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City of Wauwatosa Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 8:05 - 9:05 am

Present: Nancy Kreuser, Leslie Martin, Chris Shaw, Bobby Pantuso, Lori Nielsen, John Dunn, Cheryl Davies, James Beix, Lisa Simonds, Akeen Hamilton

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Dr. Leslie Martin.
2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda
  - Motion: Chris Shaw
  - Second: Bobby Pantuso
  - Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion to approve the 2/19/13 Minutes
  - Motion: Chris Shaw
  - Second: Bobby Pantuso
  - Motion carried unanimously.
4. Comments from the public – none
5. Comments from Board of Health – none.
6. New Business: Division Reports from Public Health Services  
Administration: Nancy Kreuser, City of Wauwatosa Health Officer
  - Personnel updates- New PHN Cindi Lambert will start on June 24<sup>th</sup>. She is from North Carolina and has a background in public health. The position was vacated in January.
  - 2014 Budget process and grant status –
    - Budget process has started with the personnel schedule.
    - A second Carlson Dettmann compensation study is underway for wage review. Their report will be ready by the end of June. The firm is looking at what is equitable by comparing private and public employee compensation.
    - The City will have a \$1.8 million cost to continue if the City did nothing. Meetings will be held to reduce this number with the input of Department heads.
    - We applied for additional Preparedness funds and should hear back soon. We submitted an internal grant for the City to transition the rest of the licensed establishments from City Clerks to Health since we are the ones to determine the type of license needed and conduct inspections on behalf of the state.
  - Accreditation readiness – We need to review and update our 2010 WHD Strategic Plan as one of the 3 pre-requisites for accreditation. The second prerequisite, the community health assessment, was completed last year. The community health improvement plan, the final prerequisite, will be completed this year. WHD personnel are meeting with community partners to help finalize and execute the CHIP. We may submit a Letter of Intent for accreditation at the end of this year or the first half of 2014. We have 4 internal QI committees working on getting policies and procedures revised. All evidence is electronically loaded during the year followed by a site visit. The cost will be paid in part by the Public Health Infrastructure grant and other. Accreditation status lasts for 5 years. The cost includes the electronic review, on site review, staff training on QI. Domains 11

and 12 focus on administration and governance which will be the focus of our next meeting.

- Nancy introduced Akeen Hamilton, WHD Public Health Specialist, to the Board of Health.

Public Health Nursing Division: Lori Nielsen, Nursing Supervisor

## **Communicable Disease (CD) Update: Lori Nielsen, Nursing Supervisor**

### **SENTINEL EVENTS**

Below is detailed information regarding each sentinel event:

***Food borne outbreak #5065:*** On December 19, the WHD was notified of a possible food-borne outbreak from a holiday party held at a Wauwatosa restaurant on December 14. The caller reported that at least 20-25 people had become ill with gastrointestinal symptoms on the afternoons of December 15 and December 16. Total attendance at the event was 225. A buffet style meal was served through four different lines; ill persons were reported to have been served through one line. Working with the WI Bureau of Communicable Diseases (BCD), a questionnaire and line list was developed. WHD conducted 34 patron and 17 staff investigations while also conducting a restaurant inspection; BCD conducted 26 out-of-jurisdiction interviews. The tossed salad and water/ice were statistically associated with illness. Lab results from 2 symptomatic staff revealed norovirus as the suspected agent; however, the labs were obtained long after the event occurred. Also, one lab was positive despite the individual denying any symptoms. BCD concluded that the causative agent of the outbreak was possibly norovirus, but it was not confirmed.

***Adult living facility respiratory outbreak #5068:*** On December 27, the WHD was notified of an influenza outbreak at an adult living facility on 4 skilled nursing units beginning on December 11<sup>th</sup>. 37 residents and 5 employees became ill; 8 tested positive for influenza. There was one death. Infection control measures including unit quarantine were implemented. The outbreak was considered resolved on February 7.

***School Pertussis outbreak #5073:*** On February 6, the WHD was notified of a second case of Pertussis in a Wauwatosa school classroom. Letters were distributed to the parents of the students in the classroom stating that their child was exposed to pertussis. WHD monitored the situation through February 27; there were no more additional cases.

