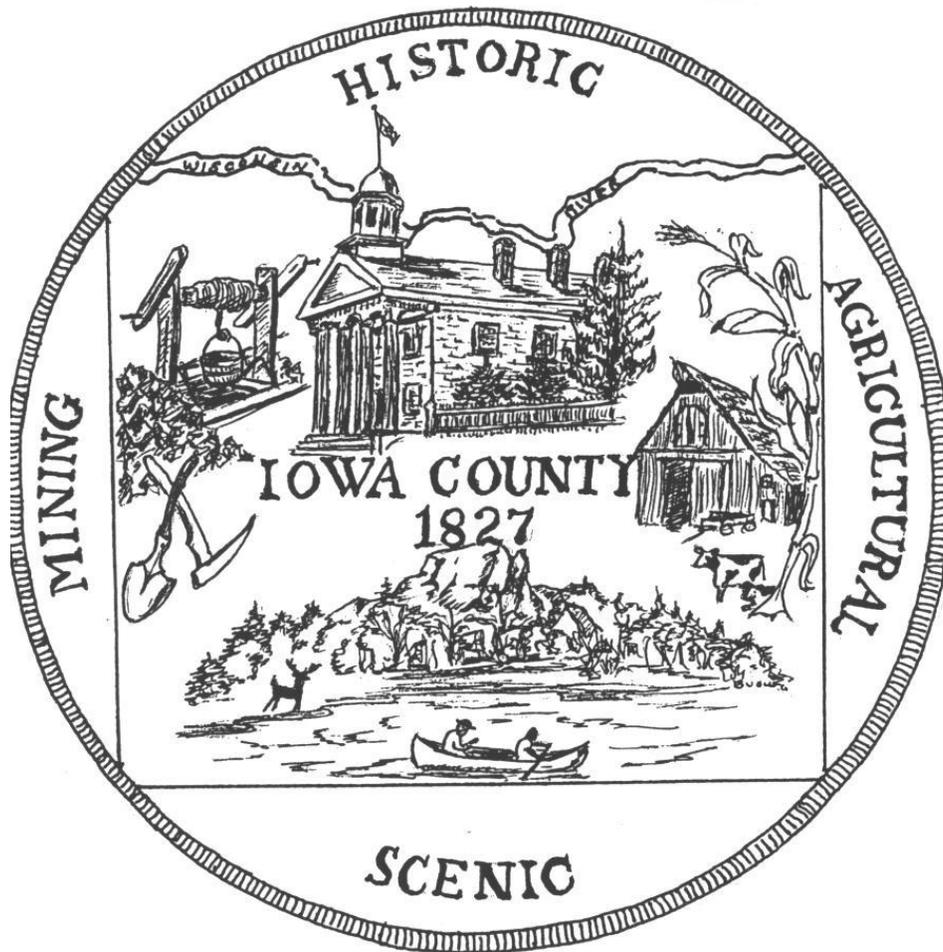


Iowa County Health Department

“Provides Public Health
Services That Promote
Wellness, Prevent Disease
And Provide a Healthy
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2011 Annual Report

Message from the Director

To the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, Health Committee, Health & Human Services Committee, and Residents:

I am pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report of the Health Department. The department has now been at the new facility for one year. The staff, as well as clients, have many positive comments regarding the space as it provides a professional and confidential atmosphere. The networking between agencies and staff members has also increased during the past year leading to a better understanding of roles and responsibilities. It also provides for partnering in our programs.

The State suggests that Health Departments utilize 12 Essential Services in their programs to provide best practices in public health. The following table shows how the 12 Essential Public Health Services are provided in some of the major programs at Iowa County.

12 Essential Services	MCH	Immunizations	Communicable Disease Follow up	Environmental Health	PH P&R	WWWP
1. Monitor health	X	X		X		
2. Protect people from health hazards			X	X	X	
3. Give people information	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Engage the community to solve problems	X	X			X	
5. Policy and procedures	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. Enforce Laws		X	X	X	X	
7. Help people receive services	X	X				X
8. Maintain Competent Public Health workforce					X	
9. Evaluate and improve health services	X	X			X	
10. Research	X	X	X	X		
11. Assure access to care	X		X			X
12. Promote cultural/economic diversity	X	X			X	X

*Maternal Child Health (MCH)

*Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R)

*Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)

Please stop in at any time or call 930-9870 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

