

Iowa County Health Department

“Provides Public Health
Services That Promote
Wellness, Prevent Disease
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2012 Annual Report

Iowa County
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Message from the Director

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

I am pleased to submit the 2012 Annual Report of the Iowa County Health Department. As you know, it will be my last report as I am retiring from my position in March. I have been with the county over 36 years. I have worked with many wonderful and caring people. I am leaving the department with a very capable staff.



One of my goals as director was to focus on networks and partnering in Iowa County to improve health issues. During my tenure I was able to do this. I have been a leader or member of many coalitions, task forces, and networks. Some of them included: the Family & Children's Coalition, Public Health Preparedness & Response planning, mass clinics with H1N1, dental coalitions, the start-up of a Free Clinic in Dodgeville, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Homeless Shelter, Community Options/Long-term Support Program, Iowa County Health Coalition, Legislative Breakfasts, Southwest Wisconsin Environmental Health Coalition, and the Southwest CAP Board.

Being part of the Iowa County Government and community has been a great experience/challenge and always an opportunity for personal growth for me. I will miss the job and all the people.

Thank you all! (Too many to name)

June Meudt, Director
Iowa County Health Department

Essential Services of Health Departments

All Health Departments in Wisconsin operate utilizing 12 Essential Services. This chart indicates what these services are and how they relate to specific programs at the Iowa County Health Department.

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)

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Highlights of 2012



- The staff is working with Upland Hills Health and the UW-Extension on a Community Health Needs Assessment. Critical Access Hospitals, like Upland Hills Health, are now required to do a Community Needs Assessment. The Health Department will use the process to establish a county community health plan for their next five-year cycle as required by State Statutes.
- A Seven-County Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R) Exercise at Fennimore exploring “Communication Pathways with Partners” took place in June. All staff attended as well as Emergency Government.
- The Southwest Wisconsin Immunization Coalition held its First Annual meeting at the Health & Human Services Building in Dodgeville with over 70 participants. Efforts were made to collect and promote Best Practices for providing immunizations for children under two to all medical providers in SW Wisconsin.
- The Community Connections Free Clinic moved to the expanded clinic site when the ACCESS Dental Clinic moved to their new dental clinic.
- The Health Department increased efforts to have residents vaccinated against Pertussis (Whooping Cough) in Iowa County. A vaccine called Tdap is now available for a one-time booster for ages eleven and up. People in contact with infants were especially encouraged to get this vaccine.
- Lyme’s Disease continues to be present in Southwest Wisconsin. Articles on how to prevent getting the disease were sent out to local newspapers and agency newsletters.
- UW’s Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) was done in two areas of Iowa County. This research study collects information that monitors the health of communities and families. This is a long-term study that hopes to provide insight into helping people live better.
- Educational Programs:
 1. The “Plan & Prepare Fair” was spearheaded by the ADRC. It focused on personal preparedness planning for families during natural or other disasters.
 2. CPR to County Employees
 3. Bloodborne Pathogen training for local agencies
 4. Annual Community Flu and Immunization Meeting

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

The Health Department contacts families with newborns. The Health Department provides weight checks for babies, information on growth and development, resources and support. If desired, families can be seen at their homes, at WIC, or at the office. In 2012 seventy families and newborns were seen. Five qualified for our Safe Sleep Project. This provides a free Pac-N-Play to infants who were in need of a safe bed to sleep in.

The Prenatal Care Coordination Program (PNCC) consists of nurse visits with women through their pregnancy and up to a year after birth. Eight women were seen for this highly-intense program. Education and support is available as needed to achieve good birth outcomes. One statistic used is the rate of low birth weight. In 2010 (most current statistic), Iowa County had fourteen babies born under five pounds five ounces or 4.8% of all births. In Wisconsin, the rate was 7% and nationally it is 8.2%. Iowa County does well with this birth outcome. Eighty-eight percent of pregnant women in Iowa County also see a physician in the first trimester which is close to the state's goal of ninety percent.

The Public Health Nurses are working to collaborate with others in the community to keep kids safe through injury prevention activities. One important activity is to promote proper use of car seats. This project will continue in 2013 with partners from the Iowa County Sheriff's Office, UW-Extension, the Family Resource Center, and Upland Hills Health.

Public Health Preparedness & Response (PH P&R)

These Federal grants allow local health departments to train staff in many activities such as: Incident Command roles, Epidemiology for disease follow up, mass clinic operations and communication skills during a crisis. The Health Department must also plan and participate in exercises throughout the year to evaluate our level of preparedness. The grant objectives, as defined by the Federal government, have been satisfied for the 2011-2012 Grant. The Public Health staff are more equipped to handle crisis and/or epidemics whenever they may present.

