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City of Wauwatosa Board of Health Meeting Minutes April 21, 2009

Present: Present: Chair: Dr. Leslie Martin, Dr. Chris Shaw, Cheryl Davies, Dr. John Dunn,
 Dr. Nancy Kreuser, Lori Nielsen, James Beix

Absent: Jacqueline Jay

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

The agenda was passed as written. Motion by Dr. Shaw; second by Dr. Dunn

The 2/17/09 minutes were approved as written. Motion by Cheryl Davies; second by Dr. Shaw

There were no comments from the public

There were no comments from the Board of Health

1. Reports:

Administration: Nancy Kreuser, Health Officer

- 2010 Budget update: Nancy reported that the City is awaiting decisions of the state budget outcomes before progressing. The City is trying to take active role in ways to increase revenue and create efficiencies. For example, vacant positions throughout the City are being reviewed before being filled in order to be sure this position is essential. The Health and Productivity program is attempting to control health care costs through prevention measures. The council will have the final say in the budget. Personnel budgets begin in June. Operations budgets begin in July. The internal Executive Review process occurs the first week of August. A Budget & Finance Committee Review occurs in September. There are public hearings. The final council vote is in November.
- 2008 Annual Report due 4/30/09 to the State of WI and is on schedule. The final draft is being reviewed.
- Formal Review Process 2009-2010: The state is continuing its WI Quality Initiative process for movement toward voluntary national accreditation. This project has been in place for 3 years. Wauwatosa was invited to participate during 2009. The 140 Review process will be completed by 2010. An abridged version will be used. Dr. Dunn inquired how different the accreditation process was from the state's evaluation process. The 140 Review process is being rolled into the accreditation format and may replace the existing state process. It incorporates the public health essential services (standards) and specific examples used to meet these standards.
- Media messages have been mixed related to fish pedicures—misquote of the health department clearance. This establishment's license comes from the state level and Board of Cosmetology. 14 states have banned this process. Dr. Shaw said it is very common in some countries. Dr. Dunn stated there have been skin issues related to fish tanks and contents. Since it is a state matter, the state will make the final decision on the status of this business. Discussion ensued. There will be upcoming media and public service announcements on a variety of public health topics.

Environmental Health Division: James Beix, Public Health Manager/Epidemiologist

- State Agent Inspection Program: License renewals begin this month for the 2009/2010 season. The licensed inspections are 83% complete. The end of the State Agent Inspection Year is June 30, 2009. License renewal letters will be sent out this week through the clerk's office. Fee increases to adjust to the State increases were passed by the Council this month. Dr. Dunn asked if the state increase was a surprise. Although we knew it was in the works, the final increase amounts were not

made known until December, after our City budget was complete. The WI Restaurant Association sensitized restaurants to the possibility of a license fee increase.

- Health hazard/nuisance update: Chronic hazard property is in circuit court foreclosure proceedings due to the owner not maintaining the structure in accordance with the mortgage agreement. Legal department and City officials are involved. An interim inspection was made recently which revealed no progress. The orders will follow the house if there is a next owner. With regard to nuisance complaints, as the weather gets nicer we expect complaints to rise. We also anticipate issues with foreclosed properties, as it is hard to track down banks, owners and serve orders for correction. For example, in 2008, we issued orders for childproofing an abandoned pool which was not fenced nor covered since it posed a child drowning threat. The amount of abatement will be charged to the tax rolls when sold. We are unsure how many foreclosed properties there are currently but will check with the Assessor's Office.
- Regulation of Animals update: Internal policies and procedures are being updated to update collaboration between nurses and sanitarians and clarify roles.
- Farmers Market Discussion with Community: There is a community movement that is trying to get the Farmers Market rejuvenated for this summer. They are attempting to use the Little Red Store Parking Lot. Health department personnel attended meetings on 3/29 and 4/14 to discuss our licensing and inspection role.

Nursing Division: Lori Nielsen, Nursing Supervisor

- Communicable Disease Update: Focus of the meeting will be on authority from WI state statutes, administrative rules, and local ordinances. Refer to Power Point Program.
- Public Health Nursing Program Update. Refer to Attachment. Lori announced the "Discussion with the Mayor on 4/30 to discuss issues around prom and parents hosting parties. Discussion ensued about the success of the prescription drug collection. Dr. Martin inquired about what they did with the items collected—ground up, incinerated, placed in a landfill. Dr. Shaw stated the coffee grounds help to deactivate.

