

City-County Health Department

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Providing programming at summer events as well as assuring health and safety at events through inspections and licensing food, camping and other larger music events.
- 2024 budget development and planning.
- Implementing strategic planning, starting process for national reaccreditation, and revising our department and division performance measures.
- Worked with community partners to start our community assessment to identify our top health priorities including development of community survey focused on broad determinant of health.
- Focused on collaborating with community on key health priorities particularly safe drinking water, substance misuse, alcohol misuse, and mental health. Substantial work has continued related to housing, homelessness, and poverty as determinants of health or root causes of the previously mentioned health outcomes.
- Working with community partners to implement new grant projects that focus on efforts to improve alcohol, marijuana, tobacco (including vaping), and opioid and other drug misuse prevention services.
- Beach testing and monitoring in full swing.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Increase in overdose, suicide, and alcohol/substance misuse needing public health prevention efforts rather than just response
- Housing as a public health issue - safe and affordable housing availability in county
- Extreme weather planning for those who are at high risk from adverse events including elderly, infants, and people experiencing homelessness

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL) - sample

- Collaboration with county and community partners on opioid misuse prevention and intervention.
- Collaborative on homelessness initiatives including exploration of ways to effectively addressing growing issue through prevention and early intervention.
- Continuing to provide backbone support for Eau Claire Healthy Alliance. Actively supporting Action Teams addressing key health priorities: Mental Health, Substance/Alcohol Misuse, Chronic Disease, Oral Health, and Healthy Relationships.
- Initiation of collaborative 3 county community health assessment process with healthcare, United Way, and local health departments.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Support collaborative efforts related safe water and housing
- Continue working on critical public health response and prevention issues