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City of Wauwatosa Board of Health Meeting Notes January 14, 2014

Present: Chris Shaw, Leslie Martin, Bobby Pantuso, Nancy Kreuser, Lori Nielsen, James Beix

Excused: Cheryl Davies, John Dunn

- The meeting was called to order at 8:07 by Vice Chairperson, Chris Shaw. Meeting notes were taken due to a lack of a quorum.
- 1/14/2014 agenda was modified to include an additional policy under the public health nursing report: license verification.
- The 11/19/13 Minutes were reviewed. <http://www.wauwatosa.net/index.aspx?NID=199>
- There were no comments from the public.
- There were no comments from the Board of Health.
- New Business: Health Services Division Reports
 - Administration: Dr. Nancy Kreuser, Health Officer
 - Personnel updates: The Public Health Specialist resigned effective 1/9/14 to take a job in the Peace Corps overseas. The WHD plans to re-advertise this vacancy during the first quarter of 2014 and considering filling it with a nurse for greater flexibility. A temporary employee is in place through May 2014 to provide continuity for the DHS 140 state audit scheduled for 2/13/14 and upcoming accreditation preparation.
 - The 2010 Wauwatosa Health Department Strategic Plan was reviewed and revealed much progress toward our goals. Plan to add organizational charts, logic models, and other clarification materials.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the Board of Health role and goals in the WHD Strategic Plan (2010 Strategic Plan attached). The focus of goals will be the following which will be revised and reviewed at the next meeting:
 - Communication within the community, visibility, and marketing was seen as a very important goal. We need to educate the public about the access they have to communication mechanisms and continue to get the word out about what's going on in our community.
 - Advocacy opportunities for Board of Health members on committees, boards and other events that are important to the WHD. Examples may include the southeast WI Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB). There are also opportunities for the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), and WI Public Health Association. Other opportunities will be identified—i.e. meetings, trainings.
 - The Board wanted to explore community involvement options in the WHD for students, professionals, Friends of WHD, and others. We need to determine skills sets and activities and formalize volunteerism. There is potential for a future volunteerism initiative at a city-wide level.
 - The need for advocacy in policy and legislation was also identified as important.
 - The Board of Health will participate in the upcoming DHS 140 compliance audit (site visit) on 2/13/14 which reviews the statutory requirements of a level III department.

- 2014-2015 local health department accreditation participation (site visit) will be a focus. The domains provide structure for board of health involvement.
- Accreditation Updates
 - The WHD personnel received accreditation training and assignments
 - Plan to apply for PHAB accreditation at the end of May 2014
 - The DHS 140 Review is helping to prepare some of the evidence needed for future accreditation.

Public Health Nursing: Lori Nielsen, Nursing Supervisor: See attached report.

- The Board deferred review and approval of new/revised WHD policy and procedures until the March meeting.
- City of Wauwatosa Community Health Improvement Plan is in final draft and will be posted to the website and printed for dissemination. This is one of three accreditation *application* prerequisites (community assessment, community health improvement plan, strategic plan)
- *Communicable disease investigation & control
- Other updates
 - Lori asked if there was a name of a dermatologist that lives or works in Wauwatosa to partner with on the Hart Park Sun Shading grant. Their role would be to sign off on evidence-based practice, education, and data collection. Bobby Pantuso offered to forward a name. Leslie Martin wondered about the use of UV meters for this project. He also inquired about the use of MCW residents for data collection activity.

Environmental Health/Preparedness: James Beix: See attached report

- State Inspection Program updates
- Preparedness

Advocacy/Opportunities: None

Old Business: None

Announcements: No announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

WHD Nursing Division Report

January 14, 2014

Communicable Disease (CD) Update:

SENTINEL EVENTS

Below is detailed information regarding each sentinel event:

Healthcare facilities tuberculosis exposure #5075: On April 1, the WHD was notified of a healthcare provider (index case) working in Wauwatosa with active tuberculosis (TB). 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. WHD identified 669 staff, patients, and family members who were exposed to the index case. The first round of testing was completed in May. The second round of testing began the last week of June. To date, 645 out of the 669 individuals (96.4%) completed follow-up testing, thus closing those investigations. Twenty-four cases remain open due to the individual no longer working/attending the facility, complex medical situation, or have expired. Letters were sent to the local health departments to follow-up on the remaining open cases. No facility staff member, patient, or patient family member became infected; no additional case of active TB was identified. Six medical staff were positive for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) and are receiving prophylactic treatment; two or three cases were directly linked to this exposure. This extensive exposure prompted one organization to modify their employment policy and procedure regarding TB status.