7. Old Business:

- Safe Food Crew Programs: Packets disseminated; Implementation in process
- DHS License fees adjustments passed on 4/7 and go into effect this month for the 2009/2010 year.
- Health and Animal Code revisions in final (4th) phase of Council voting 4/21 p.m.

8. New Business: No business

9. Announcements

- Alzheimer's Program will be hosted by the Alzheimer's Association May 11, 1 p.m. at City Hall in the Lower Civic Center (See Flyer). Dr. Martin added that MCW has technology to detect onset years in advance (FMRI).
- National Association of Local Boards of Health: Annual Conference July 1-3, 2009 Philadelphia, PA: See handouts.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Davies, RD, Recorder

WHD Nursing Division Report

April 21, 2009

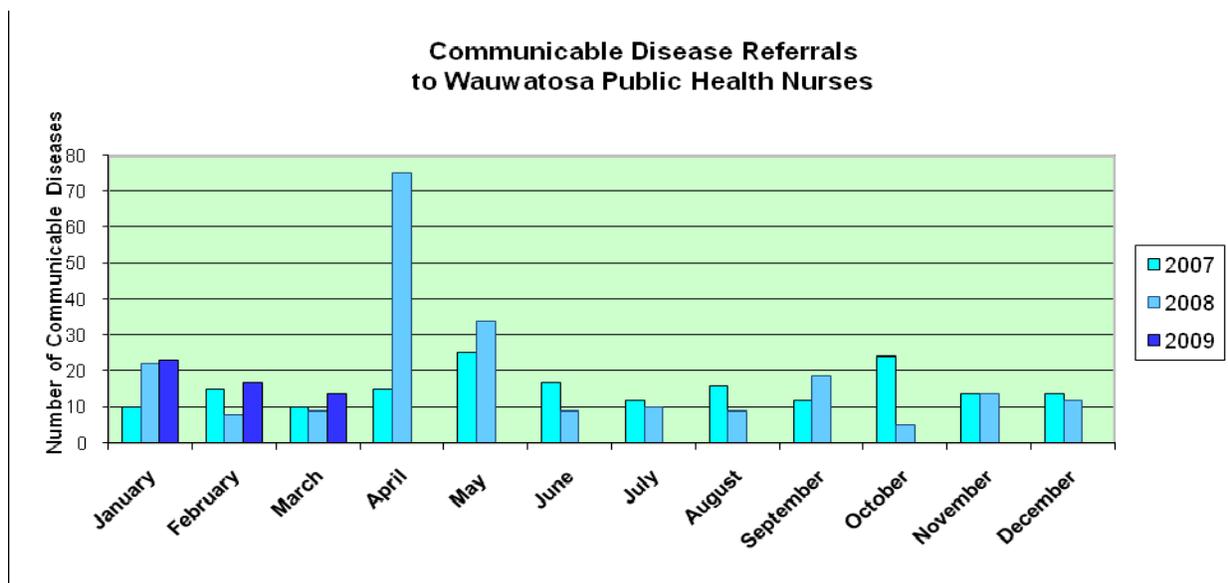
Communicable Disease (CD) Update:

Enteric outbreaks commonly occur during winter months due to many people spending more time indoors. These events continue into spring. Congregate adult living facilities, such as nursing homes and assisted living centers, usually are places where these outbreaks occur. These outbreaks are known as sentinel events or adverse events. In March and April, the health department investigated 2 adverse events involving enteric illnesses.

Enteric event # 1: A large adult living facility in northwest Wauwatosa consists of a nursing home, assisted living, independent senior apartments, a senior adult day care, and a child care center. It employs 569 people (132 nursing staff and 437 others). The nursing home has 222 residents and the assisted living area has 118 residents. The nursing home and assisted living areas were the focal point of the outbreak. The index case, a receptionist, experienced symptoms beginning on March 1. In the next two days, three nursing home residents became symptomatic. The epidemic curve is consistent with person-to-person transmission. (See attached epidemiology curve.) The first outbreak peak was on March 16 with 31 cases. A second peak of 25 cases occurred on March 27. As of April 17th, 352 individuals experienced symptoms, mainly vomiting and diarrhea. To date, the nursing home resident attack rate is 55% while the staff attack rate is 22%. No cases were reported among children or staff in the child care center. The attack rates and outbreak length is within the parameters of what the Oregon Public Health Division reported for long term care facilities in its "CD Summary" for 2003-2006 (<http://oregon.gov/dhs/ph/cdsummary>). Six residents' stool samples tested positive for Norovirus. Infection control measures followed the Wisconsin Division of Public Health's "Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Wisconsin Long-Term Care Facilities".

