

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

WAUSHARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MISSION OF WAUSHARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Waushara County Health Department is the official governmental agency that provides public health services to the residents of Waushara County. The agency's first purpose is to protect the health of all Waushara County residents. The public health staff strives to prevent, control and eradicate communicable diseases via the following activities/programs within the county.

Wisconsin State Statute 251 requires that a local Health Department provide at least surveillance, control and prevention of communicable diseases. The staff works collaboratively with the State Department of Public Health and with local and regional partners to meet the mission of the department and the Core Public Health Functions and the Essential Public Health Services.

In 2007 Waushara County achieved Level III status, the highest level status assigned counties in the state of Wisconsin. This status is based on a 140 review by the state looking at the Statute 140 and requirements that need to be made and maintained by the Health Department in order to achieve this status. In the spring of 2009, Waushara County Health Department was resurveyed and once again was rewarded Level III status for another five years.

In 2010 the Public Health Department once again had staff changes. Barb Gehrke, Public Health Secretary, retired after 30 years of service. She will be missed. Barb was

replaced by Dorothy Ratajczak, who came to us from the Waushara County Sheriffs Office. We had two environmental health specialists; Serena and Ashley choose new career paths. We hired Jason Aho, an experienced Registered Sanitarian for Green Lake County area and Jayme Schenk, new graduate from Eau Claire for Marquette County area.

Core Function: Assessment

Essential Service #2: Identify, Investigate, Control and Prevent Health Problems and Environmental Hazards in the Community.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL –

The public health nurses for Waushara County provide health education counseling and referral services in communicable disease control. In September of 2009, the department was faced with a new challenge, the WEDSS, Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System. This system is a paperless format of reporting communicable diseases in Wisconsin. As any new system there is a major learning curve and glitches and the system had gone through a major change in 2010 as a young system. During 2009, 134 reportable communicable disease cases were confirmed in Waushara County out of 174 investigated cases. In 2010, 95 confirmed cases out of 202 investigated cases of reportable diseases. Looking at five year trends the case load for communicable disease investigation has increased steadily every year and now with electronic reporting has not only increased in volume but complexity.

Waushara County participates in and offers Partner Counseling and Referral Services for HIV/AIDS clients through the state program. In 2009, Winnebago County started to provide these services through a contract with the state of Wisconsin in cooperation with Waushara County Health Department. It is no longer feasible, by cost and time, to keep a staff person trained to the level required by the state for the number of cases (usually less than one per year) that occur in Waushara County.

We provided 161 TB skin tests to residents and county employees in 2010. We provide follow up to clients with latent and active TB. We had one infectious TB case in 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH –

Mr Hinz supervised the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium consisting of Waushara, Green Lake, and Marquette Counties. He implemented the Tri-County Environmental Health Program and the Tri-County Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program, which includes the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Agent Food Safety and Inspection Program and the Department of Health and Family Services Agent Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program; identifying and solving community environmental health problems; developing and maintaining policies, ordinances, and standards; enforcing ordinances and codes; public health nuisance investigation; environmental hazard investigation; kennel licensing program and rabies prevention/investigation activities. He also maintained a three county agent contract with the Department of Natural Resources-Bureau of Air Management for asbestos compliance inspections, The Wisconsin Bureau of Public Health- Radiation Protection Unit three county Radon Information Center, and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services- Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

During 2010, Mr. Hinz continued his re-certification disciplines, including Asbestos Supervisor, Lead Hazard Investigator, Radon Measurement, and Radon Mitigation. Mr. Hinz maintains the following certifications: Registered Sanitarian, Certified Pool Operator, ServSafe Instructor and ServSafe Examination Proctor, Asbestos Supervisor, Lead Risk Assessor/Hazard Investigator, Radon Measurement, and Radon Mitigator. He completed advanced course work from the FDA on Special Processing at the Retail Level. He also completed a Health Assessment Impact Training. Further course work included a Pest Seminar by Batzner Pest Control Course, and a Management Train-the-Educators workshop. He attended numerous environmental health and Food Safety/Recreational Licensing Conferences/meetings including the 2010 World Symposium on Food and Agriculture Security. Mr. Hinz participates as a member of the Advisory Committee for the UW-Oshkosh Biology Department and helped support the development of an Environmental Health Major at the University. Currently, Mr. Hinz also participates as a member of the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association's Education Committee, State Food Advisory Board, State Campground Code Writing Committee, State Temporary Restaurant Task Force, State Environmental Health Food Born Illness Task Force and as a Technical Section Co-Chair in the General Environmental Section for the National Environmental Health Association. Mr. Hinz is active member in Infraguard, and the Wisconsin Local Health Departments and Boards Environmental Health Section.

