a neighboring health department on lead follow-up



Tabling at  
Community  
Medical  
Services'  
Spring  
Resource  
Fair



## Equity

- Staff assured the vending machine was stocked and had adequate inventory on hand, addressed technology issues including temperature monitoring
- Participated in a home visit to conduct lead risk assessment and provide lead prevention education to parents of a child with an elevated blood lead level
- Provided home visits for blood pressure checks for client who does not have transportation
- Coordinated and provided several Quick Response Team visits to support those who recently overdosed and assisted in linking them to treatment
- Conducted a home visit by request from a resident wanting resources for senior living options and pest control
- Coordinated Narcan trainings for local businesses and their staff
- Discussed outreach strategies to the elderly population we serve
- Followed up on multiple Human Health Hazards with our Environmental Health Sanitarian to provide resources and make referrals to Adult Protective Services
- Provided immunization information for immigrants and obtained needed vaccines to get them up to date
- Tabled at the Community Medical Services resource fair

## Communications

- Staff created social media posts and lobby video to educate the community on public health issues including topics such as:
  - Social connectedness
  - Heat awareness
  - PTSD and other mental health topics
- Created a website and social media posts for the Embrace Your Power event
- Coordinated an advertisement for the Bridges magazine regarding the community walk/scavenger hunt
- Made updates to the South Milwaukee-St. Francis Health Dept. website
- Worked on the South Shore CARES x Credible Mind website to add resources

## Tabling at the St. Francis Bike Rodeo



Fitted over 30 kids for  
helmets!

## Organizational Competencies

- Staff continued to plan and prepare for the Embrace Your Power event
  - Convened the planning committee
  - Conducted a tour of the Bucyrus Club
  - Coordinated the details of the youth poster and coloring contest
    - Worked with the South Milwaukee Police Department School Resource Officers to promote the contest
    - Contacted the high school's National Honor Society to arrange volunteers
  - Coordinated vendors to table and provide resources at the event
  - Worked on flyers, t-shirts, and other messaging pieces
  - After the event, reviewed community and vendor evaluations to assess what people liked and what could use improvement
- Worked on planning activities for the upcoming community scavenger hunts
- All staff attended monthly all-staff meetings
- Many staff attended the Wisconsin Public Health Association Conference in May
  - Researched ideas for workforce development opportunities (learned from attending the WPHA Conference)
- Provided guidance to a resident on how to handle dead birds safely
- Participated in a call with the WI State Lab of Hygiene to discuss possibility of offering self-collected swabs to test for HPV
- Attended weekly Measles Open Forums with DHS to help prep for possible measles cases in Wisconsin
- Provided guidance and education for daycare with chickenpox exposure
- Participated in a physical activity competition with the other South Shore Health Departments
- Hosted two city-wide mood-boosting movement activities held during National Public Health Week
- One staff member completed training to become a Grapevine Instructor and attended a two-day in-person Group Power facilitation training workshop
- Coordinated with a Masters in Public Health (MPH) student and brought her in for an interview to be an intern this summer
- Met with admin of our electronic health record to discuss how to rectify an issue with their software to meet our needs
- Participated in the following workforce development educational opportunities:
  - DHS Tuberculosis Summit
  - Vaccines for Children monthly open forum
  - Lead open forum
  - CPR recertification
  - Overdose Fatality Review Community of Practice call
  - Maternal Child Health Summit
- Attended webinars regarding the following topics:
  - Power and equity
  - Strategic planning
  - Substance use initiation and addiction in the brain
  - Framing public health messages
  - Bridging the political divide
  - Edible THC
  - Veteran Health
  - Opioid Response Strategy



Wisconsin Public Health Association Conference

## Policy Development & Support

- Staff participated in the Safety Committee meeting with other governmental agencies, focusing on employee health prevention and promotion
- Updated our department's Narcan distribution policy and procedure
- Updated staff assignment policy and procedure
- Organized some of our policy folders to streamline the process of finding our electronic policies and procedures

## Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator hosted and facilitated a Biological Tabletop Exercise for the entire South Shore region of Milwaukee County
  - Had 54 people attend to learn about Points of Dispensing clinics (PODs)
  - Trained the table facilitators how to play the "This is a T.E.S.T. game ahead of time
  - Finished writing the biological exercise After Action Report (AAR)
- Attended the Preparedness Summit in San Antonio including sessions on measles preparedness, inventory management, countering mis-information, and extreme weather
- Assisted the South Milwaukee Fire Department with fit testing for their SCBA's and fitted them for N95s
- Completed annual fit testing for the Health Department
- Attended the HERC Board meeting
- Completed the reporting requirements for our CRI and PHEP Grant
- Updated the risk communication and the medication distribution plans based on feedback from the POD exercise that we hosted back in April
- Attended Milwaukee Health Department's Measles Exercise
- Began planning a Measles Tabletop Exercise for Zone E (our zone)

## Accountability & Performance Management

- Staff worked on and finalized the 2024 Health Department Annual Report
- Worked on the Maternal Child Health Q1 report
- Continued to move forward with the 2025-2027 Strategic Planning process
  - Met with state facilitators
  - Discussed priorities, format, etc. with Health Officer
  - Convened all staff to begin brainstorming strategies and objectives



Strategic Planning  
for 2025-2027

# QUARTER 2 HIGHLIGHTS (April-June)

## Embrace Your Power Event

In June, we hosted the Embrace Your Power event that focused on substance use disorder, mental health, and social connection. The event aimed to increase awareness and access to resources for the community and decrease stigma. There were approximately 175 folks in attendance, including many children who were presented awards for the coloring/poster contest.



## Grapevines!

Two Grapevines were hosted this quarter:

- An Advanced Care Planning educational session at the St. Francis Library with 20 community members in attendance!
- “Better Brain Health” at the South Milwaukee City Administration building with three community members in attendance



## Q2 Vending Machine Distribution

161 Boxes of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) = 322 doses  
52 Fentanyl testing kits = 260 testing strips  
65 Deterra medication deactivation bags  
105 Condom packs = 525 condoms  
70 gun locks