Enteric event # 2: An eastern Wauwatosa adult care facility experienced a confirmed Norovirus outbreak from March 23 through April 2. Sixteen out of 46 patients (34.8%) in the nursing home unit were symptomatic while six of 17 residents (35.3%) from the memory care unit were ill. Twenty-nine employees called in sick during this time period; the investigation continues into the reasons for the employees' illnesses. WHD is collaborating with the facility's infection control nurse to complete the investigation and the report.

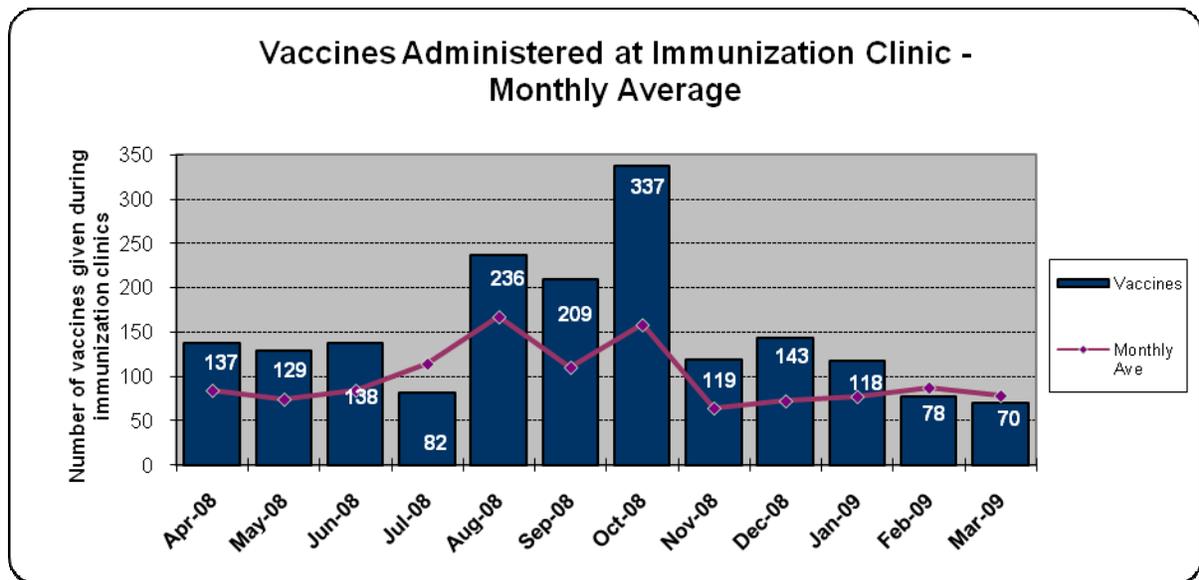
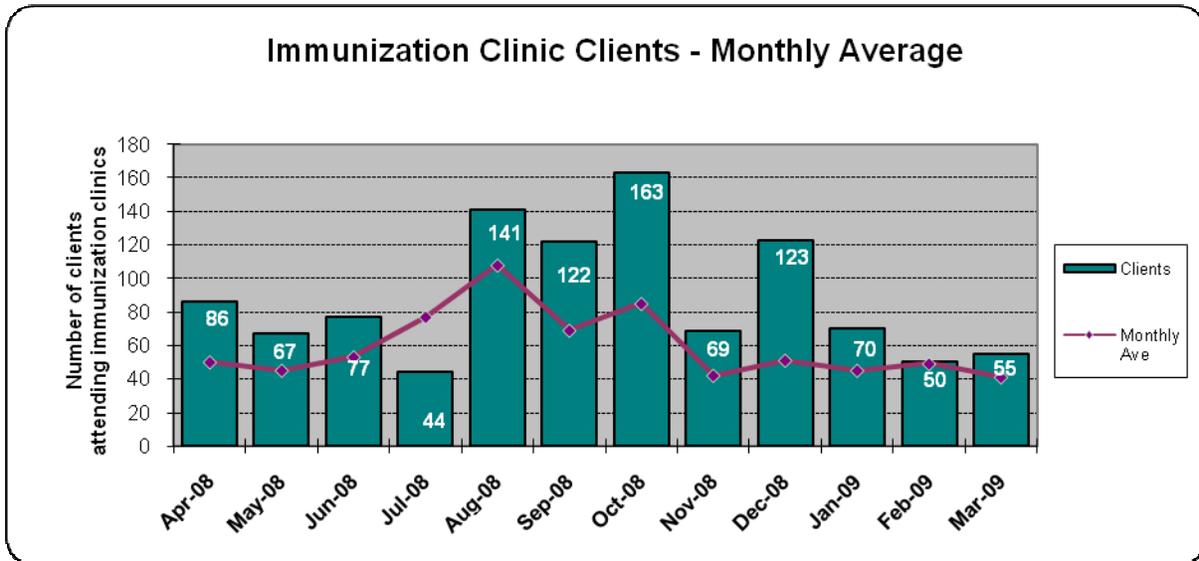
More communicable diseases were reported in the first quarter of 2009 than in previous years. Early analysis indicates that more sexually transmitted diseases are reported through the State's newly implemented electronic reporting system known as WEDSS.



