

# **LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

# **2007**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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## 2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Statistically, the Home Care Program had its numbers increase with total number of admissions at 132 for 2007 (2006 admissions = 117). Total number of visits was 2859 in 2006 and 3672 in 2007 so there was a significant increase in visits in 2007. This kept the staff very busy and was extremely challenging given our constant struggles with RN vacancies. Mary Ellen Jacobson resigned in 2007 and on the heels of the challenge in retaining and filling the Hospice RN vacancy, this additional Home Care vacancy proved taxing as well. The HC vacancy was not filled until late March of 2008. Nursing shortages nationwide are very apparent locally with the difficulties we experienced in 2007 and 2008.

The Hospice program continued to see changes and have challenges in 2007. Lona Compton left the Hospice nurse position after only a short time with us and it was again a challenge filling that vacancy. Finally in November, we filled the position with Marian Olson. Statistically in 2007, the number of new referrals was 37 (35 in 2006). The number of patients admitted to the Hospice program was 22 in 2007 (26 in 2006). We saw a slight decrease in patient visits, partly due to Hospice nurse staff recruitment challenges and other staff changes. In 2007, 381 visits were made which contrasts with 393 visits made in 2006. Donations to the Hospice Program declined significantly as \$ 3700 was received in 2007, down from the \$7449 received in 2006.

Public Health programming at the Health Department is a statutory requirement and saw changes in 2007 related to an increase in communicable disease epi investigations with suspect cases of Tuberculosis and measles. We continue to anticipate a statewide electronic surveillance system (WEDSS) and saw the addition of vaccines. Our relationship with school districts is crucial in PH prevention in the above issues.

The Wisconsin Health Ranking report was published again by the UW Population Health Institute and Lafayette County's ranking in Health Outcomes fell to 34<sup>th</sup> statewide (down from 32<sup>nd</sup> in 2006) and our ranking related to Health Determinants rose to 3<sup>rd</sup> statewide (from #4 in 2006). The Community Health Needs Assessment process continued in 2007 with our ongoing involvement in the Lafayette County Aging Well/Living Well Coalition & the Lafayette County Community Suicide Intervention (CSI) Task force. Our participation in these two important coalitions helps to address the 3 priority areas in our Health Improvement Plan: 1) Health needs of the elderly, 2) Promotion of healthy lifestyle behaviors and 3) Improving access to care. In fact the health department was instrumental in securing a grant for the CSI task force to address suicide in our county. We also continue involvement in dental care access and the new Darlington Dental Clinic has been something we have been involved with and look forward to having for the residents of SW WI!

Bioterrorism preparedness remains a large activity in Public Health. Much time and energy was again spent confronting the huge task of adequate planning & preparedness. The Southwest PH Preparedness and Response Consortium (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon and Crawford Counties) continued work on preparedness objectives. Numerous tabletop & mass vaccination exercises were held designed to test readiness. We again had a functional mass flu clinic exercise in the Fall. Another focus was continued training of staff at the Health Department as well as our readiness partners. Incident command is an ongoing training focus. A school disease/syndromic surveillance pilot project continued in 2 Lafayette County schools.

Involvement in Family Care (Long Term Pilot Expansion) has been an ongoing project for the Health Department. Being at the table engaged in discussions and understanding of this state initiative and its implications is important to our department.

## **LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The mission of the Lafayette County Health Department is to promote optimal physical and emotional health for all county residents**

By promoting community education toward healthy lifestyles and,

By protecting communities, families, and individuals from communicable disease and known and potential environmental health hazards that impact on human health and,

By preventing and dealing with the effects of disabilities, chronic, acute and terminal illnesses on individuals and families, and assisting them to reach their highest level of independence and,

By collaborating with all health care and related providers to reach everyone and,

By providing information to the Wisconsin Public Health Data Collection System for identification of priority health concerns for program development.

## **LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** **2007 GOALS**

- 1) **CONTINUE ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE AGENCY VISIBILITY AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF SERVICES (NEWSLETTER AND WEEKLY RADIO SPOTS).**
- 2) **CONTINUE STAFF DEVELOPMENT:**
  - a. Increase staff knowledge regarding Board of Health Process, and staff knowledge of the County union contract/personnel policy.
  - b. Increase Board Member knowledge regarding programs and specific job duties.
- 3) **CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL 6-COUNTY SWWI PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE CONSORTIUM AND LOCAL BIOTERRORISM TASK FORCE. IMPLEMENT NECESSARY ACTIVITIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS.**  
\* tabletop exercises, mass vaccination drills, training, revising written plans, etc.
- 5) **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ADDRESS THE PRIORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2004 LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**  
\*Top Three Priorities identified: 1) Health Needs of the elderly 2) Healthy Lifestyle Promotion 3) Improving Access to Care
- 6) **MAINTAIN CURRENT AGENCY PROGRAMMING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE EXTREMELY TIGHT COUNTY BUDGET CLIMATE AS WELL AS THE PRECARIOUS WORLD TODAY (PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS ISSUES ARE AS IMPORTANT AS EVER AS WELL AS THE EVER-CHALLENGING GENERAL HEALTH CARE ISSUES WE FACE IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND NATION).**
- 7) **CONTINUE INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE DISCUSSIONS ON THE LONG-TERM CARE REDESIGN (FAMILY CARE) PROCESS.**

