



Division of Health and Medical Services
 Disease Prevention
 Family and Community Health Services
 Health Promotion
 State Epidemiologist

Quarterly Commissioners Report Brookings County- 4th Quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) 2015

Services Provided:	Oct	Nov	Dec
-WIC Caseload Issued Vouchers:	463	453	448
-WIC Certifications Completed:	50	49	65
-Pregnant Women Certified:	7	7	5
-Prenatal Education Visits (baby care and prenatal health review)	28	18	25
-Postpartum Visits:	11	7	11
-Cribs Issued:	6	5	4
-Developmental Screenings:			
-Immunizations/TB tests:	32	29	37
-Reach out & Read books issued:	32	29	47

WIC: We continue to provide supplemental nutritional foods, nutrition education, support, and referrals to clients, to local Brookings county resources.

Immunizations: Our staff continues to audit immunization records on all children that come into our office and upon request of callers that wish to schedule immunizations. We continue to provide immunizations to children who are on Medicaid, have no insurance or underinsured, and to Native American/Alaskan Native children. The school and city/county flu clinics providing flu vaccinations have been completed for the 2015-2016 influenza season. We received numerous positive comments regarding flu vaccinations being offered during school hours. Parents were vocal about the multiple open times offered which made their wait shortened; overall it was a successful year. We continue to provide flu shots to individuals who schedule through our office. Our staff has completed the kindergarten immunization audits and continues to work on the transfer student's audits for the Brookings County schools; these audits will provide the State with statistical information regarding the number of kindergarten and transfer students that are up to date

or have fallen behind in their immunization status.

School Services: Student health screenings were completed in September for area schools that are contracted through the Community Health Office. Screenings included but were not limited to vision, hearing, scoliosis, blood pressure, and a mini head to toe, non-invasive assessment. Growth and development teaching has been requested to be completed in January for Deubrook and is scheduled for January 21. Volga's Growth and Development teaching will be completed in the spring as in previous years.

Baby Care/Prenatal Education: We continue to meet and provide education to all pregnant women each month.

Infant Mortality: We have been educating all women on the importance of safe sleep, smoking cessation, keeping up to date on baby's immunizations, and the benefits of breastfeeding. Our office has had an ongoing need for multi-user breast pumps. If a mom qualifies she will be issued this pump free of charge, and is required to return it according to policy.

Staffing: Our office is staffed with two nurses, one clerical, one breast feeding peer counselor, and two dieticians who travel within our region. The part-time clerical that was hired this summer ended her employment, leaving the part-time position open. The hiring process began, interviews were completed in December, and we have hired a new part time clerical staff member who will be starting in February.

Staff Training/Continuing Education: Staff is up to date on all annual and quarterly training including local agency policy review, and State and County required training. This coming July 2016, Karen Larsen, the full time nurse, plans to attend the training and complete the testing requirements to become a certified lactation counselor.

Upcoming Events: We will be completing the orientation process with the new part time clerical staff that was hired.

Respectfully submitted,

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