*** Regional measles outbreak in April 2008. ***

Immunization Program

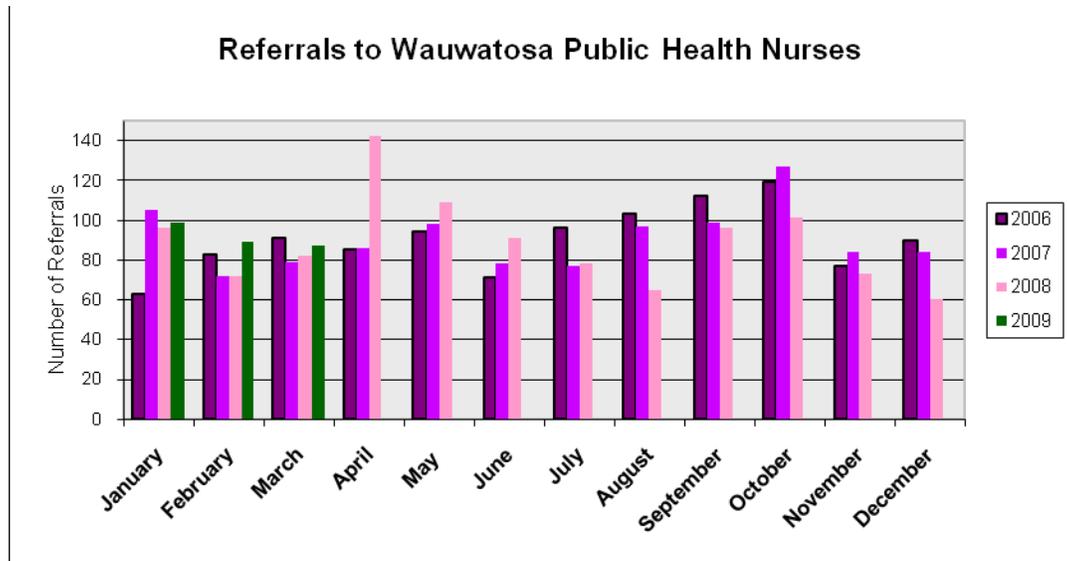
- Influenza (flu): For next flu season's vaccine, the vaccine manufacturer decreased the cost per vial by 22% from \$104.48 per 10 dose vial this season to \$81.50 next season. The vaccine manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, did not state a reason for the price cut.
- The number of clients seen and the volume of vaccines administered in WHD immunization clinics have decreased in the 1st quarter. See graphs below for trending.



Healthiest Wauwatosa 2010 Programs and Initiatives Highlights:

- Community assessment and strategic planning:
 - Staff completing work plans for each health priority by June 1. Work plans cover the years 2009 – 2011.
 - Comprehensive community health assessment will be conducted next year in 2010. Wisconsin administrative code DHS 140 requires all local health departments to conduct a “periodic community assessment”.
 - Strategic plans covering 2012 – 2015 will be developed in 2011 following the community health assessment.
- Healthy Options in Tosa (H.O.T.) program: PAN members continue on the initiative aimed to work with restaurants in identifying healthy food choices on their menus. The 3 restaurant owners participating in the pilot H.O.T. program were surveyed on what worked well and what could be improved with the program. Results will be analyzed and incorporated into future program initiatives.