Tri-County Consortium welcomed two new inspectors (Mr. Jason Aho and Ms. Jayme Schenk) to the program in 2010, and added a contracted inspection staff person (Renee Kachur) through the UW-Oshkosh Environmental Health Program. Staff inspectors completed 99.9% of the Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program facility inspections in 2009-2010 licensing year. The majority of the CDC risk factors (critical violations) identified were in the personal hygiene category, including hand washing and bare hand contact with food ready to be served for consumption. It is notable that risk factors identified were significantly reduced.

Tri-County has continued an educational program for reduced licensing for temporary restaurant and special organizational permits to non-for-profit organizations and will for the first time, offer Certified Food Manager courses at a reduced cost to Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium licensed facility personnel.

Tri-County has been working to establish a Certified Food Managers Course to provide local food service facilities the opportunity to obtain ServSafe training at reduced cost. In 2009 an extensive Customer Service Survey was completed in the three county area of the Tri-County Food Safety Program. The purpose was to determine how we could better serve our customers. The survey has been used to concentrate on areas of improvement for the program during the 2009-2010 licensing year. The results of this survey can be viewed on the Waushara County website <http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/> click on Departments, go to Public Health, and view by clicking on Food Safety Survey Assessment.

Lead: The department has a partnership with WIC to provide blood lead testing to a cohort of county residents. The nursing staff educates and follows up with parents of children with abnormal test results. If a home inspection is necessary the Environmental Health Specialist provides that service. .

Home Lead Assessments: The staff works closely with families with lead poisoned children that need housing inspections, abatement orders and education to decrease the lead poisoning. We had no children in 2010 that needed home abatement services. We provide educational materials and information when children have a level of blood lead above 5 even though normal is up to 9 mcg per dl.

SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM –

In order to decrease intentional and unintentional injuries the department is the area distributor for this safety car seat program. We have three staff trained as Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Staff needs to recertify every two years. To be recertified, technicians have to get 6 CEUs and test out on installation of 6 different categories of car safety seat inspections where a certified instructor is present. In 2010, more than 106 children were properly fitted for the appropriate car seat. We purchase car seats at a reduced rate and assist residents in obtaining a car seat at low cost. We received grant funding (\$1500) to give car seats away to residents that cannot afford to pay for a seat. A new booster seat law was enacted in 2007 requiring children age less than eight, eighty pounds and four foot nine inches tall to be in an appropriate seat.

FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM –

Waushara County Health Department has a fluoride supplement program that offers dietary fluoride supplements to children if they live in Waushara County, are between the ages of 6 months to 16 years, and do not have enough fluoride in their drinking water. Before the fluoride supplement is prescribed, the fluoride content of the child's drinking water is determined through a State Lab of Hygiene water test. The dietary supplement is free to qualifying children. Each supplement contains a three (3) month supply and is refilled as needed. This program helps protect teeth against decay. We served 42 children in Waushara County with this program in 2010.

Fluoride varnish program: In 2006 the department began a new fluoride varnish program. Fluoride varnish is painted on the teeth of children 6 months to 6 years to prevent tooth decay. It can be applied three times a year and reimbursed by Medicaid. For those children who pay privately, we offer a sliding fee scale to cover the cost. We have offered fluoride varnish at WIC, UMOS, at the office and at the preschool/four year old kindergarten project at CAP services building. We have provided this service to 232 Children. An average of three applications per year is standard for the fluoride varnish. Fluoride Varnish is also applied to the students in school when we apply dental sealants throughout the three school districts in Waushara County.

Core Function: Assessment

Essential Service #1: Monitor health status to identify community health problems.

Essential Service #7: Link people to needed health services

PUBLIC HEALTH VISITS TO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN –

The purpose of this program is to promote infant growth and development, prevent injuries and premature disability. The family is the basic unit of services for public health. The public health nurses provide physical and developmental assessments of new mothers and infants. They provide health information and case management of other health services. They identify family problems and work toward resolution of the problems.

