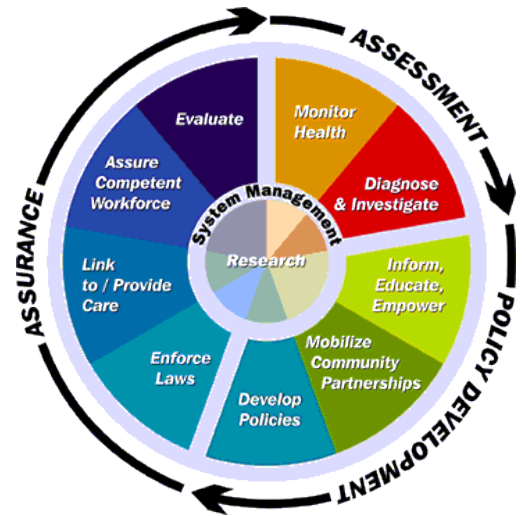




**Report to the Board of Health – September 2015**

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**Domain I – Monitor Health**

Environmental Health Improvement (EHI) continues to monitor for critical violations for all EH programs to identify areas where more education is needed for food operators, contractors, and landlords.

Indoor Air Monitoring

	# of Units	CO <sub>2</sub>	Temp	Humidity	CO
Month Average	3	1016 ppm	72.0 F	55.9%	2.2 ppm
Month Max	3	1499 ppm	81.8 F	62.9%	16 ppm
YTD Overall Avg	34	854 ppm	71.5 F	44.4%	0.9 ppm
YTD Overall Max	34	2195 ppm	94.2 F	81.0%	16 ppm

	CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	YTD-CO <sub>2</sub>	YTD-CO
IDPH Guideline (ppm)	> 1,000	> 9.0	> 1,000	> 9.0
Homes with at least one reading exceeding guideline	2	1	16	1
% of Homes Monitored	66.7%	33.3%	51.6%	3.2%
Homes whose overall average exceeds guideline	2	0	10	0
% of Homes Monitored	66.7%	0.0%	29.4%	0.0%

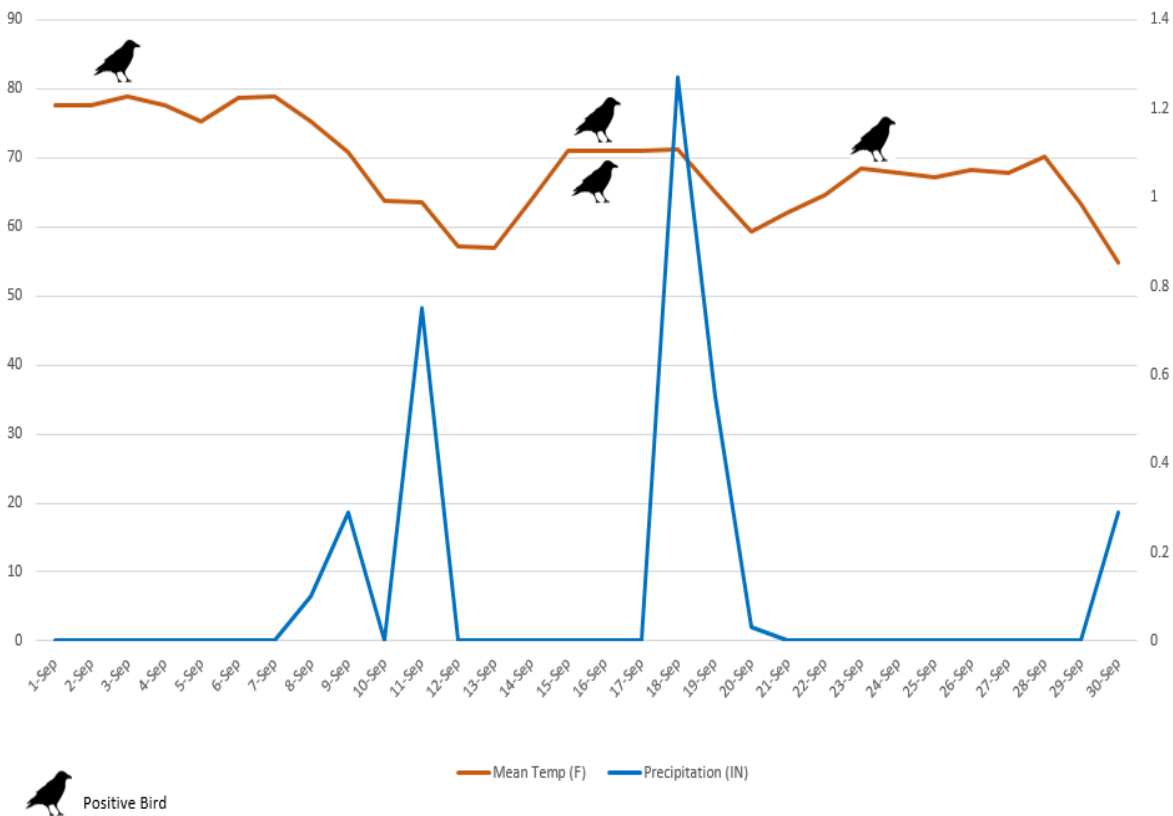
Radon

	Phone Calls	Number of Units	Radon Screenings	Average (pCi/L)	Max (pCi/L)	Number of Mitigation
Sept 2015	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
Year-to-Date	39	16	16	4.4	14.0	5

