



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

August 2018 Monthly Report

DISRUPTING THE PATHWAY TO VIOLENCE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Targeted violence can happen anywhere. Disrupting the Pathway to Violence aims to create safer communities by reducing barriers to reporting potential violence. There are a variety of reasons why behaviors of potential violence may go unreported, including fear, intimidation, language barriers, and trust. Utilizing a public health based approach, the program intends to address the potential barriers to reporting violence by training front-line organizations and community leaders on how to identify the signs of violence.



STAKEHOLDER GROUP:

A significant number of participants RSVP'd to attend the meeting and the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office has joined the stakeholder group, tentatively scheduled to send multiple representatives of their agency to the meeting. Going forward TRPHD will be using Train the Trainer packets to train clergy, human resource departments, and community agencies on violence prevention techniques. TRPHD will also be issuing public service announcements, brochures, pamphlets, and other promotional material to educate the public on violence prevention in the future.

Awareness plays a pivotal role in understanding and recognizing potential signs of violence. TRPHD has utilized media platforms for education on the pathway to violence. During August, TRPHD facilitated a Violence Prevention Stakeholder Meeting that was at-

WHAT'S NEW:

With the goal of engaging community members on recognizing the potential signs of violence, a Stakeholder Meeting has been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kearney Public Library in the North Platte Room. This meeting will be a combined effort between the stakeholders of the Kearney Community, TRPHD, and the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center.



THE MISSION

TRPHD is proud to support Move Kearney through a chronic disease grant. Move Kearney is a community-driven advocacy coalition that works with political leaders to create a more bikeable, walkable, and livable Kearney, where cycling/walking is more safe, accessible, friendly, simple, and accepted as a form of recreation and transportation!

OUR GOALS

Infrastructure, Development, and Physical Improvements

⇒ *Includes safe access to downtown, bike lanes, and a complete streets policy*

Promotion, Engagement, and Building Credibility

⇒ *Includes biking to school/work, and commuter routes data to industries/businesses*

COME JOIN US!

WHO: Citizens of Kearney

WHAT: Move Kearney is an advocacy group to create safe streets for active transport

WHEN: Meet us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Kearney Public Library

WHY: Help make Kearney a safe place to use active recreation and transportation!

Stay Engaged!

Follow Move Kearney on Facebook

@facebook.com/MoveKearney/

Which would you prefer?



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Emergency Response activities include developing and testing plans for responding to disasters in an effort to protect the Two Rivers Public Health Department district from health threats. Emergency Response also involves working closely with other agencies and organizations to best serve the citizens living in the Two Rivers Public Health Department district. Preparedness activities can inform the response time of the community to provide life-saving help and resources to individuals who are in need. Through collaboration with community partners, clinics, hospitals, agencies, and organizations Two Rivers Public Health Department has the ability to assist with coordinating a collaborative response to emergencies.

WHAT'S NEW:



For the month of August multiple exercise planning meetings were held throughout the district and attended by the Emergency Response Coordinator, Cody Samuelson. Two Rivers Public Health Department assisted the Phelps County C.O.A.D. (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) with a full-scale tornado exercise that took in September with CHI Good Samaritan Hospital with a tabletop and full-scale active shooter exercise. TRPHD is assisted by contributing resources and facilitating collaboration between multiple agency participants in these trainings, as well as participating in planning of the exercises. Samuelson promoted the C.O.A.D. drill during appearances on NTV News and an appearance on KUVR Radio. The C.O.A.D. exer-



TRI-CITIES MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (TRIMRS)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

TRIMRS purpose is to coordinate the healthcare system preparedness and response to a terrorist incident and/or other public health medical emergency events where a large number of casualties, or casualties requiring unique care, must be treated, and to assist DHHS in accomplishing the capabilities for healthcare coalitions set forth by the federal agency.

GOALS:

During this time of year are to perform hospital visits to all 19 of the hospitals within the region; to assist, evaluate, or help design annual exercises for hospitals and long term care within the region; and to meet with each of the 4 core members of the healthcare coalition. This includes hospitals, county emergency managers, public

MONTHLY

ACTIVITIES:

Handley planned and facilitated the bi-monthly TRIMRS Steering Committee meeting. There were several exercise and grant requirements discussed amongst the committee as well as a vote for the fiscal agent for TRIMRS.

Handley met with the new Adams County Emergency Manager and discussed their role within TRIMRS. Ron Pugh has and is serving as the CNMRC Coordinator and this meeting helped establish different ways Ron and Adams County can utilize TRIMRS.

Handley met with the 4 public health emergency response coordinators to discuss a highly infectious disease exercise as well as various work plan items for the year. These meetings are important



Tri-Cities Medical Response System

Strengthening Emergency Response through Collaboration

LIFESMILES DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Oral health is an often an overlooked element in public health. LifeSmiles is focused on improving total health for all citizens, in our district, through the development and support of effective programs of oral health promotion and disease prevention. One important component to oral health promotion is the strong presence in our communities and partnerships we value. LifeSmiles is involved in providing outreach addressing our communities' obstacles in reaching health, including (but not limited to) access to care issues, oral health disparities.



WHAT'S NEW:

In August LifeSmiles provided regular prevention services at various long-term care facilities, WIC clinics, and prepared for school services to begin throughout the district. Outreach involved presenting at Holdrege's Rotary meeting and attending Lexington's Family Connect Project. Future activities will include continuance of prevention services, and exploration of sustainability options for preservation and growth of program outreach.