Tuberculosis case #5077: On July 5, the WHD was notified of a positive tuberculosis sputum culture in an almost 99 year-old foreign born male. The individual was hospitalized in May for respiratory distress when the cultures were obtained; initial smear tests were negative. On July 15th, the WHD issued orders to place the individual in isolation; the orders were lifted on August 5 when the individual completed the necessary treatment to be considered non-infectious. The initial Daily Observed Therapy (DOT) continued until September 15; the second phase of treatment includes bi-weekly observed therapy until the end of January.

Pertussis outbreak case #5079: On October 17, the WHD was notified of a student in a Wauwatosa school with pertussis. The case was investigated and contacts were notified. On October 29, the WHD linked at least 4 cases of Pertussis within a single school, therefore it was determined that an outbreak existed. Additional contacts were identified. All school notices were disseminated on October 21, November 15, and December 20. To date, 14 cases are linked to the school. The investigation continues.

Pertussis outbreak case #5080: On December 3, the WHD was notified of 2 students in a Wauwatosa school with pertussis. The trace back investigation revealed a staff member with symptoms consistent with Pertussis as early as November 15. The cases were investigated and contacts were notified. School notices were disseminated on December 3. To date, 5 cases are linked to this outbreak. The investigation continues.

Adult living facility enteric outbreak #5081: On December 12, the WHD was notified of an enteric outbreak at an adult day care facility beginning on December 10. 4 of the facility's cares 5 staff became ill. Infection control measures were implemented. Due to the limited nature of the illness, no lab specimens were submitted. However, Norovirus was the suspected organism based on symptomatology. The outbreak was resolved on December 18.

Child care facility enteric outbreak #5082: On December 13, the WHD was notified of an enteric outbreak at a child care facility beginning on November 25. 14 out of 67 (37.3%) of the facility's cares and 7 of the 20 staff (35.0%) became ill. Infection control measures were implemented based on licensed day care guidelines. Due to the limited nature of the illness, no lab specimens were submitted. However, Norovirus was the suspected organism based on symptomatology. When the outbreak continued, WHD recommended extending the cares' exclusion criteria of needing to be asymptomatic for 24 hours to 48 hours; this modification quickly resolved the outbreak. The outbreak was resolved on January 6.

Pertussis outbreak case #5083: On November 26, the WHD declared an outbreak of pertussis in a Wauwatosa school. The WHD was notified of the initial case on November 11 and linked a second case to the initial case on November 26. The cases were investigated and contacts were notified. Various school notices were disseminated intermittently between November 26 and December 16. To date, 4 cases are linked to this outbreak. The investigation continues through January 27.

Child care facility respiratory outbreak #5084: On December 26, the WHD was notified of an respiratory outbreak at a child care facility beginning on December 13. 15 out of 75 (20.0%) of the facility's cares became ill; no staff were ill. Infection control measures were implemented. One individual tested negative for flu. The outbreak was resolved on January 10.

Adult living facility pneumonia cluster #5085: On December 18, the WHD was notified of a pneumonia cluster at an adult skilled living facility beginning on November 22. 3 out of the 4 cases had aspiration pneumonia. The WHD is investigating if there is a common link with the aspiration pneumonia cases. The investigation continues.

Adult living facility enteric outbreak #5086: On December 27, the WHD was notified of an enteric outbreak at an adult skilled living facility beginning on December 27. 13 residents became ill. Infection control measures including unit quarantine were implemented. Norovirus was the identified organism in 4 samples. The investigation continues.

Adult living facility enteric outbreak #5087: On December 30, the WHD was notified of an enteric outbreak at an adult assisted living facility beginning on December 28. 7 residents and 8 staff became ill; 6 out of the 8 staff are food workers. Infection control measures including unit quarantine were implemented. Norovirus was the identified organism in one of the samples. The investigation continues.

Healthcare institution Pertussis exposure #5088: On January 7, 2014, the WHD was notified of a Pertussis exposure at a healthcare institution by an employee. Exposure occurred between December 25 and January 6. The index case tested negative for Pertussis on January 1 but was declared an epi-linked confirmed case on January 7. The employee floated between 2 units, exposing 20 staff. 25 patients from 12 jurisdictions including 3 from out-of-state were exposed; none from Tosa. Many of the exposed were infants. The investigation continues.