***Adult living facility respiratory outbreak #5074:*** On April 1, the WHD was notified of a respiratory outbreak at an adult living facility on 3 units. The trace back investigation identified symptoms in an individual beginning on March 20<sup>th</sup>. 29 residents became ill; 13 tested positive for RSV. Infection control measures including unit quarantine were implemented. The outbreak will continue to be monitored.

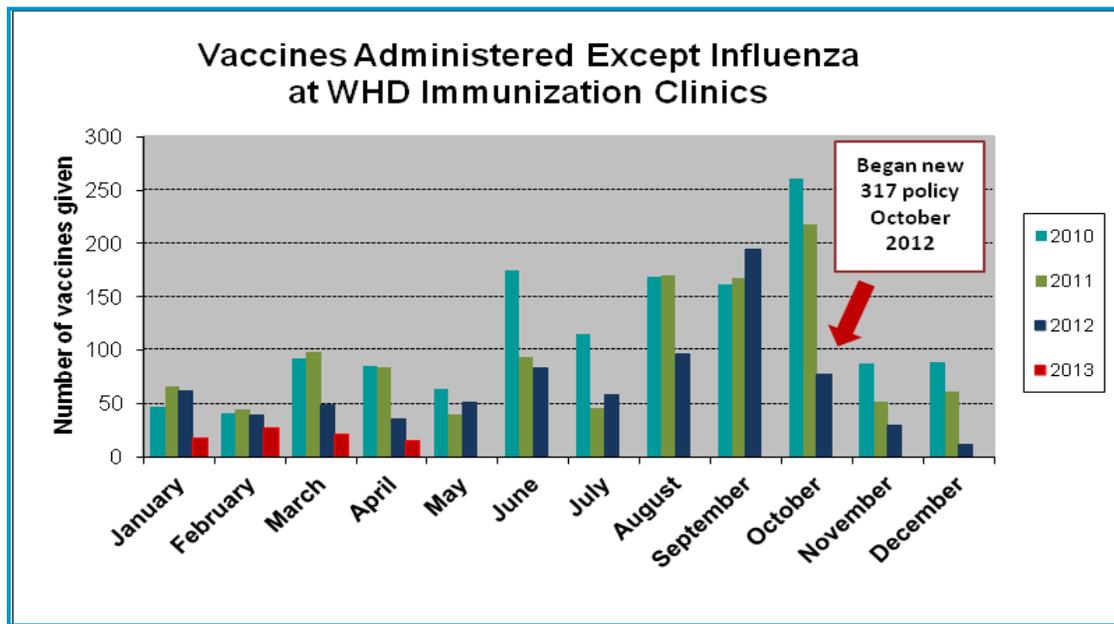
***Healthcare facilities tuberculosis exposure #5075:*** On April 1, the WHD was notified of a healthcare provider (index case) working in Wauwatosa with active tuberculosis. Trace-back investigation determined that the index case was infectious beginning on December 28. Four Wauwatosa health institutions plus a health-related subcontractor were exposed. Over 605 staff, patients, and family members were exposed. To date, 585 of the 605 (96.7%) identified exposed individuals have been initially tested. Ten results were positive for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI); none had active TB and are receiving prophylactic treatment. A second round of testing for most individuals will occur in June.

### **Immunizations**

***Impact of 317 policy change:*** Due to the recent changes in federal funding, the WHD has not provided immunizations to children who are fully insured since October 1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) define fully insured as “anyone with insurance that covers the cost of vaccine, even if the insurance includes a high deductible or co-pay”. This definition includes situations when immunization costs are denied for payment because the plan’s deductible was not met. The “high

deductible” population accounted from most of the individuals seeking immunizations through the WHD clinics. Since implementing the 317 policy change in October, the WHD experienced a 58% decrease in non-flu immunization clinic activity. See graph below. WHD will monitor the effect of 317 policy changes on Wauwatosa immunization rates, if any.