## 2007 PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICE REPORT

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Public Health Home Visits	77	94	86
Services Provided at Community Clinics	4278	4287	3751
Paternity Testing - # Tests	47	32	25
Lead Screening Clinics - # Children	180	178	157
<b><i>Clinic Totals</i></b>	<b>4582</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>4019</b>

### COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY CLINIC CONTACTS

<u>Location</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Argyle	154	100	55
Belmont	93	75	51
Benton	66	51	33
Blanchardville	37	52	44
Darlington	28	36	41
Shullsburg	144	87	48
South Wayne	16	7	8
Gratiot	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>----</u>
	547	411	280

\*504 walk-ins from all county communities at Agency office (431 in 2006)

### IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total Vaccines Given	3503	3090	3201
# Individuals Served	1609	1750	1879

*DTP/aP 333; HepB 114; HepB-Hib 2; Hib 176; MMR 166; HPV 39;*

*Pneumo-Poly 12; Pneumococcal 235; Polio 93; Td 320; Rotavirus 65;*

*Varicella 166; Flu 1180; Meningo 122; TB Skin 178*

**Total Given - 3201**

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FOLLOW-UP**

	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	20	8	24
<i>(Chlamydia 17; Gonorrhea 3; Herpes 4)</i>			
Hepatitis	0	0	1
Hepatitis B	0	0	0
Hepatitis C	2	1	1
Foodborne/Waterborne Illnesses	18	19	19
<i>(Ecoli 1; Salmonella 2; Giardia 0; Camplobacter 10, and Crypto 6, Norovirus 0; Shigella 0)</i>			
AIDS	Less than 5		
Active TB Cases	0	0	0
Total TB Clients *Preventative Meds	3	1	3
TB Related Contacts	8	12	13
Pertussis	10	0	0
Mumps	0	7	0
Varicella	0	7	3
Lyme Disease	0	1	2
Lacrosse Encephalitis	0	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	1	0
Viral Meningitis	1	0	1
Streptococcus Pneumoniae (Group A)	1	2	2
Strep Group B	1	0	0
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	64	59	69

**THE WISCONSIN WELL WOMAN PROGRAM (WWWP)**

2006 # Contacts = 59

2007 # Contacts = 58

**FARM SAFETY PROGRAM/LAFAYETTE COUNTY RURAL SAFETY DAY**

4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS THE EVENT IS HELD EVERY OTHER YEAR; HELD AGAIN IN 2008

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

Total School Population 2914  
(6) District Contracts/Services  
Total Revenue - \$ 42,194

**MCH CHILD HEALTH GRANT**

# New Moms/Baby Contacts - 47  
Grant Revenue \$8,346

<u>COP ASSESSMENTS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
# Clients	37	36	31
Revenue	\$1350	\$1440	\$1395

<u>FOOT CARE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
# Clients	324	276	238
Revenue	\$5064	\$4893	\$4268

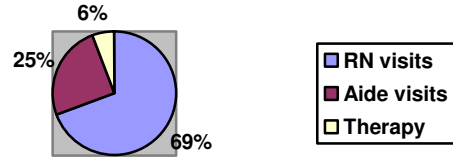
### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - 2007

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS</u>	<u># INVESTIGATIONS</u>	
	<u>HOME VISITS/CONTACTS</u>	
Air Quality Problems	2	16
Lead Hazards	5	21
Water (3) (20 Beach)	7	30
Radiation (Radon Kits)	-	19 (distributed)

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES</u>	<u># INVESTIGATIONS</u>	
	<u>HOME VISITS/CONTACTS</u>	
Restaurant Issues	0	0
Housing	20	43
Rabies Control (40 Rabies Investigations)	0	61
Asbestos	3	4
Solid Waste	5	33
Animal	0	7
Hazardous	0	0
Sewage	0	14
Water Quality (47 Kits)	-	94

