

City-County Health Department

SMALL SAMPLE OF SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (OUTPUTS)	
Nurse Family Partnership home visits - pregnant women and babies:	277
Drinking water tests:	1,475
Retail Food Inspections Completed:	234

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Continued considerable focus on response to COVID-19, including:
 - Coordinating mobile or pop-up clinics at various locations throughout the community reduce barriers and increase access to COVID-19 vaccination in sites across the county.
 - Planning and implementation of ongoing mass vaccination clinics at the Zorn site in and now transitioning to a drive-thru clinic on Water Street in partnership with UWEC.
 - Completing disease investigation and contact tracing for positive cases
 - Continuing partnership work with schools, businesses, and events on safer practices to slow spread of COVID-19. Updated web-based resources (covid19eauclaire.org) for these entities.
- Wrapped up the 2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA) process. The purpose of the CHA is to work with the community to learn about and prioritize top health areas based on data and local perspectives. The CHA identified the top areas of mental health, drug use, alcohol misuse, obesity, and healthy nutrition. The second half of 2021 will be spent working with the community to identify how we improve these areas over the next three years.
- Focused on collaborating with community on key Community Health Priorities particularly substance misuse, alcohol misuse, and mental health. Substantial work in the last quarter related to racism, housing, homelessness, and poverty as determinants of health.
- Working with community partners to implement new grant projects that focus on efforts to improve alcohol, marijuana, tobacco (including vaping), and opioid and other drug misuse prevention services. Funding and focus of these grants are diverse but they all share the theme of using data to drive the programs and policies used to reduce substance misuse in the community.
- Orienting interns and new staff due to retirements and new grant funding

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Continued COVID-19 Vaccination efforts
- Housing as a public health issue - safe and affordable housing availability in county
- Safe and healthy water - surveillance and prevention work related to drinking water, public swimming waters
- Increase in overdose, suicide, and alcohol/substance misuse needing public health prevention efforts rather than just response

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- Leadership for collaborative homelessness initiatives including exploration of ways to effectively addressing growing issue through prevention and early intervention.
- Partnering on the third shared Community Health Assessment with a core group of Eau Claire and Chippewa County partners referenced earlier.
- Collaboration with county and community partners on Seven-Mile Creek Landfill Siting Committee
- Backbone organization for Eau Claire Healthy Communities. Actively supporting Action Teams addressing key health priorities: Mental Health, Substance/Alcohol Misuse, Chronic Disease, Oral Health, and Healthy Relationships. New social media presence developed for this collaboration.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Continue to respond to COVID-19
- Support collaborative efforts related safe water and housing as well as health in all policies
- Begin 2022 budget and priorities