The EPA strongly recommends that homeowners install radon mitigation in homes at or above 4.0 pCi/L, and that homeowners should consider mitigation at levels between 2.0 and 4.0 pCi/L.

West Nile Virus Surveillance

The Relationship Between Mean Temperature, Precipitation & Positive Birds  
September 2015

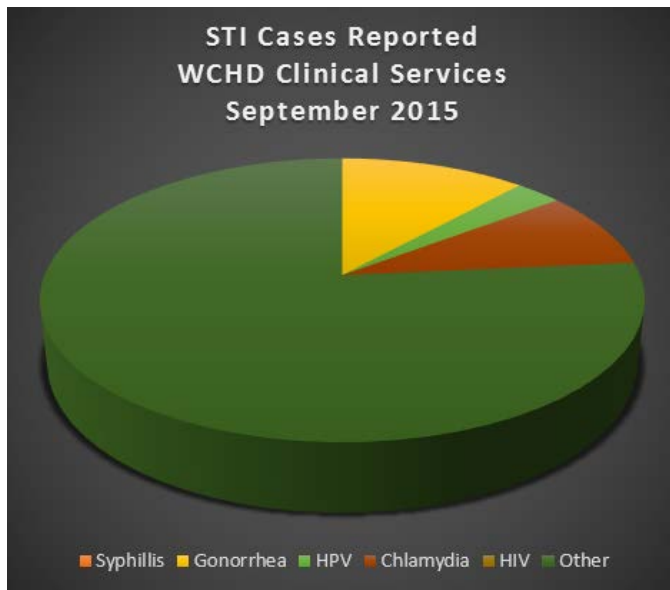


For the month of September low precipitation and cooler temperatures were observed which slowed down WNV amplification in mosquitoes. As a result, no positive mosquito pools were found in the area. However, the cycle between mosquitoes and birds remained active with 3 crows and 1 blue jay testing positive for WNV.

West Nile Surveillance (Human Cases)

	2012	2013	2014	Sept 2015	Current Year to Date
Confirmed Human Case	1	1	0	0	0
Investigated (not a case)	1	0	1	0	0

Most persons bitten by an infected mosquito will experience no symptoms of the West Nile disease or will have very mild symptoms including fever and headache. Severe infection may produce a rapid onset of severe headache, high fever, muscle aches, stiffness in the back of the neck, and problems with muscle coordination, disorientation, convulsions and coma. Symptoms usually occur five to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.



Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) diagnosed through WCHD clinical services to date for YR2015 in comparison to the total in YR2014.

STI	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Syphilis	3	5
Gonorrhea	59	117
HPV	41	111
Chlamydia	161	339
HIV	1	0

- **Domain 2 – Diagnose and Investigate**

CLSR (Creating Lead Safe Rockford) 2013 Objectives Note

	Goal	Actual	Percent
Units Enrolled	300	122	40.7 %
Inspections	250	109	43.6 %
Mitigated Units	225	78	34.7 %

CLSR Program Update

In the month of September both WIC and CLSR implemented strategies to improve communication to clients regarding blood lead capillary results over 10 mg/dl. Currently WIC is sending the results of the test to the guardian of the child. Once IDPH inputs the data into STELLAR, CLSR will send a letter to the parent or guardian informing them of the child's result and recommending them to see their family doctor to have a venous test done. Historically, the letter was the only mode of communication. Now, an additional follow up phone call will be implemented one month later by CLSR staff to provide education and guidance to the parents regarding the recommendation to have a venous draw for confirmation since treatment will not be initiated without the venous result.

Food Complaints

	Month	CY 2015 YTD	CY 2014 (YTD)
# of Foodborne Illness Complaints	2	19	25
# of Foodborne Illness Investigations	2	19	25
# of Non-foodborne Illness Complaints	26	125	137

Housing Complaints

	Month	YTD	CY 2014 (YTD)
# of Housing Complaints	62	557	469
# of Nuisance Complaints	23	211	189
# of Survey Complaints	48	263	172
# of Received Complaints	121	1249	1109
# of Re-check on Complaints	388	3087	2371

The Knock Out Crime Initiative (aka Unified Taskforce Program) was eliminated as of September 30, 2015. The Winnebago County Health Department will resume all program activities and follow-up that had been referred to the Knock Out Crime Initiative. WCHD has requested the assets and funding associated with the Knock Out Crime Initiative to support its Housing Enforcement program.