Healthcare institution Varicella exposure #5089: On December 23, the WHD was notified of a Varicella exposure at a healthcare institution. Exposure occurred on December 20 in the pre- and post- surgery units and the surgical suite. 20 patients from 12 jurisdictions including 4 from out-of-state were exposed and notified. All exposed staff were already immune. To date, no secondary exposures have been identified. The investigation continues.

Immunizations

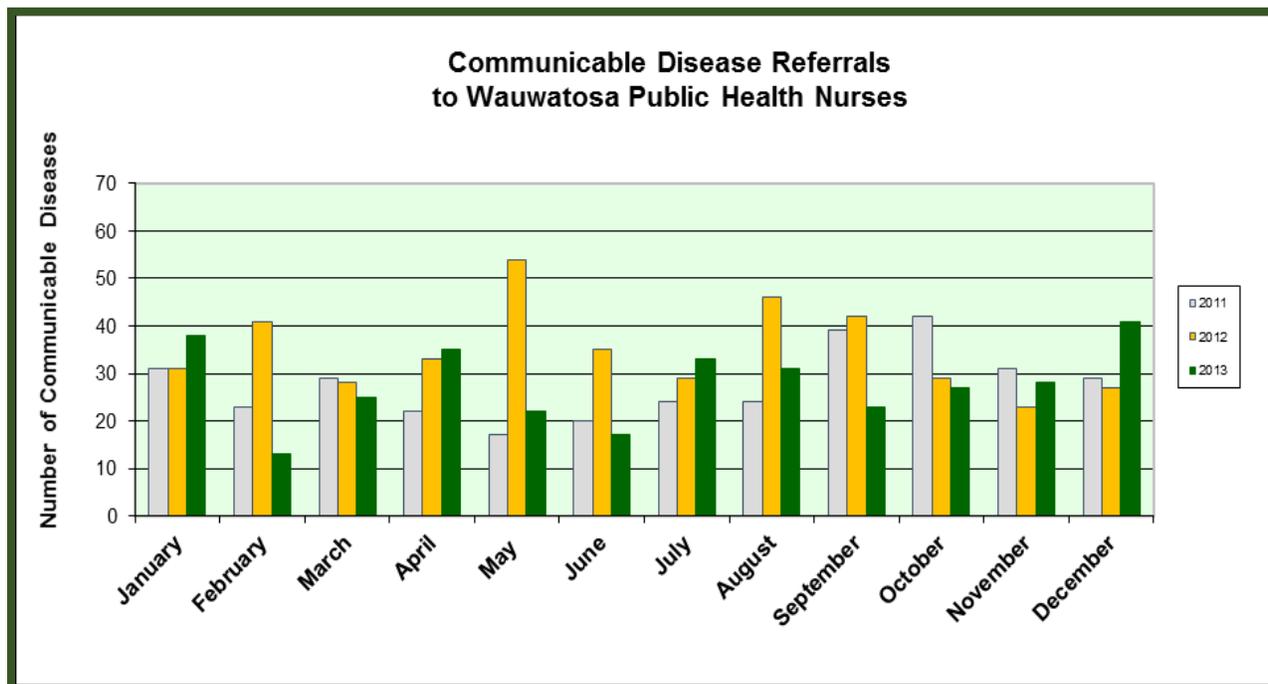
Flu Vaccine / Clinics: We conducted 3 mass clinics and 8 employee/retiree flu clinics. We continued to provide flu vaccine to homebound individuals and their caregivers. We reached out to the day care providers, adult living facilities, and private schools to provide flu vaccine to staff. We are now offering flu shots at a discounted rate of \$15 with a donation of 5 non-perishable food items.

OTHER

Pertussis statewide outbreak: The number of statewide-pertussis cases has declined for the year. However, Wauwatosa experienced an increased number of cases in the last 2 months.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): STDs continue to account for the majority of reported communicable diseases during 2013. However, Pertussis was the CD with the highest incidence in Wauwatosa.

Trends: See graph below for trends.