All birth record data is reviewed to identify risk factors, adverse prenatal outcomes and demographics for outreach purposes. All families of newborn infants are contacted by telephone or by letter or are sent post partum packets and are asked if they would like a home visit. At that home visit many families receive a free home water test. In 2010, 30 families took advantage of this service. The families receive a copy of our immunization schedule.

WWWP Program-

Waushara County, Marquette County and Green Lake County collaboratively hire a coordinator for the Wisconsin Well Woman Program in the three counties. This program offers age and financially eligible women cancer screening exams for free.

There are 88 women, ages 35-64, residing in Waushara County that were targeted to receive WWWP services in 2010. The coordinator of the program also facilitates the Tri-County Women's Health Coalition and the Women's Health Event committee. The Women's Health Event was held in Green Lake at the Conference Center in October with over 300 women in attendance from five counties including Waushara County. This event offers educational health talks to women and a health fair with a display of resources of women's health information.

Core Function: Assurance

Essential Service #6: Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and insure safety.

Essential Service #9: Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.

The Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Program would fall under enforcement to protect health and was discussed prior in the environmental program section.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS –

In 2010 we offered immunization clinics every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in our Wautoma office.

Childhood immunizations are given free of charge. In 2010 we gave 4615 immunizations to 3392 clients. This still includes the end of H1N1 in the spring of 2010 which accounts for a large number of vaccinations. The department records and tracks immunizations given to children and adults with the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) program,

an Internet based data system available to all Wisconsin counties, schools and medical providers. We also assess the immunization status of our clients. Home visits are made to Amish families to encourage immunization in that community.

Although as of 2009 we no longer provide outreach clinics with the WIC program we continue to assist them in tracking immunization records of children on the WIC Program.

Core Function: Assurance

Essential Service #7: Link people to needed health services

Essential Service #11: Assure access to primary health care for all

HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS –

Hep B clinics are provided for Waushara County employees who are identified in the county's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. County municipalities that hire new employees also participate in this program. Employers in Waushara County with employees in at-risk positions contract with the health department for this service. Many of our vaccines are given to children with state funding. However, private citizens can request Hepatitis B vaccine and pay on an individual basis. We also provide Hep A to people at high risk residents or traveling. For adults looking for Hep B and Hep A we give Twinrix vaccine which combines Hep B and Hep A.

For the 2010 year the State Department was able to extend an offer of Free Hep A and B through the use of ARRA funding.

FLU SHOTS –

The Health Department offers flu vaccine to county residents. In 2009 we had the challenge of H1N1. In 2010 we have found many competitors and fewer participants in receiving the flu vaccine now that there is not a scare. We continue to serve the CBRFs, many of the elderly, the schools and some businesses but will decrease our expectations for participation for 2011.

For seasonal flu the department charged \$25.00 per vaccination. The department submits electronically to Medicare and Medicaid. H1N1 was supplied by the Federal Government and was free.

PNEUMONIA SHOTS –

In 2010 the Health Department continued to offer pneumococcal vaccine to county residents. We vaccinated 22 people. This continues to be a requested vaccination. All participants were charged \$60.00 per vaccination. The agency submits electronically to Medicare and Medicaid.

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE –

Meningococcal vaccine is now required by law to be offered to incoming college freshman. The vaccine was available in two forms, Menomune and Menactra. There is now a third form which we will stock early in 2011. The agency has offered this vaccine at cost to residents for several years. Most clients receive the vaccine from spring to early fall as they prepare to enter college. In 2009 we offered the Menactra vaccine as it is considered to some advantages such as it lasts longer than Menomune. In 2010 we

gave 53 Menactra vaccines through private and public funding. This vaccine is also available at physician's offices and at the individual Universities.

OFFICE CLINICS –

We provide clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at which time Waushara County residents may come to the agency for the following services: Blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks, weight check, TB testing, health counseling and education, diet teaching, hearing and vision screening and immunizations with doctors orders. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are accepted.

PRENATAL CARE COORDINATION –

Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) is a Medicaid benefit that helps pregnant women get the support and services they need to have a healthy baby. Prenatal Care Coordination services include: Help getting the health care you need, personal support, information on good eating habits, health practices, and help finding needed services in the community. PNCC services help a recipient and, when appropriate, the recipient family gains access to medical, social, educational, and other services related to the recipient's pregnancy. PNCC services are available to Medicaid eligible pregnant women with a high risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes during pregnancy through the first 60 days following delivery. The department served 19 clients in 2010 with the PNCC program.