Well and Septic Complaints

	Original complaints	Recheck complaints	YTD Original complaint	YTD Recheck complaint	CY 2014 (YTD) original	CY 2014 (YTD) recheck
Wells	0	3	13	24	15	23
Septic	1	5	15	37	15	30

Communicable Diseases

Illinois Reportable Diseases	September 2015 Confirmed Cases	2015 YTD Investigated & Determined "Not A Case"	2015 Year to Date Total Confirmed Cases	2014 Year Total Confirmed Cases
Anaplasma phagocytophilum (formerly HGA)	0	1	0	0
Botulism Wound	0	1	0	0
Chikungunya Non-neuroinvasive	0	1	0	
Chlamydia	196	23	1,316	1,702
Cryptosporidiosis	0	2	0	4
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (formerly HME)	0	2	0	2
Gonorrhea	62	7	370	443
Haemophilus influenza, invasive	0	2	4	7
Hepatitis A	0	3	0	1
Hepatitis B – chronic	1	3	23	26
Hepatitis C – Acute Infection	0	4	0	0
Hepatitis C – chronic	35	10	170	235
Hepatitis Delta	0	1	0	1
Histoplasmosis	0	6	0	1
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	0	5	5	37
Legionellosis	0	0	6	2
Lyme Disease	2	13	7	14
Malaria	1	0	1	0
Measles	0	4	0	0
MRSA in Infants less than 61 days	0	1	8	11
Pertussis	4	3	4	16
Rabies - Human	0	1	0	0
Rabies – Potential Human Exposure	13	0	13	1
Salmonellosis	5	0	42	16
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)-O157:H7	1	0	1	2
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)-Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	0	0	4	3
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)-Shiga toxin pos, not cultured or serotyped	0	1	0	0
Shigellosis	2	0	6	22
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	0	0	7	10
Streptococcal Pneumoniae, invasive in those <5 yrs	0	0	2	3

Illinois Reportable Diseases	September 2015 Confirmed Cases	2015 YTD Investigated & Determined "Not A Case"	2015 Year to Date Total Confirmed Cases	2014 Year Total Confirmed Cases
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	6	2	3
Vibriosis (non-cholera)	1	0	2	0
West Nile Fever	0	2	0	0

\* The above table represents only those reportable diseases that have been received this month and year to date in comparison to the 2014 Year totals.

\*"Investigated & Determined Not a Case" Column indicates an investigation was completed on a "probable" case of the disease noted. As the final diagnosis was not the specified disease, then the investigation work falls in this reporting category.

As August was a "batty" month with potential exposure to rabies, September saw no "new" reports of rabies or potential exposure to. All the "potential exposure" cases were completed/closed out as each individual completed their rabies vaccination series.

Vaccine preventable diseases continued to be relevant on college campuses. The Health Department has been active in providing Health Alerts to our community healthcare partners on the following communicable diseases:



- The DeKalb County Health Department on October 1, 2015, informed the community that a Northern Illinois University student has a lab-confirmed case of mumps. The DeKalb County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health and NIU Health Services are working together to provide information to the community about symptoms of mumps, how it is transmitted and what you can do to prevent infection.
- As reported on September 21, 2015, the state's mumps outbreak has centered on the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus, where 134 cases have been confirmed.
- A Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak occurred in September at Auburn High School. The Health Department had six (6) confirmed cases of Bordetella pertussis in students attending Rockford Public Schools (RPS 205) in September. Eighteen (18) individuals linked to the confirmed cases have been provided prophylaxis. The age range of the individuals impacted by pertussis is 2 years to 42 years old. The Health Department worked with RPS 205 in notifying the families of the students affected by the outbreak.

- **Domain 3 – Inform, Educate, and Empower**

Laboratories

On September 1, 2015, SIREN sent out a Memorandum notifying all Local Health Department Administrators and Environmental Health Programs and all IDPH Regional Offices and Regional Health Officers, that after December 31, 2015, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Division of Laboratories will no longer provide nitrate-nitrogen or nitrite-nitrogen water testing for Non-Community Public Water Supplies or private well water supplies.

To avoid any disruption in service and to aid in planning for future well water testing, the Winnebago County Health Department Environmental Laboratory will send monthly emails to neighboring counties and municipalities, including the collar counties around Chicago, to ensure awareness of the affordable, convenient water testing services provided by the WCHD Environmental Laboratory.

Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee Behavioral Health Survey

During the month of September and October, social media messages on mental and behavioral health were posted on the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) and Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) sites. The messages were written by Dr. Sandra Martell and placed and posted by Sue Fuller and John Barlow. Each message spoke to issues concerning mental and behavioral health statistics, funding, gaps in services, and more. At the end of each message, we asked the reader to give us their feedback by going to the MHAC webpage and fill out the MHAC survey. The feedback from this survey is very important to the MHAC committee, who has been tasked with advising Winnebago County leaders on solutions for local coverage gaps for needed behavioral health services. The survey deadline was extended to Thursday, October 15, 2015.

News Releases

Two Winnebago County Health Department news releases were sent out in the month of September. The releases were sent on Monday, September 21, and Friday, September 25. The first release announced the Winnebago County Health Department’s annual flu shot immunization clinic schedule, and influenza season prevention messages. The second release informed our community of an outbreak of Pertussis cases linked to students enrolled in the Rockford Public School District.

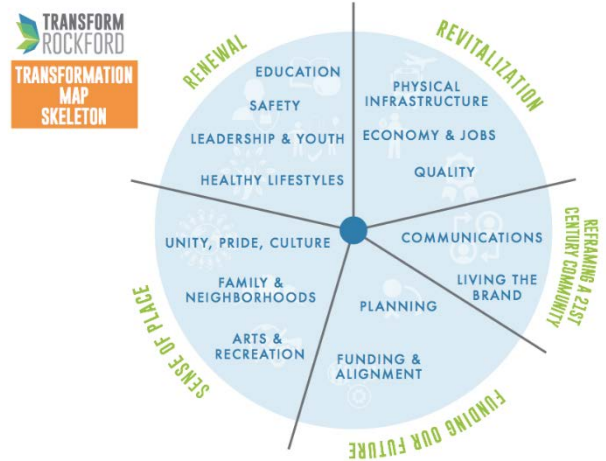
Electronic and Social Media Contacts for September 2015



WCHD Website Page	11,367 Page Views	4,386 Sessions	3,391 Users
Facebook	130 Avg. Weekly Reach	19 Avg. Weekly Engagements	535 Likes
Twitter			619 Followers
Intranet Page	742 Sessions	3, 173 Page Views	742 Users

- Domain 4 – Mobilize Community Partnerships**

Dr. Martell continued to represent the Winnebago County Health Department on the Healthy Lifestyles Spoke workgroup. The team has chosen to look at implementation of strategies as outlined in Blue Zones. Individuals living in Blue Zones have a higher probability of living to age 100. Individuals who live to be 100 tend to be united by a sense of purpose, familial ties, active lifestyle, heavily plant-based diet, and strong spirituality (<https://www.bluezones.com/>). These characteristics are represented in the spokes of Transform Rockford and the Healthy Lifestyles group will be focusing on physical activity and diet.



WCHD continues to participate in the BusinessFirst initiative. An additional 3 businesses scheduled appointments through this process in the month of September. These businesses range from selling prepackaged food items to a food retail grocery

store. To date, none of the businesses that have gone through the program have completed the process to open a business. This initiative has been very beneficial to WCHD by obtaining list of contacts for each agency involved in the approval process and having a clear understanding of their approval process. In the few months of existence, the data shows the truly serious experienced business owners go directly to the appropriate agencies for guidance and the so called “beginners” sign up without a business plan and capital backing. WCHD is advocating a review and revision of the this BusinessFirst initiative to ensure efficient use of agency resource and technical assistance. WCHD has formally requested a meeting with the other partners to implement protocols that require applicants to be pre-qualified prior to their BusinessFirst meeting.

The Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium (NIPHC) is reviewing its Strategic Plan. Dr. Martell is leading Goal 3 which emphasizes regionalization of policies and model practices around Chronic Disease, Communicable Disease, Social Determinants of Health and the Community Health Needs Assessment Process. This is consistent with the Winnebago County Strategic Plan, Crucial Issue #1 – Develop shared definition/vision of stakeholders of complete community care including upstream prevention services.



• **Domain 5 – Policies and Plans**



Project for Assessment of Needs - IPLAN is underway. The WCHD Strategic Plan has been reviewed and updated with the status of the objectives. The first step is “Organizing”. This includes recognizing a MAPP committee to begin working on the components of this model. Next, the committee will identify community partners and stakeholders and begin educating them on the process. The education will focus on the MAPP and IPLAN processes, 10 essential services, public health system, and the focus of public health. The importance of community input is essential to building a solid community IPLAN. This process will build strong relationships with partners and abet in finding public health initiatives.