Healthiest Wauwatosa 2013-2014 Programs and Initiatives Highlights:

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

- CHIP: CHIP is completed and will be posted on the health department website by the end of the month..
- QIC: Quality Improvement Committees (QICs) developed and modified the work plans; the QICs continue drafting and updating several departmental policies and procedures. Policies in development include:
 - Respiratory investigations in organizations
 - Immunization vaccine storage and clinics
 - Human health hazards
 - Adult health clinics
 - WIC
 - Home safety visits
 - Information & Referral inquiries
 - Referrals
 - Charting, forms and documentation
- 140 Review: Every 5 years, each local health department (LHD) must meet the standards of a LHD as set forth in administrative code DHS 140. In the next month, the WHD will pilot the new 140 review tool used to assess the level and accomplishments of LHDs. WHD began work on identifying and gathering evidence to support the standards. The State will conduct a site visit on February 13.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Substances:

- Tobacco Compliance Checks: A second round of tobacco compliance checks was conducted on November 2. WHD secures grant monies to help pay for the police (WPD) overtime. Results of the compliance checks will be available at the next Board of Health meeting.

Injury & Violence Prevention:

- Home Safety Visits: PHNs continued offering and conducting home safety visits.

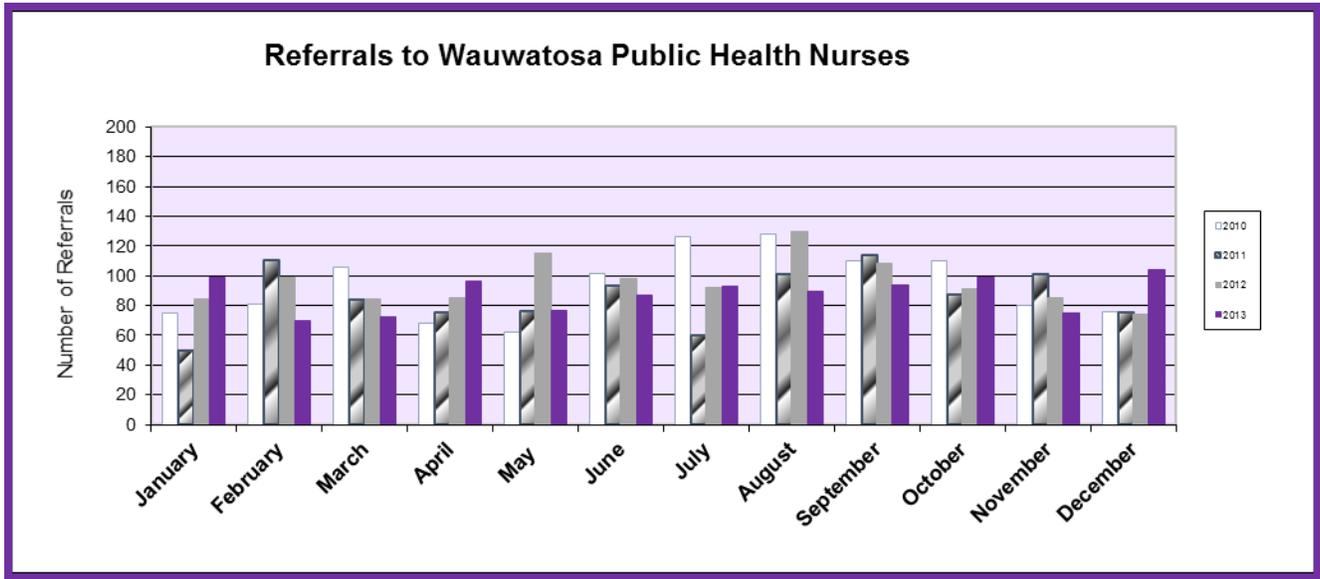
Personnel: Staff continued orienting the Public Health Nurses.

Public Health Database: The Program Tracker database continues to be in development.

Access to Care:

- In partnership with Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Enrollment Network, the WHD hosted a Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Event to assist individuals with enrolling into the Marketplace. More events are in process for the first quarter of 2014.

- The WHD is conducting a pilot to provide limited programming and I&R outreach to individuals accessing the Tosa Cares program out of Mt. Zion Church.
- See graph below for trends.



