City-County Health Department

SMALL SAMPLE OF SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (OUTPUTS)	
Media Contacts (includes Facebook, press releases, etc):	271
Communicable disease follow-up for reportable diseases:	11,402
Nurse Family Partnership home visits - pregnant women and babies:	603
Number of water (ground & surface) samples processed:	1344
Retail Food Inspections Completed:	314

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Summer events and increased need for food inspections
- 2023 Budget development
- Start work on strategic planning, reaccreditation, and revision of our performance measures
- Working on resuming prioritized health department programs and initiatives after limited capacity during COVID response.
- Continued focus on response to COVID-19, including:
 - o Planning and implementation of health department testing and vaccination opportunities for those experiencing barriers to access.
 - o Completing disease investigation phone calls for prioritized positive cases to assure isolation and outbreak prevention as well as treatment connections for those at risk.
 - Collaborating with community partners to assure that individuals living in Eau Claire County have accurate and available information related to COVID-19.
- Worked with community partners to finalize the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) through prevention focused activities. The community assessment 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.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Increase in overdose, suicide, and alcohol/substance misuse needing public health prevention efforts rather than just response
- Housing as a public health issue safe and affordable housing availability in county
- Extreme weather planning for those who are at high risk from adverse events including elderly, infants, and people experiencing homelessness
- Initiating planning for monkeypox pandemic impacting Eau Claire County

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
- Train new Public Health Nurses and recruit new hires for health equity grant
- Continue working on critical public health response and prevention issues