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City of Wauwatosa Board of Health Meeting Minutes November 17, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairperson, Dr. Leslie Martin.

The agenda was approved as written.

The minutes of 9/15/09 were approved as written.

There were no comments from the public.

There were no comments from the Board of Health

Reports:

Administration: Nancy Kreuser, Health Officer

- **2010 Budget Status:** The final City of Wauwatosa budget will be voted upon tonight November 17, 2009. There were no comments on the health department budget at the public hearing on November 3, 2009. The requested funding of the vacant public health nurse (PHN) position was granted by the Council in a prior meeting and will be paid for by Public Health Emergency Response funds for one year after which time it will be evaluated for restoration of tax levy funding. Interviews for this position are in process, and final interviews with two candidates will be conducted this week. The work experiences of the entire applicant pool for this position were mainly from acute care settings. Nurses with any or recent public health nurse experiences were few. An orientation and support systems for the new PHN will be conducted.
- **H1N1 update:** The Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) staff is participating in weekly conference calls with the state Department of Health Services (DHS) in order to keep up to date on the latest CDC guidance on H1N1 containment and control measures. The target groups for vaccination change rapidly. Special immunization clinics have been well organized. The schedule includes October 23, November 10, November 16, November 30, and possibly three December clinics pending vaccine availability. The WHD orders vaccine weekly, according to DHS rules, but there is no way to know how much and what type will arrive any particular week. In general, the afternoon/evening clinics have been well attended. One morning clinic had light attendance. WHD staff, EMTs/paramedics, health interns, and volunteers are staffing the clinics. Data entry into the state database is ongoing with the assistance of volunteers, interns, and WHD staff.

The supply of *seasonal* flu vaccine was delayed due to companies emphasizing production of H1N1 vaccine. There is about a 30% decrease in regular seasonal flu vaccine supplies. The WHD will plan to incorporate H1N1 immunizations into the regular immunization clinics once the urgency of H1N1 vaccination calms down, probably after the December clinics.

- WHD Communication and Value to Community –
 - WHD staff participate in weekly DHS webcasts.
 - Interns are collecting and inputting data into databases.
 - Media outlets are advertising immunization clinics.
 - At this time, Wauwatosa is not using the 211 system for announcing clinics because that system tends to cause a “rush” of non-resident clients. It will be used later in the season once supplies are more adequate. WHD is staffed to handle 150-200 immunizations per hour.
 - Email alerts to citizens including parents in the schools are being used successfully.
 - A joint clinic with West Allis on a weekend is being planned to allow more citizens of these two communities access. Discussions are in process.

Public Health Nurse Division - Lori Nielsen

- Lori Nielsen reported that 99.8% of the flu currently in WI is H1N1, the other 0.2% is Influenza Type B.
- H1N1 immunization clinics for special populations have also been held. These include those for health care facilities and special needs children including those who are not in Wauwatosa schools.
- Surveillance in schools and daycare is also ongoing with absenteeism data being collected at a minimum of once a day. Three schools have had significant numbers of students ill. The teacher’s convention helped to decrease spread due to the 4-day weekend. Different rates of absenteeism rate will trigger increased monitoring of the school and at this point no school has reached the 30% rate of absence that would close the school. The schools with higher absence rates have begun to incorporate social distancing strategies to decrease transmission.
- The allotment of *free* seasonal flu immunizations for *children* through the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program has been exhausted. There are still *seasonal* flu immunizations available for \$20 per child which is at cost. Adults are \$35.
- Lori Nielsen reviewed the written Division of Nursing report and highlighted areas of interest (See attached).
 - She reported that one early fall WHD clinic netted \$9,000 from seasonal flu immunizations.
 - The traditional back-to-school immunization clinics showed their traditional October spike.

- The October 13th program in nutrition and physical exercise was successful.
- There was an increase in the number of childhood lead poisoning in the city last month, possibly due to the increased “do it yourself” remodeling in the community caused by the down economy. These children are being monitored and corrective actions taken. The WHD monitors elevated lead levels through the state’s Stellar system. Discussion ensued about the effects of even low levels of lead on a child.