Oral Health

Prevention is the best practice for decreasing dental caries. The Health Department works with local schools and Head Start to promote use of Fluoride Varnish. One-hundred-seven children were provided fluoride varnish in 2012. Seventy-one families were given fluoride supplements. Disseminating information on oral care and the Access Dental Clinic to residents of Iowa County is a continuous process. Meetings were held with community leaders regarding dental access issues for families without dental insurance.



Communicable Disease Control

Wisconsin State Law mandates that local health departments are the responsible agency for the surveillance and follow-up of seventy-eight reportable communicable diseases. In 2012, a total of 216 communicable disease cases were followed. (Sixty-four of these were considered “Not a case” by the State.) News releases and emails are regularly sent out to a wide variety of partners to alert them on issues relating to communicable diseases in our county or surrounding counties. One issue in late 2012 was a Pertussis (Whooping Cough) epidemic in Wisconsin. Although Iowa County only had eighteen positive cases, Dane County had almost 600 and the State had a total of over 5,000.

Below is a comparison of 2010, 2011, and 2012 cases.

<i>Diseases in Iowa County</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
Campylobacteriosis	10	13	11
Chlamydia Trachomatis	27	38	30
Cryptosporidiosis	14	11	11
E-Coli 0157:H7	3	7	3
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis, A.	1	7	3
Giardiasis	2	2	2
Gonorrhea	5	4	4
Hepatitis B	1	3	1
Hepatitis C	1	5	4
Lyme Disease	35	43	13
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	1	31
Salmonellosis	5	8	4
Tuberculosis, suspect	1	2	2
Influenza	0	6	1
Other	1	3	32
Total:	106	153	152

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 Prescription Drug Clean Up Days, and mosquito control for Lyme's Disease and the West Nile Virus.

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	2012	2010	2011	2012
Contacts	343	311	313	1,800	1,545	1,637
Home Visits	63	55	50	308	284	281

The Health Department continues to contract with the State in the Limited Agent Program. Approximately fifty establishments were inspected by Health Department staff. The State provides consultation and technical support for this program. The staff uses a statewide database which keeps current information on the establishments.

Other statistics regarding Environmental Health

- 103 lead tests (all within the normal range)
- 63 animal bite investigations
Eighteen of these were wild animals
Forty-five were pets and 11 of the pets were unvaccinated for Rabies
15 animals were tested for Rabies. All were negative
- 30 radon kits were turned in
17 were above the 4p Ci/L level
Follow-up letters were sent to all clients
- 57 water tests were done (9 results needed follow up)



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, clinical breast exam, mammogram, and Pap test. In 2012, these services were provided to 35 clients. In the event of a cancer diagnosis, participants can be enrolled in Well Women Medical Assistance (MA) to cover treatment expenses. The challenge facing this program is getting information out to women who need it. Women must sign up prior to the screening. News articles, newsletters to clients and information to providers are activities to enhance the use of the Well Woman Program.

Immunizations

The Immunization Program provides vaccines to local residents. Immunizations are given at the office, in schools, and to outside entities, such as Emergency Management Service (EMS) or group homes.

The Health Department offered flu vaccine to all school-age children (if the school agrees). In the fall of 2012, 1,226 flu vaccines were provided to Iowa County students and staff at their school facility.

In 2012, 3,040 total immunizations (including flu) were given to 2,095 individuals.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Tests were given to 129 individuals. These were needed for work or school entrance requirements. There were no positive TB Skin Tests; therefore, no follow-up required. The individual does pay for these screenings.

The Immunization Program is also responsible for assuring that all vaccine providers are kept current on Best Practices in regard to vaccine administration. Individual meetings are held annually at medical clinics. The Southwestern Wisconsin Immunization Coalition held a large group meeting at the Health & Human Services Building in April. This face-to-face meeting provided a much needed discussion on immunizations and practices. In attendance were: Public Health Nurses, school nurses, medical clinic staff, and State immunization staff.

2012 Fiscal Information

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012 (Draft)</u>
Personnel & fringe -	269,695	268,538	267,313
Contracted personnel -	12,000	11,410	0
All others -	<u>89,791</u>	<u>39,217</u>	<u>30,408</u>
Total:	\$371,486	\$319,165	\$297,721

*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>	<u>2012 (Draft)</u>
Grants	93,768	72,187	78,143
Other	<u>60,365</u>	<u>37,907</u>	<u>30,605</u>
Total:	\$154,133	\$110,094	\$108,748
Tax Levy:	\$217,353	\$209,071	\$188,973