Discussion ensued about the cost of private stock and client billing. We would also get charged for any unused vaccine, which can be costly. We may see an increase in personal waivers for school age children. The health department will continue providing free flu shots this year.

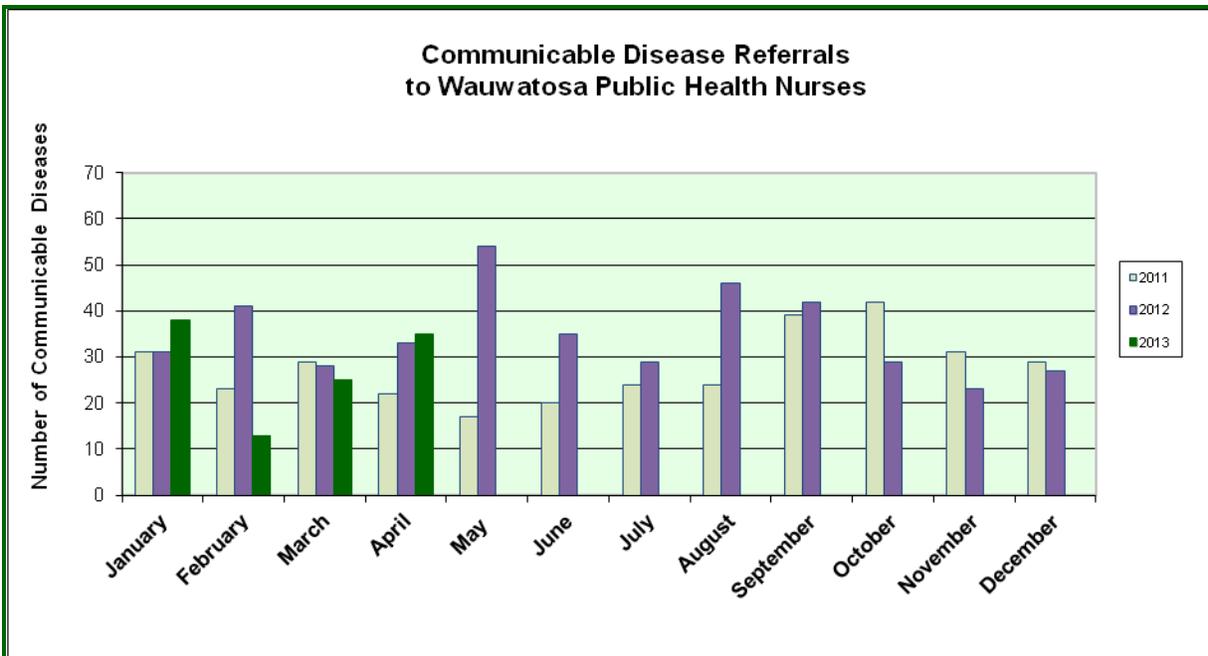


**OTHER**

***Pertussis statewide outbreak:*** The number of statewide-pertussis cases is declining.

***Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs):*** STDs continue to account for the majority of reported communicable diseases during 2012. With the staffing shortage, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea cases are currently a low priority.

***Trends:*** See graph below for trends.



### Healthiest Wauwatosa 2012 Programs and Initiatives Highlights:

#### **Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process:**

- CHIP: Staff is arranging meetings with community partners to solicit and verify involvement in the five-year CHIP; this will continue through the beginning of summer.
- QIC: Quality Improvement Committees (QICs) are developed and modified the work plans; the QICs drafted and updated several departmental policies and procedures.
- Wauwatosa Breastfeeding Survey: WHD will have an AHEC intern to conduct a retrospective survey on the breastfeeding practices of Wauwatosa mothers of two-year-olds. The survey will be conducted this summer. It will be similar to the breastfeeding survey conducted in 2010.

#### **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Substances:**

- Evidence-based strategies to address alcohol-related issues: *See PowerPoint.*
- Tobacco compliance checks were conducted on May 3. WHD secured grant monies to pay for the police overtime and student training. The results will be available at the next Board of Health meeting.