June Meudt, Director

Iowa County Health Department

Highlights of 2011

1. Immunization Program: providing school-age children required immunizations, working on increasing rates of the new Pertussis booster shot to adults who care for infants and children, and providing school-based clinics to students for the flu vaccine.
2. Becoming a Limited Agent for the state and inspecting approximately 50 facilities
3. Focus on four goals of our Strategic Plan for stronger infrastructure (part of the National Accreditation Project):
 - a. Goal I: Secure sufficient resources to assure growth and sustainability
 - b. Goal II: Strengthen workforce competency and capacity
 - c. Goal III: Increase communication and expand awareness of the public health department
 - d. Goal IV: Prepare for national accreditation
4. Retirement of Sue Steudel, RN, a 17-year employee, and hiring of Ann Thompson, RN.
5. Start-up of a seven-county Immunization Coalition with the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative in Sauk County.
6. Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, administered by SWCAP, is now housed at the Health & Human Services Building twice a month.

Special Projects of 2011

- First Breath Grant: provides incentives to women to quit smoking during and after pregnancy.
- Safe Sleep Project: provides education and free pack-n-play cribs to families with no or unsafe sleep environments for their children less than one year of age.
- Delta Dental Grant: provides toothbrushes and toothpaste to the Health Department to hand out to clients presenting at the office.
- CDC Infrastructure Grant to help start the process of accreditation for the Health Department.
- Tobacco Activities promoted through a coalition with Rock and Grant County.
- Prescription Drug Collection with the National DEA/Iowa County Sheriff collected fifty pounds of pills. This was done during the "Open House" of the Health & Human Services Building in April.

Oral Health

Access to dental health has always been identified as a major need in Iowa County in the Needs Assessment. The Federally-funded Qualified Access Dental Clinic in Dodgeville has provided care to many adults and children who would not normally receive care. Most have Medicaid Insurance but services are also provided to those without insurance. A sliding-fee schedule is used to help defray costs.

Preventative practices are important to keep children from having cavities. The services include oral assessment, fluoride varnish, sealants, and dental health education. The Health Department contracted with the Sauk County dental program to provide these services to the Arena School. Nineteen children participated in this program.

The Iowa County Nurses also applied fluoride varnish to area Head Start children. This is done three times a year and is a billable service to Medical Assistance. Thirty-four children received fluoride varnish along with oral health education.

The Health Department continues to provide free fluoride supplements to Iowa County families that do not have fluoride in their water supply. One-hundred-thirty-two prescriptions were provided in 2011.



Maternal Child Health (MCH)

The Health Department attempts to contact all families of new infants through phone calls or letters. New families are informed of our availability to make home visits. Information on resources such as immunization clinics, water testing, or the WIC Program are also provided. The Health Department also receives referrals from others who work with families of newborns. In 2011, fifty-five families were visited. Four families received services and education from the Safe Sleep Project. In 2011, the Prenatal Care Coordination Program (PNCC) provided education and supportive services to eleven pregnant women throughout their pregnancy.

Public Health Preparedness



Iowa County is prepared to respond to all emergencies with a plan of action and a system of communication with community responders. This response includes **detecting** disease outbreaks; **investigating** to determine what the risks are to the public and who may have been exposed; **informing** the public and professionals of the specific disease threats and how to protect themselves and others; **managing** infected persons; **isolating or quarantining** affected individuals as appropriate; **providing medications or vaccinations** to people at risk in the population.

Throughout the year, the Health Department works on specific tasks, activities, and planned exercises to focus on the above responses. Federal dollars are provided to allow these activities. When real-time events occur, evaluations of the process take place afterwards. A “real-time” event occurred in the fall of 2011 when a “Boil Water” notice came out from a municipality. After the event was over, a meeting took place. This led to the creation of an emergency plan and call tree for that municipality. The Emergency Government Coordinator has been working with them on this project.