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

Environmental Health Division

State Agent Inspection Program

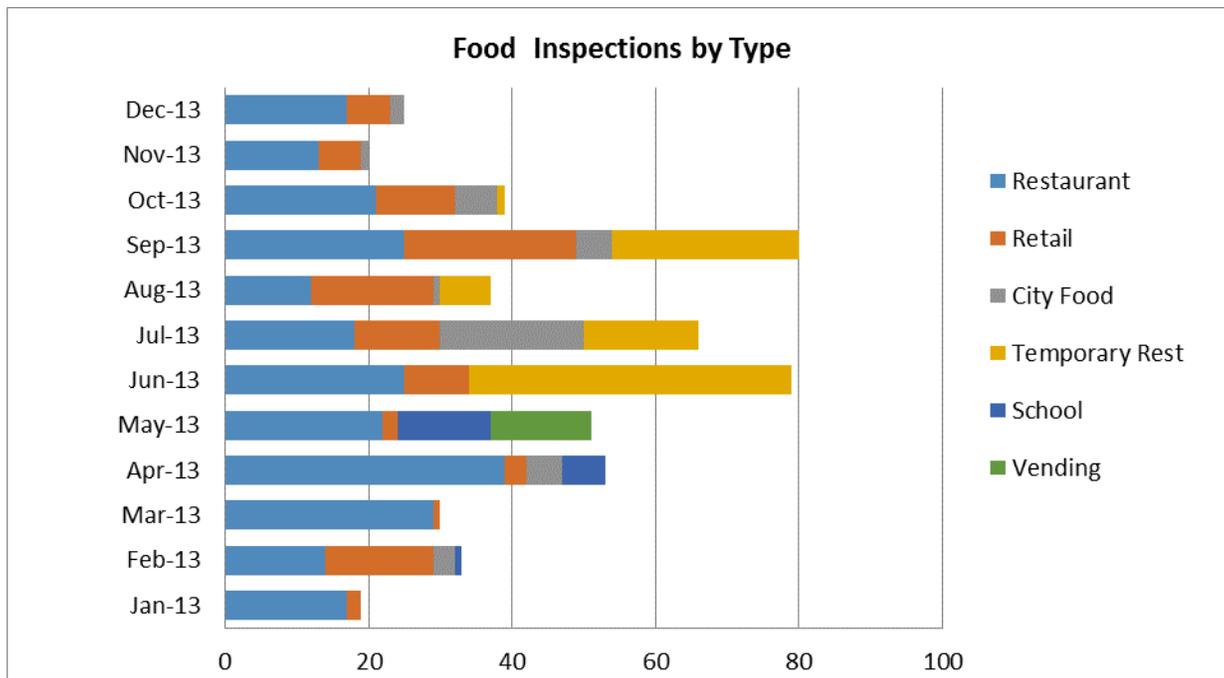
Licensing (update) – The environmental health database has had updates applied to the test environment. Beta-testing will be conducted to ensure the updates work as expected. Combined invoice testing with the Comptrollers department has been postponed due to an error within the GEMS system that has required a fix from the GEMS service providers. Testing will resume as soon as the issue is resolved.

Agent on-site assessment (Update) – Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection conducted an onsite evaluation of our food inspection program. The results of the evaluation will be available in the first quarter of 2014. A three year work plan will be developed from the findings.

Open records request (Update) – An open records request was filed with WHD to provide a copy of all our inspection database tables. Currently our database does not have the functionality to support this request. The legal department continues to work with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to discuss avenues to honor this request.

State Food Safety and Recreational Licensing data sharing meeting (Update) – I participated on a panel of State and Local partners to discuss data sharing needs of both Agent and Non-Agent Local Health Departments. The meeting was designed to brainstorm and set data sharing and communication goals for our State partners as well as local agents and non-agents. The meeting generated a list of data needs and most desirable ways to communication those data needs. The next meeting will be February 21st to review the list and set priorities and a work plan for implementation.