#### **Injury & Violence Prevention:**

- Home Safety Visits: PHNs continued offering and conducting home safety visits.
- Lead poisoning and prevention: The CDC lowered the criteria for identifying a lead poisoned child from  $\leq 10 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$  to  $\leq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$  effective January 1. This will increase the number of children case managed for lead poisoning in Wauwatosa. In 2012, Wauwatosa tracked 10 lead-poisoned children; this year, WHD has 7 so far.

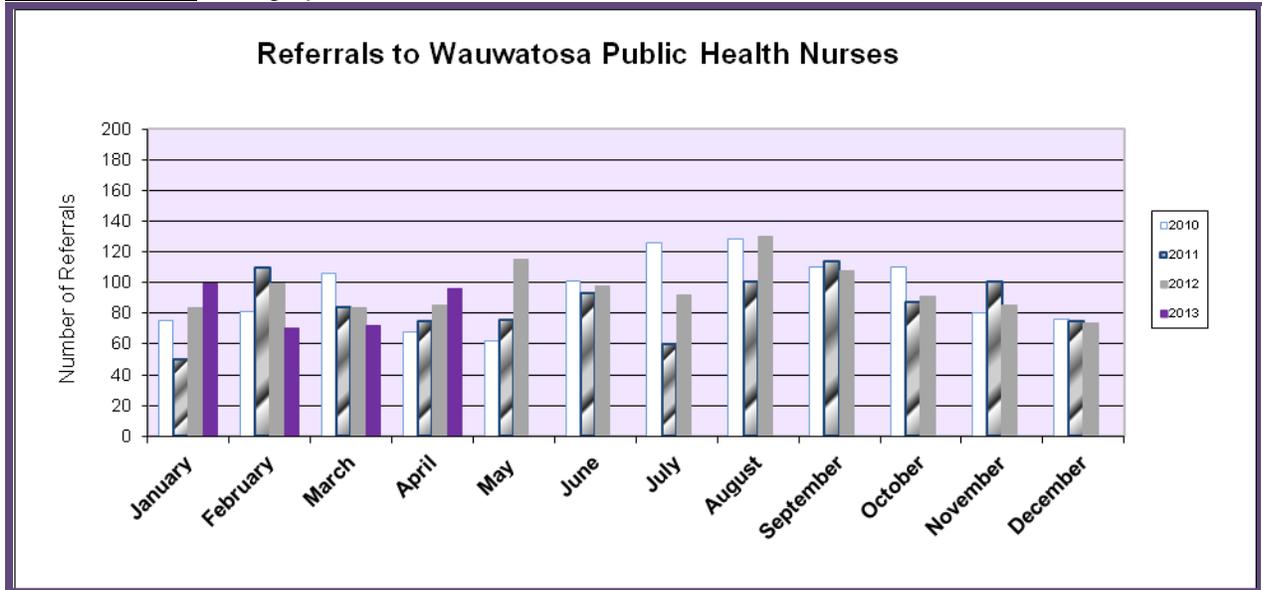
**Personnel:** The PHN position was discussed during the Administration Report. Much time was spent orienting the Public Health Specialist and the Public Health Nurse.

#### **Other:**

- Preparedness Supplemental Grant: Submitted a grant application for almost \$17,000 to enhance emergency preparedness and communications through social media. Most of the dollars are earmarked to provide consultation and technical support and staff to the Tosa's IT Department.
- Health Promotion: Conducting health promotion activities at the Green Fair and Farmer's Market in June.

**Public Health Database:** The Program Tracker database continues to be in development; progress was slowed due to the staffing shortage and outbreaks. Much time was spent identifying and defining what is a referral / complaint for future tracking.