Participation in outreach events such as the Lexington Family Connect event strengthens our ability to collaborate with other agencies, improving TRPHD's LifeSmiles' goal efficacy. In August, LifeSmiles involvement in the Family Connect event provided 48 screenings, 60 oral health kits, and we were able to register 39 in our school program. 40 project workers from 11 agencies were involved allowing for a great networking opportunity. The event provided ser-

REAL IMPACT

Maria Barocio is the Community Health Worker at the health department. In this role, she is out in the communities we serve every day, providing health education and resources—and serving as a resource 'hub' herself.

During the month of August, she worked with the Lifesmiles Dental Program at the Lexington Family's Connect event. Having children register for services ahead of the school year is integral to the dental program, as it allows the program to provide dental screenings in schools.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Local health departments play a vital role in local, state, national, and even world-wide surveillance. It is important for the local health department to perform investigations including patient interviews on certain reportable illnesses to determine symptoms, symptoms start, potential exposure to others, foods eaten and travel in order to hypothesize possible source of diseases. This information is collected in a national database the CDC reviews to assess for national outbreaks. The most important public health reasons for investigating an outbreak are to help guide disease prevention and control strategies.

OUR GOALS:

During this time of year we are trying to decrease ones chances of mosquito



WEST NILE CASES IN TRHPD DISTRICT:

- West Nile Virus blood donor: 1 case
- West Nile Virus disease, neuroinvasive: 4 cases
- West Nile Virus disease, nonneuroinvasive: 2 cases

(The numbers above represent probable or confirmed case count for the month of August 2018. Suspect cases are not included in these counts. These counts represent cases in which the patient has a permanent address in the Two Rivers Public Health Department district.)



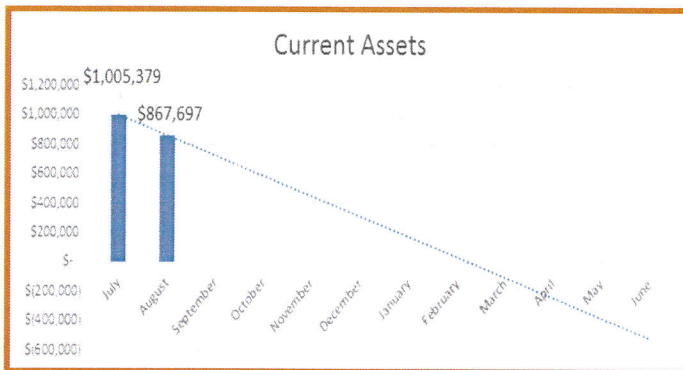
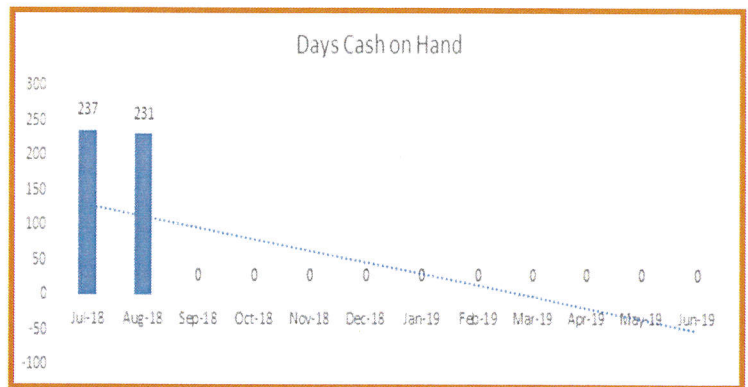
Fight the Bite!!

TIPS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESS:

- Wear mosquito repellent when you go outside. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide longer-lasting protection.
- Dress in long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks when you're outside.
- Dusk and dawn are times when mosquitoes are most active. Limit outdoor activities during these times.
- Drain standing water around your home.

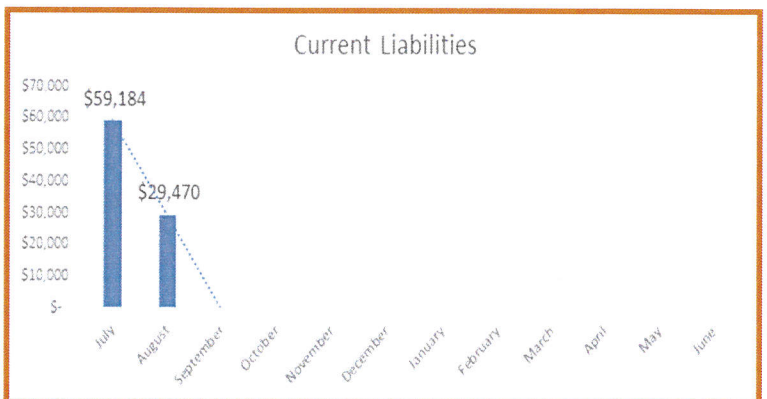
August 2018 financial report

Two Rivers fund balance on August 31 was \$737,844. We have 231 days cash on hand.



Current assets are at an estimate of \$867,697; a decrease of \$137,682 from July. This is due to high amount in expenses, along with a bad writeoff/debt of about \$50,000 from receivables that we were unable to collect from one of our programs.

Current Liabilities have decreased in the month of August by about \$30,000. This is due to entering a lower amount of vouchers by the last week of August in order to complete month end.



A/R and A/P this month are both operating efficiently.

New grants and increased revenue:

CVE for Year 2 started on August 1, 2018 – Grant amount is \$75,024

Closeout and decreased revenue:

NE Teeth Forever has come to an end, and will not be continuing for the new fiscal year.