• **Domain 6 – Enforce Laws**



EHI Code Enforcement Stats

	Monthly Inspection	YTD Inspections	CY 2014 (YTD) Inspection
Foods	223	1812	2168
Wells	9	91	43
Septic	9	110	84
Loan Inspection	57	466	447

	Administrative Hearing Month	In- House Hearing Month	Administrative Hearing (YTD)	In-House Hearing (YTD)	CY 2014 Administrative Hearings (YTD)	CY 2014 In-House Hearing (YTD)
Housing	9	28	83	193	60	167
Foods	0	6	0	33	0	26
Well/Septic	1	1	5	12	4	9

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, homeowners who are connecting to public sewer will be able to e-mail the WCHD proof of the septic tank pumping and proper abandonment to fulfill their obligations under state and local sewage codes. The Rock River Water Reclamation District and the Winnebago County Building Department have already begun providing letters to homeowners that describe their obligations when connecting to public sewer. These agencies will provide the WCHD a list of properties at the end of each month which have connected to public sewer or pulled related permits. WCHD will provide education and guidance to homeowners regarding appropriate septic tank abandonment and, if necessary, enforce these codes through the administrative hearing process.

There was no contact from the Rockford Park District regarding the Magic Waters Splash Blaster Coaster Pool that was closed on August 28, 2015. The entire Magic Waters Water Park closed per routine after the Labor Day Holiday for the season.

CoCo Keys Water Resort remains closed since August 6, 2015. Their legal representative contacted our States Attorney on September 30, 2015 to discuss the possibility of reopening under the terms the WCHD has set forward with a new, more stringent consent agreement. No further contact has been made.

#### Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Grant/Smoke-Free Illinois Act

For the month of September our Tobacco Coordinator has been actively investigating public complaints through the Smoke Free Illinois Act public complaint system. As a core function of the Tobacco Free Communities, the Tobacco Coordinator is responsible for conducting site visits or compliance checks on businesses and other public organizations that have received public complaints from the Smoke Free Illinois Act online complaint system. Other public complaints have also come through the WCHD general line. When receiving a complaint the Tobacco Coordinator will begin with a site visit to the facility and then will contact the business owner to discuss the complaint and initial findings upon the compliance check. Education about the Smoke Free Illinois Act and requirements are presented to the owner along with a follow up letter. A second and third compliance check will be conducted to determine if any changes have been made. The Tobacco Coordinator may also walk through the facility with the business owner to provide more education and determine where the violation is occurring.



Total compliance checks provided for September: 6

Policy Development with municipalities, business, public organizations and events, school campuses is beginning and will continue throughout the year.

Social Norm campaign will be developed and implemented by county youth to be used by schools and media will take place over the next 2 quarters with a campaign piloted by March 2016.

#### Illinois Liquor Control Commission Grant

TEP coordinator met with Lt. Givens from Rockford Police Department to discuss TEP objectives and planning for establishing dates for police officer and youth agent training for October. Under the TEP grant provided by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission WCHD is required to conduct 176 compliance checks, 3 times per year. The plan developed by the TEP coordinator and Lt. Givens include conducting compliance checks in October, January and April with reporting to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission to take place in November, February, and May. South Beloit Police Department will utilize some of our trained youth agents to complete their required compliance checks in October.

Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP)

The SAPP Coordinator met with 4 middle school personnel to discuss the All Stars curriculum implementation for 2015-2016 within a new format to open the opportunity up for more students to participate and learn about All Stars. School programs will be implemented in January to allow time for school faculty to identify days, times and students who would be able to complete the 13 week program within the school day. The SAPP coordinator is working with her Winnebago County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to finalize Mission, Vision, and goals for this next year. Goals will include recruiting schools to participate in the Illinois Youth Survey along with informing parents in the county about the new Illinois Social Host Law. The SAPP Coordinator worked with 89 individuals this past month during coalition meetings, school meetings, and other youth service providers.

- **Domain 7 – Link to/Provide Care**

iGrow



iGrow – Coordinated Intake for Home Visiting	September 2015 FY15	August 2015 FY15	Total YTD FY15	Total FY14
# CIAT Completed (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool)	12	32	704	592
# Referred to Partner Home Visiting Programs	12	27	482	156

IPC – Affordable Care Act



Residents continue to be referred to Crusader Community Health, Rockford Health Systems, OSF-St. Anthony, and Swedish American Hospital for assistance in Marketplace enrollment. WCHD continues to enroll pregnant women, infants, and their family members into Medicaid as part of case management activities. Since June 15, 2015, 50 families have been assisted in enrolling for coverage.

The grant application submitted by the Illinois Public Health Association including the Winnebago County Health Department to support navigation activities for the ACA was not funded. WCHD did, however, respond to an RFP for FY16 In-Person Counselor funding through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in coordination with Get Covered Illinois. This funding would allow WCHD to continue assisting Winnebago and Boone County residents in enrolling in coverage options and affordability programs made available through the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). The grant is targeted to serve populations currently without health insurance and expected to benefit from the ACA's expansion of the Medicaid program and provision of financial assistance for the purchase of Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) under Get Covered Illinois. The funding period for this grant would be from October 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

Audio/Visual Program

Hearing and Vision screenings are taking place at local Head Start preschool programs. Preschools will be contacted to inform them of the grant availability and assistance for the mandates of hearing and vision in school age students.