**Access to Care:** See graph below for trends.



**Lori presented the Alcohol Strategies 2013 Powerpoint.** (See below)

- ⊙ Strategies To Address Alcohol-Related Issues
- ⊙ Wauwatosa Health Department
- ⊙ Tuesday, May 21, 2013
- ⊙ What's the problem?
- ⊙ 28% of Wauwatosa adults engaged in binge drinking in the past month compared to 15% nationally and 22% statewide<sup>1</sup>
- ⊙ 15.3% of Wauwatosa high-schoolers engaged in binge drinking in the past month; Healthiest People 2020 goal is 8.5%<sup>2</sup>
- ⊙ 62% of Wauwatosans think alcohol/drug use is a community problem<sup>1</sup>
- ⊙ What's the problem?
- ⊙ Of the students who rode in a vehicle by someone who had been drinking, 41% of the drivers were the parents<sup>2</sup>
- ⊙ Most teens think that drinking alcohol is worth the consequences<sup>3</sup>
- ⊙ Many teens are good at hiding alcohol use from their parents<sup>3</sup>
- ⊙ 176 Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) citations in Tosa<sup>4</sup>
- ⊙ 18 "drunkenness" citations in Tosa<sup>4</sup>
- ⊙ 1506 disorderly conduct citations \*<sup>4</sup>
- ⊙ What's the problem?

Wauwatosa statistics unavailable:

- ⊙ Alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents (MVAs)
- ⊙ Alcohol-related hospitalizations
- ⊙ Alcohol-related injuries
- ⊙ Other alcohol-related crimes
- ⊙ What to do?

To Reduce Alcohol-Related MVAs:

- ⊙ Maintain legal drinking age at ≥ 21 years<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Limit blood alcohol content (BAC) to 0.08%<sup>5</sup> [0.05% NTSB (May 2012)]

- ⊙ ↓ BAC for young and inexperienced drivers<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Publicize sobriety checkpoints<sup>5</sup>
  - > RBT = Random Breath Test (Australia, Europe)
  - > SBT = Selective Breath Test (US)
- ⊙ What to do?

To Reduce Alcohol-Related MVAs (con't):

- ⊙ Mass media campaigns<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Ignition interlocks<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ School-based instructional programs<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Multi-component interventions with community mobilization<sup>5</sup>
  - > Sobriety checkpoints
  - > Responsible beverage service training
  - > Educational awareness-raising efforts
  - > Limiting alcohol access – youth events, pools, tournaments
- ⊙ What's to do?

To Reduce Binge Drinking and Youth Access:

- ⊙ Increasing alcohol taxes<sup>5</sup> – advocate state legislators
- ⊙ Dram shop liability<sup>5</sup> – legally responsible for harms inflicted by customer
- ⊙ Maintaining minimum legal drinking age (MLDA) laws<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Maintaining limits on days of sale<sup>5</sup> – no sales on Sundays
- ⊙ What to do?

To Reduce Binge Drinking and Youth Access:

- ⊙ Maintaining limits on hours of sale<sup>5</sup> – reduced by at least 2 hours per day
- ⊙ Enhanced enforcement of laws prohibiting sales to minors<sup>5</sup> – on and off premises 'sting' operations
- ⊙ Social host ordinance<sup>6</sup>
- ⊙ Regulation of alcohol density<sup>5</sup>
- ⊙ Implement best practices during city-sponsored festivals<sup>7</sup>
- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density
  - ⊙ Majority of mid- to late-teens purchase beer at commercial outlets (Wagenaar, et al, 1993)
  - ⊙ Teens are more likely to purchase alcohol at convenience and grocery stores than at liquor or drug stores (Paschell, et al, 2005)
  - ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued

If the number of alcohol outlets increase, then a community will experience an<sup>5</sup>:

- ⊙ increased number of hospitalizations from assaults
- ⊙ increased number of suicides
- ⊙ increased number of motor vehicle accidents involving males
- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued

What is alcohol outlet density?