PREGNANCY TESTING –Reproductive Health

Waushara County Health Department offers pregnancy testing and counseling. For information and appointment call 920-787-6590. Walk-ins accepted upon staff availability. They are no longer free. Clients must have Badgercare, Badgercare Plus, Family Planning Waiver or private pay. 52 residents were served with this program in 2010 versus 63 in 2009. We provide presumptive eligibility to encourage early pregnancy services and MA enrollment. Clients are referred to PNCC, WIC, Human Services and private medical practitioners for further needs from this program. We also have a MOU with Women's Health and Resource Center in Berlin for initial contraceptives and follow-up.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS –

Cholesterol screenings have been restructured to be most efficient for cost of materials and staff time. They were held every 1st and 3rd Monday mornings of the month up through 2008. In 2009 we moved the screenings to Tuesdays. We offer full lipid panel testing. A fee of \$25 is charged per screening. Now we offer the screening three times per year. In 2010 we served 12 residents compared to 19 in 2009.

LOAN CLOSET –

The agency provides durable medical equipment such as hospital beds, walkers, commodes, wheelchairs, etc., on an as-needed basis, with a \$5.00 non-refundable user fee and minimal monthly rental charges (\$10-\$ 40) to any resident in Waushara County, on a first come, first serve basis. If a family is unable to provide the user fee or rental charges, the Director of the agency may waive the requirement to pay. In 2010 we served 36 people with equipment. We have a plan to refresh/replace vital equipment each year with the proceeds.

FOOT CARE CLINIC –

The foot care clinic continues to be a popular program to the residents of Waushara County. We however have only one staff member trained and qualified to provide this service on a long term basis. The appointments are scheduled to accommodate the staff and client schedule. In 2009 the fee increased to \$20 initial and \$15 for follow up visit. The program has been in existence for more than 11 years. The department had 72 clients make 364 appoints for foot care in 2010 to utilize this program.

TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT (TCM) –

Waushara County Health Department offers Targeted Case Management to targeted populations, such as Children with Special Health Care Needs, families with a child at-risk of mental, physical, or emotional dysfunction, and children whose mothers qualified for the Prenatal Care Cooperation Program. We help these individuals gain access to and successfully navigate the health care and social services system. Case management providers conduct a comprehensive assessment of the individual's strengths and needs, develop an individualized plan of care, and provide on-going monitoring and follow-up services. The department served 22 clients with this program in 2010.

HEALTHCHECK –

The public health staff provides physical examinations, height and weight checks, vaccinations, test for anemia, blood lead tests, vision and hearing screenings, nutrition assessments, health counseling to parents and adolescents, and referrals to other health care providers if so needed, to individuals from birth to age twenty-one (21) who receive Medical Assistance/Badger Care.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS –

On alternating months the public health technicians conduct on-site blood pressure clinics in area communities. The communities serviced are Redgranite, Plainfield, Coloma and Hancock. In 2006 we added the new Saxville Meal Site to our routine blood pressure clinic schedule. In 2008 we added the Wild Rose Meal Site to the blood pressure routine. There is an average of 4-20 participants at each clinic offered.

Falls Prevention Program –

This was a new initiative that the Health Department was providing in partnership with the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) in the Tri-County area of Waushara, Marquette and Green Lake Counties. We have two nurses that provided this service through two different programs. One of the programs, Stepping-On, which is a fall prevention work shop that is held for two hours a week over a 7 week period. Local experts which include physical therapists, pharmacists, eye care specialists and law enforcement assist by providing information to the participants. Stepping- On work shops are designed to be simple and fun to improve participants balance, strength and sense of security in a community setting. The second program is Sure Step. This program is designed to decrease falls and promote independence. Participants receive a thorough in home assessment. This assessment includes an evaluation of medications, vision, balance, mobility, and an environmental home safety assessment. The participants and their primary care provider receive written recommendations to prevent

further falls. Follow up includes monthly phone calls for one year to monitor safety and provide additional education as needed. In 2009 the grant funding stopped and this program ceased to exist.

Core Function: Policy Development

Essential Service #4: Promote community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.

WAUSHARA COUNTY TOBACCO FREE COALITION –

The Tobacco Coalition and compliance program has had a great deal of transition over that last seven years, primarily due to state funding issues.