Audio/Vision Program Services for September 2015

Hearing Services	Totals	Vision Services	Totals
Screenings	468	Screenings	457
Re-screenings	34	Re-screenings	42

Women’s Health Services

WCHD continues to provide services which are vital to ensuring access to contraceptive services. This service fills this necessary safety net in the community.

Family Planning	September 2013	September 2014	September 2015	2015 Year to Date
<b>Number of Clients Seen</b>	435	350	210	2339
<b>New Clients</b>	125	60	35	401
<b>Continuing Clients</b>	310	290	175	1947
<b>Pregnancy Tests</b>	267	207	97	1187

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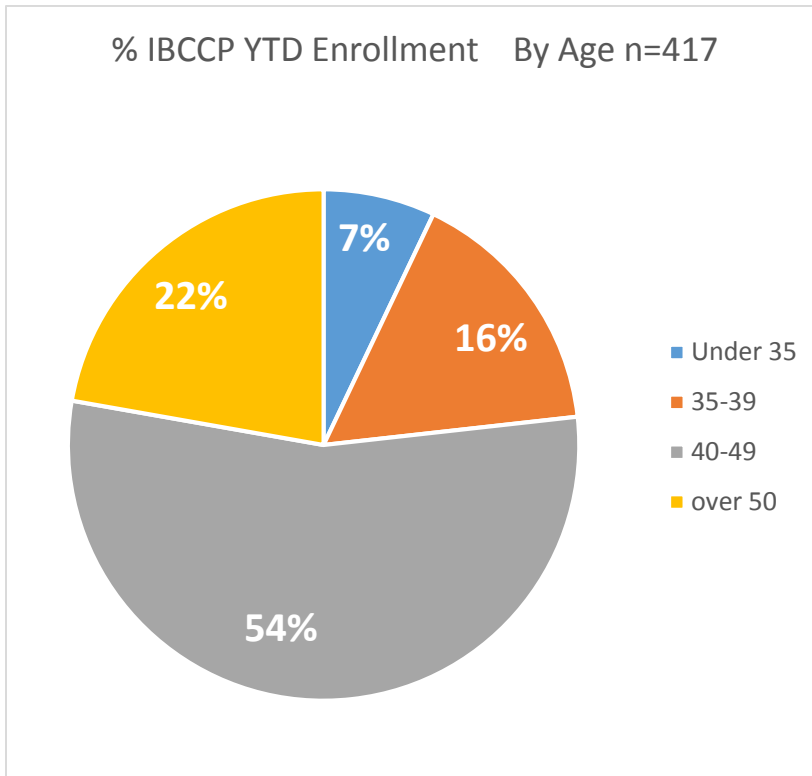
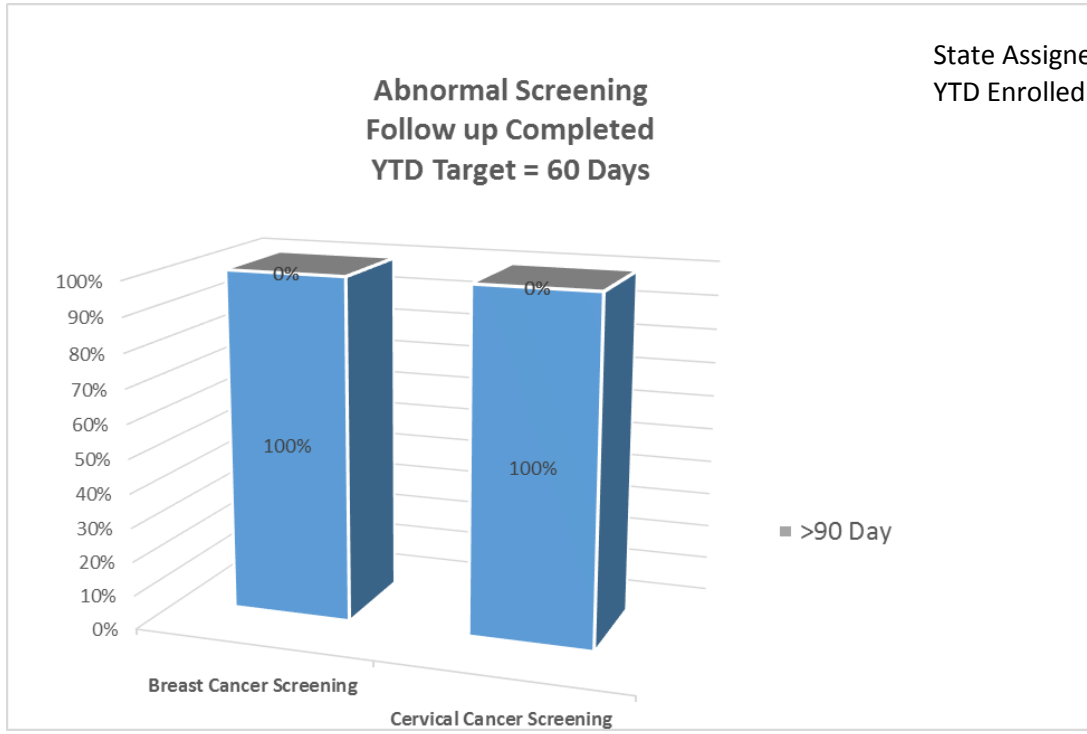
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Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP)