- Alcohol / Tobacco / Other Drugs (ATOD) programming:
 - **Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness and Collection**’ seminar on March 10 was well attended and well done; ~70 people attended.
 - Prescription drug drop offs in secondary schools during teachers’ conferences was successful. 501 pounds of non-controlled prescriptions and 11,970 controlled pills were disposed.
 - “Conversations with the Mayor” discussion about youth consumption of alcohol is scheduled for Thursday, April 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Hart Park’s Muellner Building in the Riverview room. Objectives to increase membership in Tosa United, kick-off “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” campaign, and identify community concerns and/or perspectives.
- In partnership with the Senior Commission, a Dementia seminar will be held on May 11 in the Lower Civic Center.
- Integrated Data Systems: Public health database continues to progress. In the final beta testing of two modules. Plan to ‘go live’ with the 2 modules on or around May 1.
- Access to Care: Public Health Nurses are averaging about the same number of referrals as in previous years.





COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Wauwatosa Health Department
April 21, 2009



Why investigate communicable diseases?

- Statutory requirement of the State of WI -
§Ch. 252: Communicable Diseases (includes
food handling and agent status)
 - Required service of local health departments
- admin code DHS 140
 - DHS 145 – Communicable Diseases
 - Wauwatosa ordinance
 - Others – DHS 144: Immunization of Students,
DHS 145: Vaccine Preventable Diseases
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Responsibilities

- Minimize impact on individual
- Control spread of disease
- Prevent disease in community



How notified?

- Health Care Providers – required
- Laboratories
- Public



Getting Started

- Who – jurisdiction?
- What
 - Is organism known?
 - Severity of illness / infectivity?
- How – mode of transmission ?
- Where – location?
- When
 - Categories I - III
 - Length of investigations

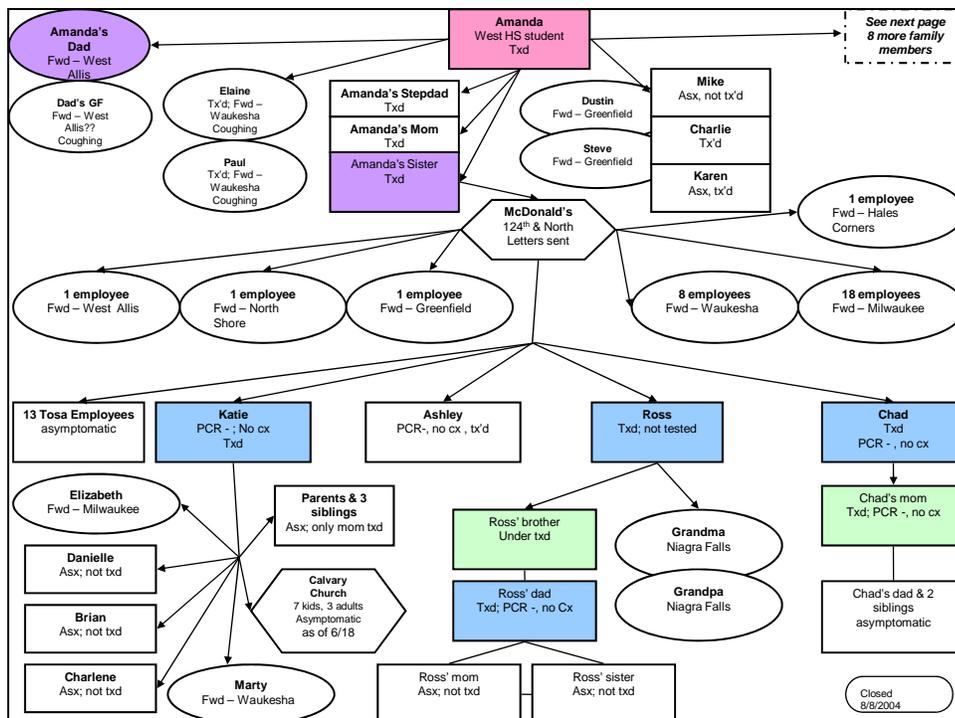


Investigation

- Guidelines
- Forms / questionnaires
- Phone calls
 - Health care provider
 - Client / patient
 - WI Division of Public Health

Control Spread of Disease

- Client treated or contained?
 - Isolation vs. quarantine
- Notification of contacts
- Source – infection control measures





Questions?