In 2004 Waushara County received a decrease in grant funding to maintain the Tobacco Free Coalition. In 2007 the Tobacco Coalition no longer meets on a routine basis. However, in 2009 the State of Wisconsin has issued \$20,000 to Waushara County for coalition building, policy development and action among several surrounding counties with legislators toward Smoke Free Wisconsin activities. In 2010 Multi-Jurisdictional Coalitions formed. Waushara County partnered with Fond du Lac as the Lead County and Green Lake, Marquette and Washington Counties as the rest of the coalition working together on a plan.

Waushara County Health Department participates in the WIWINS compliance check program. Youth participate in this program by assisting the Department with physical, onsite, compliance checks of facilities that are licensed to sell tobacco products to check if they follow the laws about checking ID and not selling to Minors. In 2010, 40 compliance checks were completed. This program is in cooperative agreement with County law enforcement to provide citations to those that sell to minors. What we have found as we do compliance checks is an increase in the number of sales of tobacco to minors and therefore the number of citations. We had 10 total sales of tobacco to minors, which included 7 citations and 3 warnings. This is a 25% increase in sales to minors.

The department participates in the First Breath program that promotes smoking cessation for pregnant women. With special grant funding in 2006 the agency began a new program to offer smoking cessation support, education and products to family members and the significant other of the pregnant women as we find that even if they quit during pregnancy they often relapse after the baby is born. The department continues to get extra funding for tobacco related programs for pregnant women each year.

BIOTERRORISM –

In 2010 Waushara County Health Department continued to receive funds from The Center for Disease Control Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant. The objective for this grant is to help communities to be better prepared to respond to bioterrorism events by participating in planning efforts at the local, regional and state level.

As of 2010 Waushara County along with all the counties in the Northeast Region of Wisconsin were directed by the State Department to join our three consortia into one.

We became the NEW Consortia; The North East Wisconsin Consortia. Brown County serves as the fiscal agent with a steering committee and bylaws. Funding allocated to each consortium is to be utilized to fulfill objectives set by the State Division of Health, in order to develop comprehensive regional public health emergency and bioterrorism preparedness plans. The NEW consortium will work in partnership with emergency management, hospitals, health care providers, first responders, law enforcement, Hazmat (hazardous materials) teams, public safety workers and other regional community and volunteer organizations.

Key activities in 2010 included a functional or real exercise which became a real exercise with H1N1, partnering with others in pandemic planning which once again became very real with the H1N1 crisis, dealing with high risk and special needs groups such as pregnant women, children, mentally ill, Hispanic, Amish, elderly, etc and competency training and testing. All of these were very easy to accomplish with the real scenario of H1N1. Each department needed to complete competencies and all staff completed training.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

Tri-County, Wild Rose, and Wautoma School Districts contracted with Waushara County Health Department for school nursing. School nursing services were also provided to St. Johns, West Bloomfield and the Amish Schools. In addition to seeing students for injuries and illnesses, the public health nurses, along with the public health techs and volunteers do vision and hearing screenings, and track immunization records of all students in Waushara County. The school nurses make home visits to students and parents regarding health problems. The other schools in the county receive services when needed. Cheryl Sorenson, RN, provides school nursing for the Tri-County School District and for Wild Rose Schools. Ellen Kiiskila, RN, provides school nursing for Wautoma School District. In June one of our school nurses sustained a significant injury and missed five months of work. Patti Miller took over the Tri-County School District and Judy Burton took over Wild Rose School District temporarily. Now Patti Miller is permanently the school nurse for Tri-County Schools.

Shara Smile – In spring of 2007 Waushara County received a grant of \$29,000 to increase access to dental care by providing dental sealants in a school based setting to children throughout Waushara County. The Health Department purchased portable dental equipment and developed a relationship with Family Health Medical Dental Clinic for use of their dental hygienist. Eventually we hired a limited term employee dental hygienist also. In September the Health Department and Dental Hygienist started to visit all the schools throughout the county assessing any second grade student whose parent gave permission, place sealants when appropriate and treat with fluoride varnish. With MCH, Maternal Child Funding, we assist in applying sealants on 100 eligible children. For the Seal A Smile grant we will provide an additional 145 sealants to children throughout all the school districts in Waushara County. In 2010 we continued to provide this program. Once again we received a Seal A Smile grant. Each year we strive to improve our program. In 2011 we no longer will be able to use MCH funding for Sealants but were able to acquire increased Seal A Smile funding to make up the difference.