Other Preparedness activities included:

- Exercise with 17 health officers run by the State
- Exercise with a Cobb City official by Keith Hurlbert and the State
- Annual meeting with community medical partners
- Update of the Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to reflect new people (partners) and the new Health & Human Services building address
- Safety in-services to local schools regarding Tornado Week and ATV safety
- Presentations to 4H groups, Head Start, Social Services, Legislative Breakfasts, Law Enforcement, and EMS groups
- After-hours Health Department Calling Tree Exercise

Communicable Disease Control

The State Law mandates that local health departments are responsible for the surveillance and follow-up of seventy-eight communicable diseases. The State has epidemiologists on staff that can provide technical assistance and support. The State implemented a secure database in which labs and medical clinics can enter lab results in a timely manner. This allows the Health Department to do follow-up faster and more efficiently. The Health Department also had its “Annual Flu” informational meeting in the fall for all health care providers and school nurses. News releases and emails are sent out to a wide variety of partners to alert them on any issues relating to communicable diseases in our county or surrounding counties. In 2011, a total of 165 cases were followed. Fifteen of these were considered “Not a case” by the State. Below is a comparison of 2010 and 2011 cases.

<i>Diseases in Iowa County</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Campylobacteriosis	10	13
Chlamydia Trachomatis	27	38
Cryptosporidiosis	14	11
E-Coli 0157:H7	3	7
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, A.	1	7
Giardiasis	2	2
Gonorrhea	5	4
Hepatitis B	1	3
Hepatitis C	1	5
Lyme Disease	35	43
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	1
Salmonellosis	5	8
Tuberculosis, suspect	1	2
Influenza	0	6
Other	1	3

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Program is a valuable asset to our residents. Environmental Health provides programs that focus on individual issues like lead, radon, and mold. There are also issues that require community-wide education such as mosquito control for Lyme’s Disease and the West Nile Virus, and Prescription Drug Clean Up days.

The Environmental Health Consultant continues to provide consultation and hands-on assessments for all referrals in Iowa County.

Services	Iowa County		5 Counties – SW Wisconsin	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Contacts	343	311	1,800	1,545
Home Visits	63	55	308	284

2011 marked the start of the Limited Agent Program for the Health Department. Approximately fifty establishments were inspected by Health Department staff. This has been a good opportunity for staff to network with people in the community. The Health Department does get paid by the State for this service. The state also provides consultation and technical support for this program.

Other statistics regarding Environmental Health

- 103 lead tests (all within the normal range)
- 63 animal bite investigations.
Nine of these were wild animals.
Fifty-four were pets and 21 of the pets were unvaccinated for Rabies.
- 69 radon kits were turned in (a 59% return rate).
45 were above the 4p Ci/L level
Follow-up letters were sent to all clients



Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)

The goals of the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are to improve access to health services and eliminate preventable death and disability from breast and cervical cancer. Well Woman pays for a physical exam, mammogram, and pap test. In 2011, these services were provided to 30 clients. Two women were diagnosed with cancer and have received coverage for the appropriate treatment. The challenge facing this program is getting information out to women who need it. Women must sign up prior to the screening.

Immunizations

The Immunization Program continues to provide vaccines to local residents. Immunizations are given at the office, in schools, and to some outside entities, such as EMS or group homes. The program is responsible for assuring that other vaccine providers are kept current of any changes in rules or practices pertaining to vaccinations. The staff works closely with schools, day cares, and clinics on a regular basis to achieve this.

The Health Department has in the past few years made a commitment to offer flu vaccine to all school-age children (if the school agrees). Between October and December, nineteen separate clinics were held throughout Iowa County in addition to the six regularly scheduled clinics at the office.

In 2011, 3,488 total immunizations were given to 2,313 individuals. Of this total, 1,737 were flu.

The focus in 2012 will be to work even more closely with providers. The immunization rate for Iowa County of two-year-olds is 63%. The State objective is 90%. The Health Department will work with others in 2012 towards a rate increase for this age group.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Tests were given to 123 individuals. These were requested for work or school entrance requirements. (No positive TB Skin Tests; therefore, no follow-up required.) The individual does pay for these screenings.

2011 Fiscal Information

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Personnel & fringe -	269,695	268,538
Contracted personnel -	12,000	11,410
All others -	<u>89,791</u>	<u>39,217</u>
Total:	\$371,486	\$319,165

*In 2010, the health department was paying for rent and utilities and also received more Public Health Preparedness funding from the CDC and State.

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Grants	93,768	72,187
Other	<u>60,365</u>	<u>37,907</u>
Total:	\$154,133	\$110,094
Tax Levy:	\$217,353	\$209,071



Iowa County Public Health Staff

June Meudt, Director/Health Officer
Kari Bennett, Public Health Nurse
Ann Thompson, Public Health Nurse
Troy Moris, Environmental Health Consultant
Kim Horst, Health Educator
Dr. Paul Biere, Medical Advisor
Kathy Key, Department Assistant

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