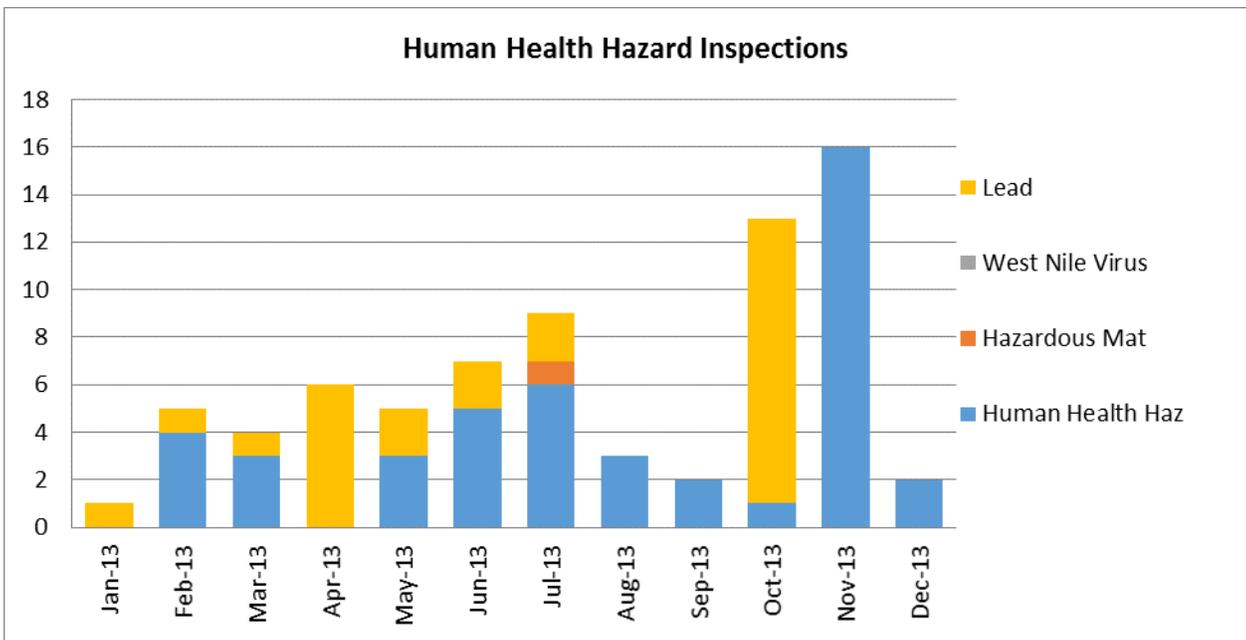
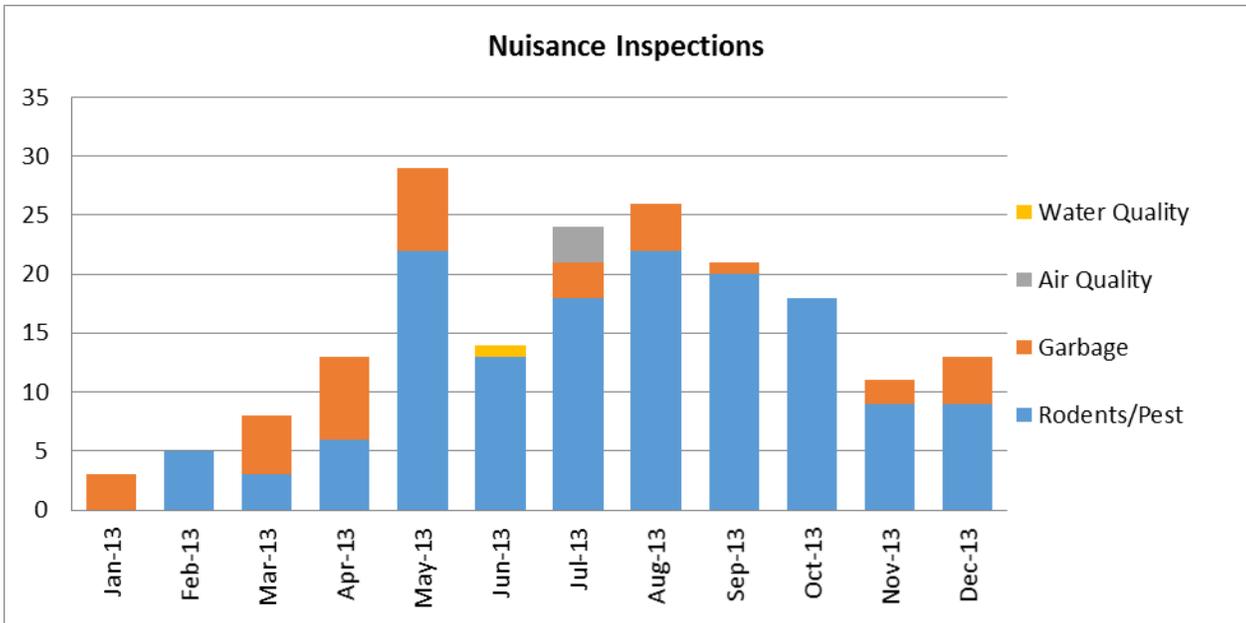
Inspections – Staff continues to work through our pending inspection log. Inspections are on schedule to be completed by the end of the licensing year