Environmental Health Division – James Beix

- Licensed establishments –
 - Approximately 50-60% of the inspections have been completed for the year (fiscal year July 1 to June 30), which is ahead of schedule.
 - Days Inn Hotel had a recurrent problem with the ventilation of their enclosed swimming pool and over the past 6 months, several surprise inspections were conducted to ensure that the pool was closed until a new ventilation system could be installed. It has been installed and the pool now meets the state code requirements.
 - The Peony restaurant has had numerous recurrent infractions. The management corrects problems for a short time but tends to return to the same problems within a short time period. They were offered a plea bargain by the city attorney, which they did not accept and then were found guilty on 3 food code citations. They stated that they would like to sell the restaurant.
- Nuisance and Human Health Hazard Update
 - The West Nile Virus season has ended. The surveillance of catch basins showed that there were larvae in 2 of the five monitored. Follow-up as to the reason for this finding is in process.
 - A no-cost Radon Remediation Kit was offered to a Wauwatosa resident, whose basement radon levels were elevated. This free remediation was offered as part of a training program for those who do radon remediation programs.
- Control of Animals –The vicious dog citation issued to the Gingrass family is scheduled for a court date December 2nd. Inspection of the property noted that there was no vicious dog signage at the home as ordered for interim measures until the court date. The property owner was notified and this was remedied. This is one of many interim measures ordered.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Announcements - None

Next Meeting: February 16th – 8- 9 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shaw

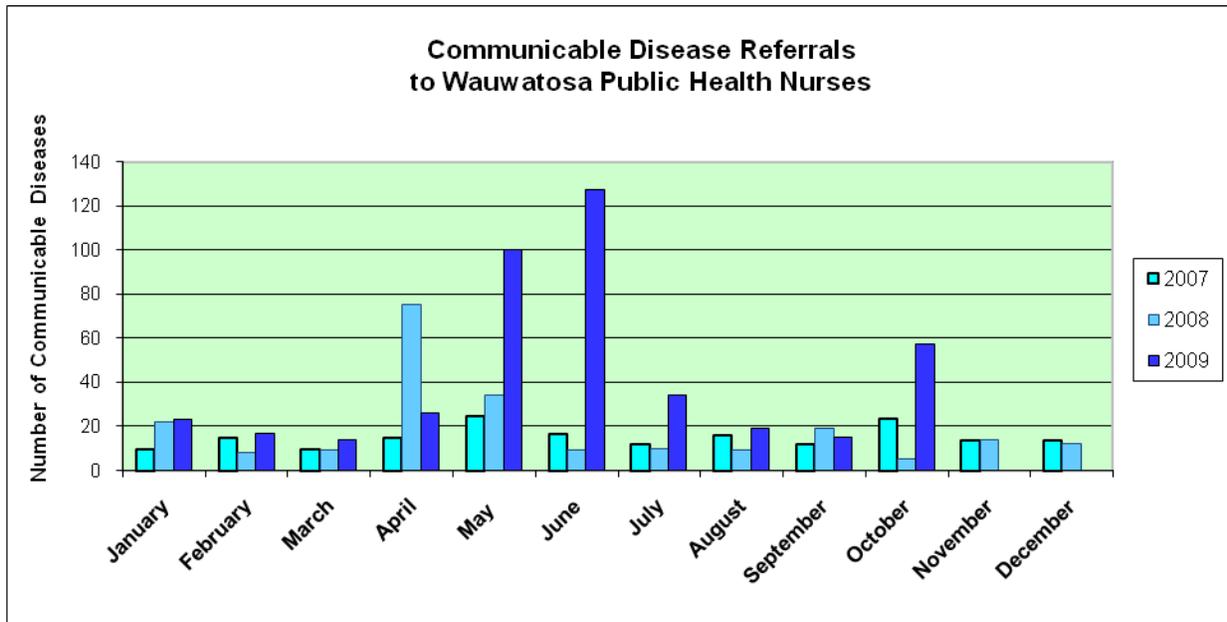
**Attachment: WHD Nursing Division Report
November 17, 2009**

Communicable Disease (CD) Update:

Novel Influenza A: Most nursing activities this past quarter were related to the H1N1 influenza situation. Details were discussed during administrative report.

Seasonal Influenza: Even with the early arrival of the seasonal flu vaccine, the WHD was only able to host 2 of the 4 planned seasonal flu clinics. 70% of our allotment arrived in August, but the vaccine ran out at the second clinic due to high demand. In comparison, 400+ doses out of a supply of 1700 were unused last year. The manufacturers halted seasonal flu vaccine production to focus on the H1N1 vaccine. Of note, the PHNs generated \$9000 in revenue in one August day by vaccinating the school district staff.