IBCCP/CDC Program Goal = completion of screening and diagnostic follow-up within 60 days of enrollment

Health Promotion Clinic Activities

Total Clients seen by Health Promotion Clinic at 555 N. Court: 113 patients (66 females and 47 males) with 110 visits (66 visits with females and 44 visits with males). Average visit per day is 5.13.

Integrated Clinic Services by Visit Type

Visit Type	Number of Clients Seen		
	August	September	Total to Date
Annual	52	42	94
Clinician Visit		1	1
Emergency Contraceptive	5	7	12
Immigration	2		2
Immunization	2	3	5
Initial	26	42	68
Lab Visit	1	1	2
Laboratory Work 1	33	38	71
Medication pick-up	2		2
New Immunization Cust.	1		1
Nurse Visit	8	7	15
PEDS LEADS	1	2	3
PEDS NEW IMMS	99	74	173
PEDS RETURN IMMS	69	53	122
Pregnancy Test	29	24	53
Problem Visit	29	30	59
Refills	61	71	132
Refugee Immunization	52	43	95
Refugee Physical	21	33	54
Refugee Screening	19	43	62
Select Visit Type		1	1
STI Clinic-Exam	106	129	235
STI Clinic-Immunization	1		1
STI Clinic-Laboratory		1	1
STI Clinic-Treatment	15	10	25
TB chart review		4	4
TB Intake	1	5	6
TB Lab	10	4	14
TB Physician Visit	15	22	37
Travel Immunization 1	15	19	34
Treatment for STI	5	3	8
Tuberculosis Test	27	18	45
Urgent clinician	2	32	34
Urgent Nurse		16	16
Vaccination 1	34	45	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1566</b>

September kicked off the annual influenza clinics provided throughout the community by the Health Department. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Winnebago County Health Department recommend all individuals 6 months and older receive a flu shot. The single best way to prevent getting the flu, is an annual flu shot.



The Winnebago County Health Department has purchased the Quadrivalent vaccine which is designed to protect against four different flu viruses: two Influenza A viruses (California H1N1 and Switzerland H3N2) and two Influenza B viruses (Brisbane and Phuket (yamagata lineage)). The cost is \$35 or Medicaid and Medicare Part B accepted. WCHD is also offering the high dose vaccine available which is approved for people 65 years and older. The High Dose vaccine is \$45. This vaccine is also covered by

Medicare Part B. The Winnebago County Health Department's complete flu clinic schedule can be found at [www.wchd.org](http://www.wchd.org).

#### Dental Sealant

Dental providers under the Dental Sealant Grant were recently sent contracts to assist WCHD in providing sealants to children in Winnebago and surrounding counties. Partial numbers for the month of September include 67 children provided with sealants and 21 children provided with dental exams from Dr. Grinter. Dr. Grinter and his staff provided services to a total of 622 Medicaid and grant eligible children. We will update the total numbers from other providers in the month of October.

WCHD has been chosen by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to participate in a pilot project grant that will work with Rock Valley College and Rockford Health Council to implement a Community Dental Health Coordinator curriculum to provide Dental Hygiene students with an opportunity to become certified as a Community Dental Health Coordinator to increase access for parents and children to preventative dental services and help parents navigate through the process of restorative treatment. More information will come as we meet with Rock Valley College and the Rockford Health Council with input from Dr. Grinter and other dental providers.

Tuberculosis Care Center Activities

<b>Client(s) Seen</b>		
	New Clients	18
	Returning Clients	15
<b>Professional Services</b>		
	Physician Contacts	16
	Medication DOT (direct observed therapy) Visits	30
<b>Diagnostic Services</b>		
	<b>Total Active Case(s) in Winnebago County (YTD)</b>	1
	Total Active Case(s) Being Medically Managed Outside of Winnebago County (Ogle & Boone Counties) (YTD)	0
	Monitoring of Active Case(s) Diagnosed in YR2014 for Winnebago County	1
	Monitoring of Active Case(s) Being Medically Managed Outside of Winnebago County (Ogle & Boone Counties Diagnosed in YR2014)	1



• **Domain 8 – Assure Competent Workforce**

Total Employees	Full Time Employees	Part-Time and Seasonal Employees	Employees Utilizing FMLA	New Hires	Separated Employees
117	105	12	10	2	3

Dr. Martell met with representatives from OSF-St. Anthony College of Nursing to develop clinical practicum for community health for nursing students. This practicum will support public health nursing with an emphasis on maternal and child health and communicable disease.

