City-County Health Department

SMALL SAMPLE OF SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (OUTPUTS)	
Media Contacts (includes Facebook, press releases, etc):	162
Communicable disease follow-up for reportable diseases:	9,214
Nurse Family Partnership home visits - pregnant women and babies:	364
Number of water (ground & surface) samples processed:	460
Retail Food Inspections Completed:	153
SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES	

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 Continued focus on response to COVID-19, including:
 - Planning and implementation of health department testing and vaccination opportunities for those experiencing barriers to access.
 - Completing disease investigation phone calls for prioritized positive cases to assure isolation and outbreak prevention as well as treatment connections for those at risk of negative outcomes.
 - Collaborating with community partners to assure that individuals living in Eau Claire County have accurate and available information related to COVID-19 through the health department website, situation reports, social media, monthly partner meetings, specific sector meetings, and a call center.
- Worked with community partners to finalize the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The purpose of the CHIP is to identify a 3-year plan for how we work together to improve our top health areas identified in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) through prevention focused activities. The CHA was completed in May of 2021 and identified the top areas of mental health, drug use, alcohol misuse, obesity, and healthy nutrition.
- Focused on collaborating with community on key health priorities particularly substance misuse, alcohol misuse, and mental health. Substantial work has continued related to housing, homelessness, and poverty as determinants of health or root causes of the previously mentioned health outcomes.
- 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.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Increase in overdose, suicide, and alcohol/substance misuse needing public health prevention efforts
 rather than just response
- Summer events and increased need for food inspections
- Housing as a public health issue safe and affordable housing availability in county
- 2023 Budget

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- Continue to respond to COVID-19
- Leadership for collaborative homelessness initiatives including exploration of ways to effectively addressing growing issue through prevention and early intervention.
- Collaboration with county and community partners on Seven-Mile Creek Landfill Siting Committee
- Continuing to provide backbone support 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.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Support collaborative efforts related safe water and housing
- Recruit and train new Public Health Nurses to fill open positions