- ⊙ Number of alcohol licenses per 1000 adults
- ⊙ Location or clustering
- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued

Number of alcohol licenses per 1000 adults

- ⊙ No target number → if there is a problem in your community, then reduce the number of alcohol outlets
- ⊙ National average is 2.7 outlets per 1000 adults aged ≥ 18 years = 97 outlets for Tosa
- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued
- ⊙ Tosa has 94 outlets currently
- ⊙ Redevelopment in process
  - > Warehouse/commercial zoning changed to mixed use
  - > Innovation Park, Burleigh Triangle, etc.
- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued

## Location

- ⊙ Bunching or clustering in specific locations
  - > Mayfair Road
  - > Blue Mound Road
  - > Village / State Street

- ⊙ Regulating Alcohol Outlet Density – continued

Consider affect on businesses with limiting alcohol licenses

- ⊙ Revenue → business viability
- ⊙ Ability to attract new businesses
- ⊙ Festival Strategies
- ⊙ Card everyone aged ≤ 30 years; use wrist bands
- ⊙ Construct double-fenced beer tent enclosure
- ⊙ No alcohol discounts, especially if purchased in bulk
- ⊙ End ticket sales ≥ 1 hour before closing time
- ⊙ Festival Strategies – continue
- ⊙ End alcohol sales ≥ 30 minutes before closing time
- ⊙ Prohibit servers from drinking while working
- ⊙ Restrict use of pitchers
- ⊙ Limit alcohol amounts to 12 oz per serving
- ⊙ Festival Strategies – continue
- ⊙ Locate food vendors near alcohol vendors
- ⊙ Exclude alcohol sponsor banners and signs
- ⊙ Questions?

- ⊙ Sources

1. 2012 Wauwatosa Community Health Survey, Aurora Healthcare
2. 2012 Wauwatosa Youth Risk Behavior Survey, WHD
3. 2011 Wauwatosa Community Health Assessment
4. 2011 Wauwatosa Police Department Annual Report
5. Community Preventive Services Task Force [www.thecommunityguide.org](http://www.thecommunityguide.org)

- ⊙ Sources

6. 'What Makes an Effective Social Host Ordinance?', Hoffmann & Abram, 2012 Alcohol Policy Seminar, August 16, 2012
7. 'Working with Local Community Festivals to Reduce Underage and Binge Drinking', Rooney, et al, 2012 Alcohol Policy Seminar, August 16, 2012

## Discussion ensued. Some of the issues raised are as follows:

- Vendors that wish to provide alcohol at festivals is increasing.
- Hoyt Park pool is serving beer.
- How do you monitor alcohol being served? Discussed policies currently being used at Miller Park.
- If festival participant violates an alcohol policy, could the city deny their participation for the following year?
- Sobriety checkpoints during holidays or peak events?

## Environmental Health/Preparedness Division: James Beix, Public Health Manager

### Environmental Health Division

#### State Agent Inspection Program

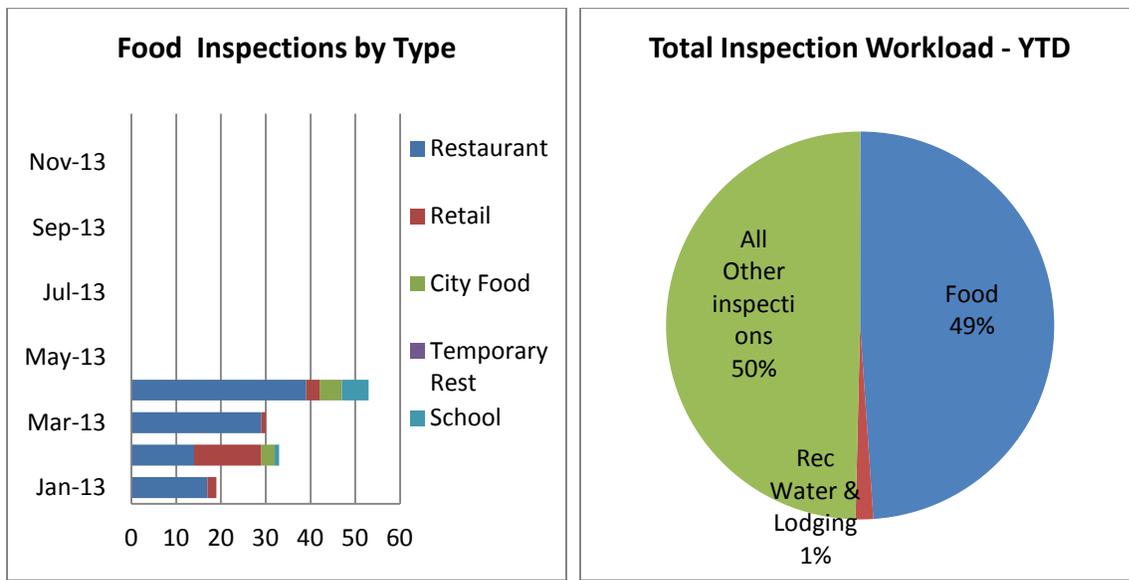
Food & Soda Water Renewals – License renewals for the 2013/14 licensing year were mailed Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The licensed establishments have 6 weeks to renew their licenses. In addition to food licenses, WHD assumed responsibility for issuing soda water licenses. This was a natural progression since only food establishments are issued soda water licenses. Adding the soda water licenses proved troublesome

