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Rock Island County  
Health Department

**December 2018**

## **Service Delivery Report**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

On 12-11-18, all the Environmental Health Staff attended a monthly webinar with IDPH. This webinar was regarding the FDA Food Code.

### **APORS/GENETICS/FAMILY CASE**

#### **MANAGEMENT/HEALTH WORKS OF ILLINOIS**

##### Family Case Management

Chief Operating Officer Janet Hill attended a three-day conference in Springfield that kicked off a partnership with local health departments and the Department of Children and Family Services, or DCFS. Local health departments frequently administer two key DHS programs, WIC and Family Case Management. Oftentimes, families on DCFS's radar frequently are seen by nurses in the WIC/FCM clinics, as is the case here at RICHD. The intention is to keep a closer eye on these children to make sure families are following through with care plans. Our staff will have weekly check-in meetings with local and regional DCFS staff. Local health departments are awaiting more information on how to move forward.

### **HEALTH PROMOTION**

#### Emergency Planning and Response

Kate Meyer and Irene Mekus continue to attend weekly AS-MRC meetings at Augustana College.

Kate and Nita Ludwig continue to attend monthly Quad City Emergency Planning Committee (QCEPC) meetings with other Rock Island and Scott County partners.

Kate, Irene and Gary Bryant participated December 4<sup>th</sup>, in the bi-annual Exelon Radiological Full Scale exercise, held at the Rock Island Emergency Operations Center, in the Rock Island County Emergency Management Agency. Partners involved included Exelon, the Illinois Emergency

Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Rock Island County Emergency Management Agency, Illinois State Police, Rock Island County Sheriff, County Board Chairman, American Red Cross, and Regional Office of Education.

Kate, Nita, and Irene participated in a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) table top exercise held by IDPH, December 11th. The scenario was an avian pandemic influenza. Health departments, hospitals, and other health facilities across the state of Illinois were in attendance via webinar.

#### Tobacco Education

The health educator assisted the Tobacco Free QC Coalition with establishing coalition guidelines which includes establishing an executive board. The nomination process has begun and the board will be established by February 2019. She also helped the Quad Cities Youth Conference Planning Committee prepare for the two-day conference coming up in February. Preparing for the event includes recruiting workshop presenters, community agencies, and volunteers. She also attended a special Be Healthy QC meeting which focused on healthy eating and physical activity initiatives at the state level. Finally, she worked closely with an Augustana College student to establish a nicotine-free campus. An implementation timeline has been established which will help the initiative move forward in a timely manner.

#### Medical Cannabis

We served five clients and have continued receiving reimbursements from the state for successful applicants. To date, all applications we have submitted have been successful.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Rock Island County Health Department has Flu vaccine available for all ages.

We are actively looking to hire a Nurse for the vacant Communicable Disease position.

There was a small increase in number of Refugees for the month of December. We continue to stay in close contact with World Relief.

**LEAD**

Family Case Managers provided Lead education to WIC clients at face to face visits and home visits.

Lead education sent out letters to parents of children that were tested for lead this month and open case clients.

**SCHOOL HEALTH LINK**

The Link’s Vaccines For Children application was approved for 2019. We are excited to be able to continue to offer vaccines for children with title XIX Medicaid and no insurance.

Shaylee attended a Rock Island Stakeholder Community Needs Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to provide feedback and input on the City’s HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

KWQC Channel 6 did an interview with Shaylee and a patient family member discussing the services we have to offer.

**VITAL RECORDS**

For the month of December, there were 136 birth certificates and 126 death certificates filed with the registrar’s office. The registrar’s office issued 606 certified death certificates, 58 certified birth certificates, and 17 certified veteran certificates.

<b>2017</b>	<u>Deaths</u>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<u>Births</u>	<b>2018</b>
109	<b>Oct</b>	119	155	<b>Oct</b>	129
128	<b>Nov</b>	128	124	<b>Nov</b>	152
<u>136</u>	<b>Dec</b>	<u>126</u>	<u>134</u>	<b>Dec</b>	<u>136</u>
373		369	413		417
1525	<b>Year</b>	1524	1673	<b>Year</b>	1670

For the year 2018, there were 1,670 birth certificates and 1,524 death certificates filed with the registrar’s office. There were 18 sets of twins born, 3 fetal deaths and 7 deaths under the age of 18. The registrar’s office issued 1,202 certified birth certificates, 9,271 certified death certificates, and 337 veteran certificates.

**WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN)**

Staff continued to make outreach calls to pregnant women in their ninth month. We are finding that clients enjoy the boost of a staff contact just before giving birth. It’s a time in which we can give last-minute encouragement or answer questions. We sometimes find that babies have been delivered before their due dates. We then are able to encourage the new moms to rest at home with their newborns for a couple of weeks before coming to the clinic.