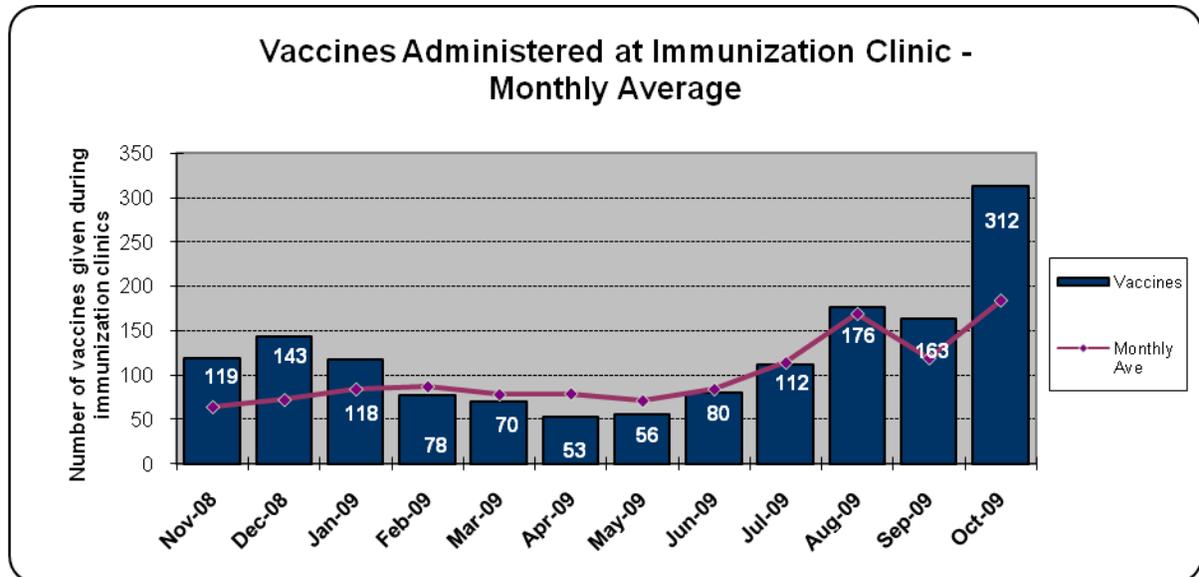
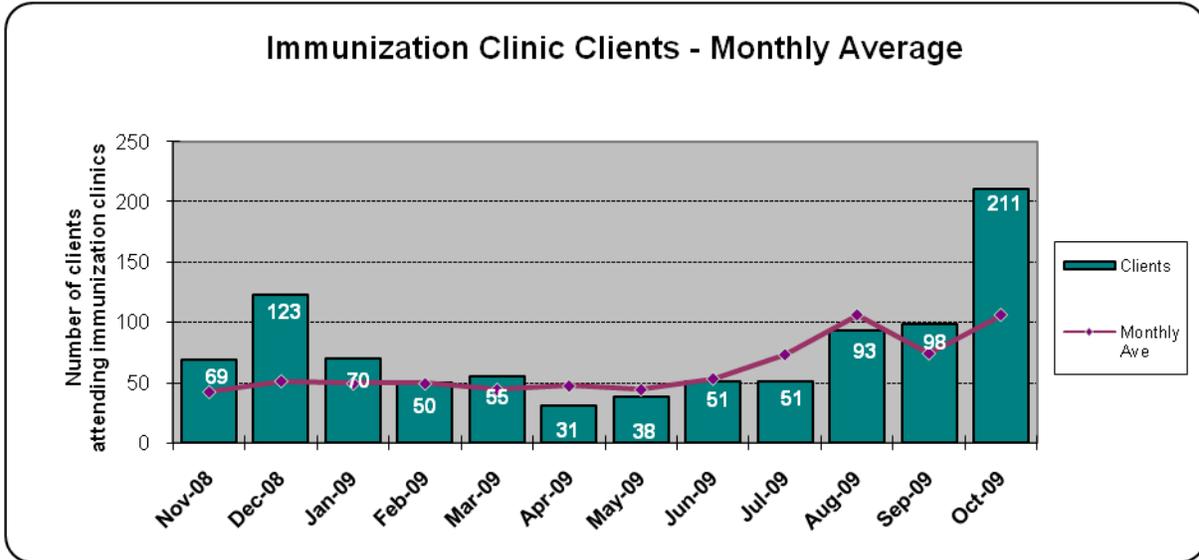
In addition to the novel Influenza A (H1N1), more sexually transmitted diseases continue to be reported through the State's newly implemented electronic reporting system known as WEDSS, including several teenagers. See graph below for trends.



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

Immunization Program

- The number of clients seen and the volume of vaccines administered in WHD immunization clinics have increased during the third quarter. This uptick is a normal seasonal trend due to 'back-to-school' immunizations requirements. See graphs below for trending.



Healthiest Wauwatosa 2010 Programs and Initiatives Highlights:

Physical Activity and Nutrition Forum: On October 13, the WHD hosted a community forum to discuss strategies to increase physical activity and healthy eating in Wauwatosa. Most of the discussion centered on the addressing the nutrition habits of children while they're in school. Further details will be presented at the next Board of Health meeting.

Lead Poisoned Children: In two months, WHD received 11 cases of lead poisoned children. By comparison, WHD normally receives about 15 to 20 new cases in a year. The increase was attributed to mostly home remodeling activities that families were conducting on their own to save money.

Referrals to Public Health Nurses: There was a sharp increase in the number of referrals to nurses in the month of October. This was attributed to the sharp rise in the number of H1N1 cases reported.