and required some troubleshooting from the database consultant, as a result the licenses were mailed 16 days later than projected.

A Wauwatosa restaurant was ordered closed on April 3rd for evidence of a rodent infestation. The WHD closed the establishment for 5 days for cleaning and equipment replacement. The establishment also retained a pest management firm to address the infestation. The establishment was allowed to re-open on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent inspections revealed no evidence or re-infestation and the establishment's staff remains diligent in cleaning. WHD continues to receive status reports from the pest management company which indicate that the infestation is controlled.

Upon receiving a complaint from the Department of Quality Assurance, a second Wauwatosa establishment, located on the Milwaukee County Grounds, was closed for operating without a license. After discussions with the operator, it is unlikely the establishment will reopen.

The Bigg's Roadhouse trial was held April 15<sup>th</sup> for 3 citations issued by the WHD. Judge Baker requested additional information and will hear the City's opinion and make his final ruling in June.

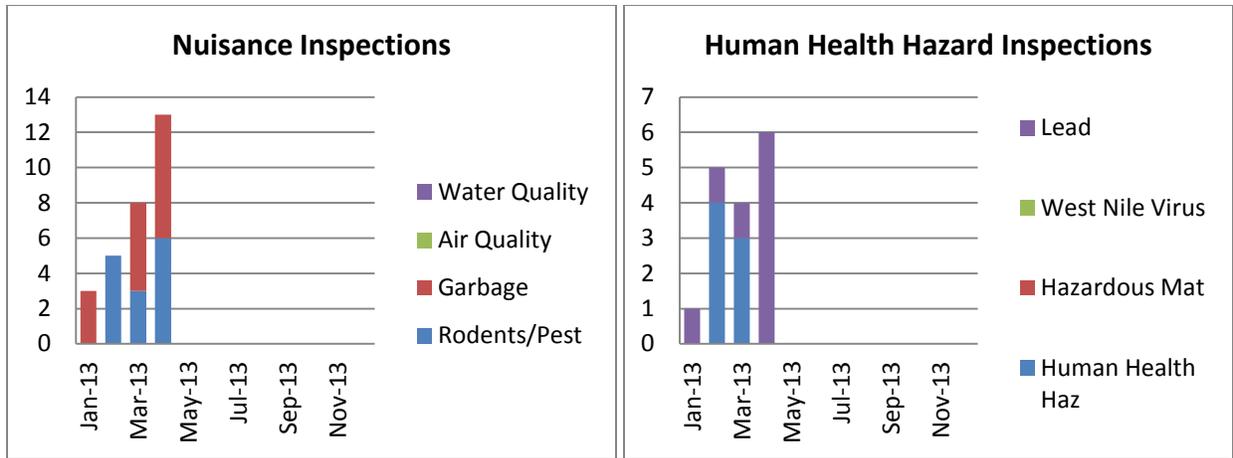


Nuisances/Human Health Hazards

Rodent and garbage complaints comprise all of the complaints investigated by the health department to date. WHD conducted 6 initial rodent inspections and 8 follow-up inspections to date. Over the same period of time in 2012, the sanitarians had already conducted 17 initial inspections, with 2 follow-up inspections. In 2012, the number of rodent complaints greatly increased in June and continued to see high levels of activity through October. WHD staff will monitor rodent complaints and will educate homeowners on steps to decrease rodent activity in years.