VISION SCREENING-

In 2010 agency staff screened students in early childhood through 7th grades in all Waushara County schools. 1,388 students were screened in 2010.

HEARING SCREENING –

The agency's public health technicians do the initial and any re-screening required by protocol. Referrals are made to specialists for further evaluation. In 2010 hearing tests were conducted in Waushara County schools to students in early childhood through 5th grades. Once again 1,388 students were screened in the hearing process in 2010.

FLUORIDE MOUTH RINSE PROGRAM –

For 2010 we ordered and distributed the supplies to schools. School children, who do not have fluoridated school water, receive this program. Once a week for 37 weeks, the children swish and rinse their teeth to provide prevention of dental decay. 535 children participated in this program in 2010. We have found that decreased student enrollment in schools has decreased the number of students utilizing this program.

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING –

In 2010 Waushara County Health department contracted for three days per week with Human Services to provide nursing services to their CSP (Community Support Program) clients. The agency billed Human Services for this service.

Core Function: Assurance

Essential Service #12: Foster the understanding and promotion of social and economic conditions that support good health.

Essential Service #4: Promote community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.

MIGRANT HEALTH –

The agency contracted with United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) to provide health care physicals and immunizations in their day care settings in three places throughout the county. The agency provided 146 contacts in our UMOS contract for 2010. This includes physicals, lead testing, fluoride varnish, TB testing, rescreening for hearing and vision and immunizations.

Core Function: Assurance

Essential Service #8: Assure a diverse, adequate, and competent workforce to support the public health system.

Essential Service #10: Conduct research to seek new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

NURSING STUDENTS –

In 2010 Waushara County Health Department again hosted students from UW-Oshkosh College of Nursing who did their clinicals with our agency. The nursing students worked with the agency's public health nurses and learned about public health nursing by experience. The students do an aggregate project, which benefits the community.

Projects for 2010 included a Bike Rodeo and helmet safety program which provided over 235 children with helmets and in the fall the students assisted in the After School Program in Redgranite School.

Environmental staff provides lectures to the UWO student nurses in the university setting.

Core Function: Policy Development

Essential Service #3: Educates the public about current and emerging health issues.

Essential Service #5: Create policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

PREVENTION –

In 2010, Baby Packets were sent to all Waushara County parents of newborns. Post cards included in the packets were sent back to the agency indicating knowledge gained and services requested. We recorded 232 (229 in 09) births for Waushara County in 2010.

Statistics on infant births in Waushara County for 2010:

Total births – 232

Births to women less than 18 years of age – 7 (2 in 09)

Births to women with late (3rd trimester) or no prenatal care – 6 (11 in 09)

Births by plurality – Twins – 2 (3 sets in 09)

Total number of births as first live birth – 96 (81 in 09)

Total number of home births – 19 (11 in 09)

Total number of births to women with 1 or more medical risk factors – 131 (144 in 09)

Total number of births to women who reported smoking during pregnancy- 45 (46 in 09)

Total number of births to women who reported smoking during pregnancy and infant less than 5 pounds 8 ounces – 3 (8 in 09)

Total number of women with alcohol use – 0 (same in 09)

Total number of births by birthweight:

Greater than 5 pounds, 8 ounces – 222 (213 in 09)

3 pounds, 5 ounces – 5 pounds, 7 ounces – 10 (14 in 09)

Less than 3 pounds, 4 ounces – 0 (2 in 09)

Total number of infants less than or equal to 35 weeks gestation – 4 (16 in 09)

Total number of infants transferred to NICU or other hospital – 7 (20 in 09)

Total number of infants with abnormal conditions of newborn – 16 (17 in 09)

Total number of infants with congenital anomalies of newborn – 4 (8 in 09)

(This is preliminary data obtained from the SPHERE data system)

The agency participates in the Waushara County Fair and Blue Ribbons Kid's Day each year along with routinely contributing educational articles to the local paper.

Our county website includes the annual report and our department activity information.

Staff is active on a variety of county and community committees that promote the health and well being of the residents of Waushara County. We are members of the DEC Drug Endangered Children Team. Staff is asked to speak at community functions and events.

In 2010 we completed our CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan). You can view our plan on our Website.

The health department staff began strategic planning in 2010, look for the final product in 2011. Also as a part of the Wisconsin Quality Initiative that Waushara County has participated in for the last three years, Waushara County has continued on its process of steps to Accreditation. Watch for an increase in the Quality Improvement planning in 2011.