Nuisances/Human Health Hazards

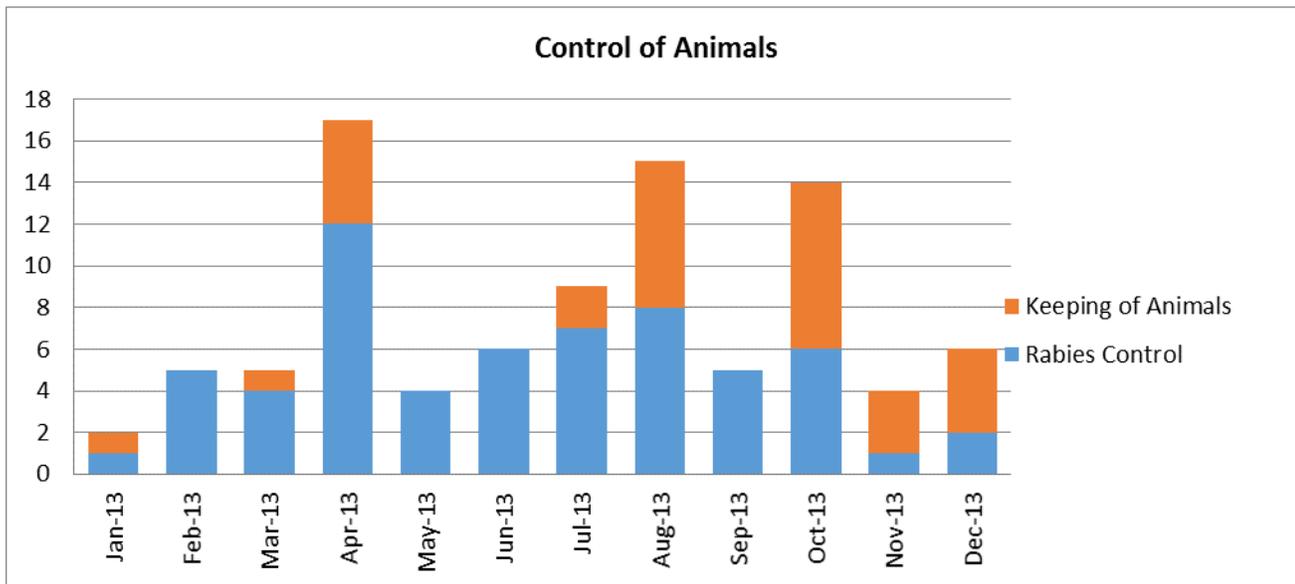
Nuisance complaints, mostly rodent and pests have plateaued at levels higher than expected, the past two months WHD staff has conducted 9 inspection activities (initial investigations or follow-ups). As a seasonal trend, fewer than 5 inspection activities should be expected mid-winter. WHD staff will continue to monitor and respond to complaints as they occur.

(Update) - Orders have been written to abate an above ground pool which is unmaintained. The pool is filled with stagnant water and has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and is a drowning hazard as it is unmonitored and unsecured. The pool was drained and made incapable of retaining water by a contractor on Wednesday November 20th.



Rabies/Animal Control Program

- There have been 38 animal bites reported to WHD this calendar year. Five bats, 9 cats and 24 dog bites have been reported.
- Currently no rabies exposures are under quarantine or being considered for dangerous or vicious declarations.



Preparedness

Public Health Preparedness Grant

The 2013/14 grant year began July 1, 2013. The objectives this year will focus on Community Preparedness, Responder Health and Safety and Fatality Management.

- State preparedness groups are meeting in the fall to develop material to close identified gaps in local plans. The products should be ready for locals by February 2014.

Cities Readiness initiative

The 2013/14 grant year is a continuation year with similar funding levels and objectives.

- WHD staff is revising the Health Department section of the City Emergency Activation Plan in order to incorporate the Milwaukee County news Emergency Support Functions model. This will enhance our plans and become a template for other City departments to us.
- The CRI Tabletop Exercise will be held May 7th 2014, the next exercise design team meeting will be held December 6th at the Wisconsin Athletic club on Watertown Plank Road.