• **Domain 9 – Quality Improvement**

**PHAB UPDATE:**

1. Pre-application	100%	Complete
2. Application	100%	Complete
3. Document Selection and Submission (detailed sub-steps below)	60%	In Progress
Documents Submitted	100%	Complete
Completeness Review Provided	100%	Complete
Response to Completeness Review	100%	Complete
Pre-Site Visit Questions & Request for Additional Documentation	0%	Pending
Response to Pre-Site Visit Questions and Requests	0%	Pending
4. Site Visit	0%	Not Started
5. Accreditation Decision	0%	Not Started
6. Reports	0%	Not Started
7. Reaccreditation	0%	Not Started



The ‘Completeness Review’ was finished by PHAB reviewers on September 17, 2015. There were 17 measures reopened. Reasons for reopening included missing dates, signature lines, and out of scope. PHAB considered any program that delivered one on one services to be out of scope for public health. WCHD had 30 days to respond to these open measures. Documents were resubmitted on October 14, 2015. Next, PHAB will deliver Pre-Site visit questions and request for additional documentation.

- **Domain 10 – Evidence-based Practices**

Dr. Martell met with Dr. Sherry Falsetti, Assistant Dean of Research/Division of Health Policy and Social Science Research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford to establish Winnebago County Health Department as a member of the Community-wide IRB. This will allow WCHD to submit research proposals on population health for review.

Vaccinations are recommended throughout life to prevent infectious diseases and the long-term health problems they may cause. During the month of September, WCHD continued efforts in the prevention of disease through vaccinations.

In response to the Outbreak of Pertussis, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Team went out to Auburn and Jefferson High Schools to offer Tdap vaccinations to faculty and staff as a control measure in stopping the spread of Pertussis. A total of ninety-four (94) faculty and staff stepped forward during the institute day staff meeting and received an immunization. A big “thank you” to the Team, Patty Goodin, Sarah Larson and Blair Spencer, CD intern, for providing the Tdap immunization clinics at the high schools. Way to go ladies!



- **Domain 11 – Administration and Management**

WIC	September 2015 FY15	August 2015 FY15	Total FY15	September 2014 FY14	Total FY14
WIC Total Caseload Assigned – SFY15 = 8,359, SFY16 = 7,523	6749 90%	6907 92%	8,039	6974 83%	9,302
FCM Total Caseload Assigned - 2558	2680 105%	2653 103%	6,159	2821 110%	6,327
Better Birth Outcomes (BBO) Total Caseload Assigned - SFY15 = 120, SFY16 = 90	66 73%	73 81%	603	54 45%	585

The state of Illinois has failed to pass a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 continuing to impact reimbursement for expenses covered by state of Illinois grants. Advocacy continues through the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium, Illinois Public Health Association, and Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators but all programs funded through the state of Illinois are experiencing the same issues.

The FY2016 Winnebago County budget was approved on September 24, 2015 as approved by the Winnebago County Board of Health on August 18, 2015. The budget has been entered into the MUNIS system for the effective date of October 1, 2015. Winnebago County has signaled that they can provide cash assistance to maintain operations for the health department during the budget impasse. Plans are in process to further prioritize and maintain core public health activities in alignment with the Strategic Plan Crucial Issues and Healthy Community Strategic Plan Health Priorities to work with the existent reserve and address operating cash flow concerns. For the month of September 2015, \$198,960 was received from the state of Illinois based on legislation releasing federal dollars for programs. This funding reflected Breast and Cervical Cancer (\$46,047); WIC (\$97,465); MIECHV System Development (\$6700); MIECHV Home Visiting (\$7700); Addiction Prevention (\$17,575); and Refugee (\$9286); Dental Sealant (\$3362); HealthyChild Care (\$10,000); and Medicaid (\$824).

Information Technology Services was integrated with Winnebago County DoIT effective September 17, 2015 as part of the planned strategy for integration and consolidation of support services (Human Resources, Facilities, and IT) with Winnebago County.

- **Domain 12 – Governance**

Failure to pass a budget for the State of Illinois continues to impact programs funded solely with with general revenue funds (GRF) such as Family Case Management. Local certified Public Health Department officials were asked to reach out to their state elected officials to ask for their support of Senate Bill 2178 releasing the state portion of approximately \$17.1 million for the local health protection grant. Dr. Martell contacted all state legislators representing Winnebago County to educate them about the role of the health department and specifically the Local Health Protection Grant. A Legislative Breakfast for Region I Health Departments is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015 to discuss local public health policy issues in Region 1 (Boone, Lee, JoDaviess, Ogle, Carroll, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties).

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Please note that our offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in observance of Veterans Day.