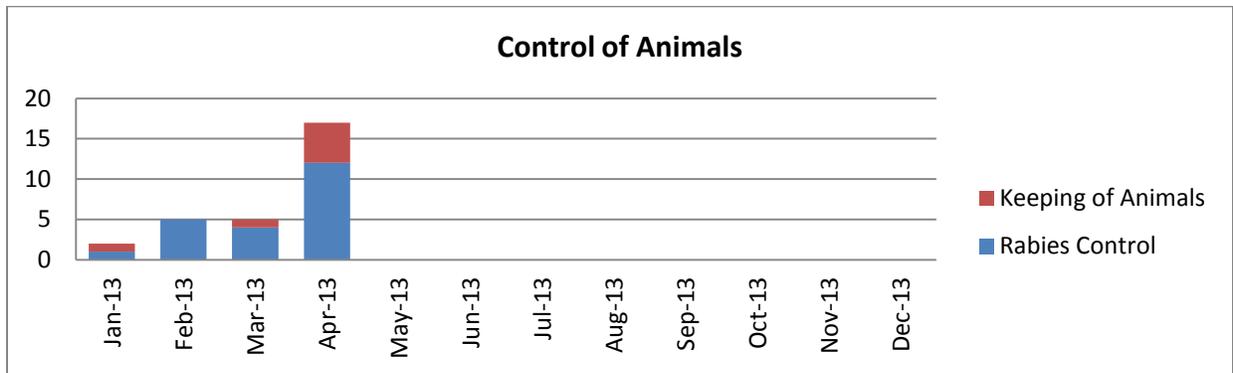
There is one open human health hazard which is on hold due to circumstances beyond our control.

WHD recently administered one weatherization grant in which the property owner replaced 2 original construction external doors. A sanitarian was onsite during the installation to ensure the process was done in a lead (Pb) safe manner. Clearance Pb wipes were collected by the sanitarians for testing prior to the contractor receiving payment.



### Rabies/Animal Control Program

WHD issued 1 vicious dog declaration in April. WHD, in coordination with the Legal Department, wrote a hold open letter stating that if the animal bites again, it would immediately be declared vicious. The owner understood the situation and is currently trying to find someone to remove the animal from Wauwatosa.



### **Preparedness**

- Public Health Preparedness Grant
- The 2012/13 grant year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. WHD will complete the final grant deliverable of surveying the 15 target capabilities.
- Cities Readiness Initiative
- WHD staff participated in communications workshop on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was a precursor to a tabletop exercise revolving around regional communication issues during a public health emergency. The tabletop exercise was conducted on May 15<sup>th</sup> and was the last objective requirement for the 2012/13 grant cycle. The after-action report for the exercise will be issued within 30 days. WHD will review the after- action report findings and, where applicable, use the recommendations to further enhance our response plans.
- Tosa Area Preparedness Partners (TAPP)
- The TAPP is a consortium of public and private Wauwatosa entities that meet to discuss emergency preparedness and collaboration opportunities. The private sector arm of the TAPP has representatives from hospitals, schools, long term care facilities and private industry members. The public sector arm has numerous local health departments from Milwaukee

County. The TAPP met on May 14<sup>th</sup> with the focus of the meeting on severe weather events. This venue has potential to be a powerful planning opportunity.

- BioWatch

Wauwatosa will be receiving a BioWatch air monitoring unit in 2013. The entire BioWatch system was evaluated and optimized and it was determined that site in Wauwatosa would enhance the entire system. No operational burdens will be placed on WHD.

7. Advocacy/ Opportunities

- Leslie Martin suggested starting a "Friends of the Wauwatosa Health Department" group and will schedule a meeting with Nancy.

8. Old Business

- None.

9. Announcements

- None

**Next meeting July 16, 2013 8-9:15 a.m., Wauwatosa Health Department Conference Room**

10. Motion to adjourn 9:05 AM

- Motion: Leslie Martin
- Second: Cheryl Davies
- Motion Carried unanimously

Recorder: lms