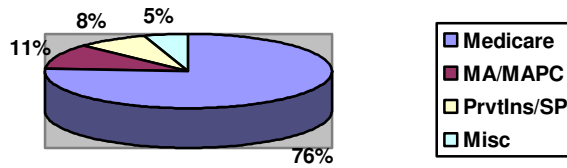
## HOME CARE SERVICES

Home Care Visit Type: 2007



	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Admissions	127	119	117	132
Discharges	118	127	109	128
Total Visits	3000	2968	2859	3672
RN Visit	1899	1857	1992	2540
Aide Visits	821	863	722	913
P.T. Visits	208	176	118	178
S.T. Visits	16	2	5	0
O.T. Visits	56	70	22	41

## HOME CARE REVENUE SOURCES 2007



Medicare	\$ 315,863	76%
Medical Assistance	35,394	8%
Private Insurance	27,661	6%
MA/PC	10,304	3%
Self Pay Patients	5,375	2%
Misc. Revenue	17,195	5%

2007 County Allocation/Transfer	\$ 88,754
Revenues	411,791
Expenses	<u>504,550</u>
	(4,004)

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONAL CARE PROGRAM**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	
# Clients	31	33	46	2007 Revenue \$ 35,394
RN Visits	199	217	245	2006 Revenue 19,879
Aide Visits	558	673	525	2005 Revenue 19,159

**COMMISSION ON AGING - PERSONAL CARE**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
# Clients	11	16	17
RN Visits	42	73	70
Aide Visits	301	331	364

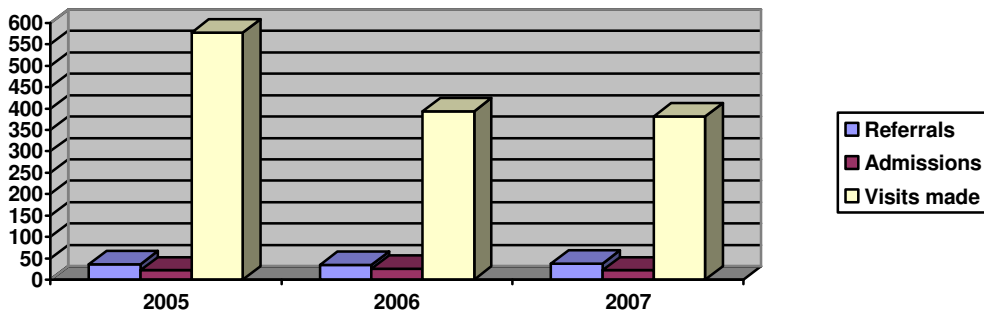
Total Program Cost: \$15,944

Paid By Clients \$ 6,680

Paid by C.O.A. \$ 9,264

**HOSPICE**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Referrals for Hospice Care	36	35	37
Admitted to Hospice Program	22	26	22
RN/Aide/PT/OT/ST Visits	578	393	381
Meetings of Core Team	26	29	28



**FISCAL PICTURE IN HOSPICE**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Program Cost	\$207,599	\$129,888	128,384
Patient Care Reimbursement	232,506	76,835	103,890
Returned to General Fund	21,610	(49,757)	(24,494)

**HOSPICE DONATION ACCOUNT 2007**

2006 Carry Over	\$12,519
Donations	\$3,700
Expenses	\$5,424
2007 C/O =	\$10,794

# 2007 LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

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## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING STAFF

Lee Gill RN

Farah Mellenberger RN, BSN

Sue Hefel RN, BSN

Lynn Howery RN, BSN

Mary Jo Finkenbinder RN (Personal Care Program)

## HOME CARE NURSING STAFF

Joanne Huntington RN

Sonja Wiegel RN

Mary Ellen Jacobson RN (resigned in 2007)

## HOSPICE NURSE

Lona Compton, RN (resigned in 2007)

Marian Olson, RN (hired in Nov '07)

## HOME HEALTH AIDES

Teresa Robelia, CNA

Erin Hastert, CNA

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Barb Ritchie, Licensed OT

## OFFICE STAFF

Jeri Byrne, Admin. Deputy

Janice Ruf, Home Care Billing Clerk

Colleen Leinberger, PH Technician/Clerical/CNA

## REGISTERED PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Susan Burke, Licensed PT

Marcy Christensen, Licensed PT

Jodi Christopher, Licensed PT

Melissa Nickels, PT

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Troy Moris, Registered Sanitarian &

Environmental Health Consultant

## REGISTERED SPEECH THERAPIST

Michael Parks, Licensed ST

## SOCIAL WORKER (Contracted)

Halie Helfvogt – Lafayette Manor

## REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Colleen Keen, RD

