

Director's Update to the Board of Health April 2024

Protecting Health – Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease

Winter maladies

The respiratory illness season is winding down with continued decrease in RSV, COVID, and influenza cases here in Davidson County and across the state. We continue to see an occasional case of mpox. We continue to offer vaccination for all of these illnesses in our clinics.

Creating Healthier Community Environments

Opioid Response -- Narcan

TDH, in collaboration with MPHD, has prioritized Narcan distribution in the community and has supplied MPHD with the product. Any individual can come to the Lentz pharmacy or preventive health/Sexual Health/TB clinic to request doses as needed for themselves or any other individual in need.

Laura Varnier provided training on using Narcan last week in the Centennial rooms. The training will teach individuals how to recognize the signs of a suspected opioid overdose and how to administer the opioid overdose reversal drug. All participants received two doses of Narcan upon successful completion of the class.

Riverfront

MPHD has been asked to participate in a Metro Council effort to help make the riverfront safer and more welcoming for visitors. Our primary participation is expected to be by Pest Management, as we are expecting the rat population to be an issue.

Improving Health - Services to Individuals & Families

School readiness

Last Saturday, Clinical Services nursing and clerical staff members, along with colleagues from Metro Nashville Public Schools, were on hand at Lentz to help children enrolling in kindergarten this autumn receive childhood vaccines, and adults to get their COVID and/or flu shots. This should help ease the inevitable crunch next fall, when parents realize their children are missing either their shots or their records and can't go to school until they get that sorted out.

In addition to kindergarteners, we have push to vaccinate this year's sixth-graders, who will need additional protection before entering seventh grade. So far we've held 13 clinics for these children; eight were in school clinics (Madison Middle, Antioch Middle School, Creswell Middle School, Margaret Allen Middle School, Donelson Middle School, Dupont Hadley Middle School, Meigs Magnet Middle School, and Rose Park Middle School); five were after school/weekend/spring break clinics (Antioch High School Health Portable [three times] and McGavock High School Health Portable [twice]).

Last year we vaccinated 220 sixth-graders with this initiative, and we expect to surpass that number this year.

Organizational Updates

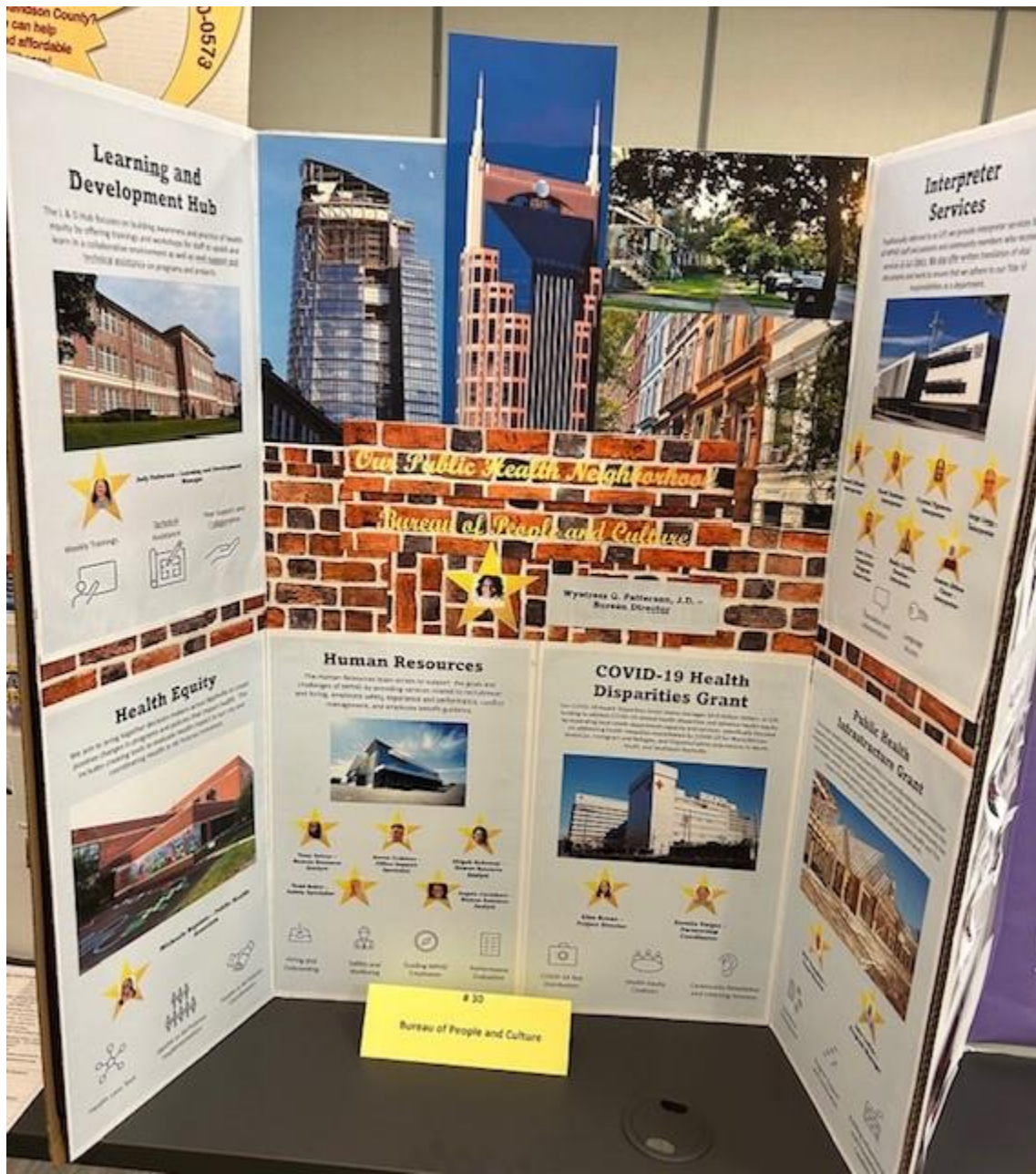
Public Health Week

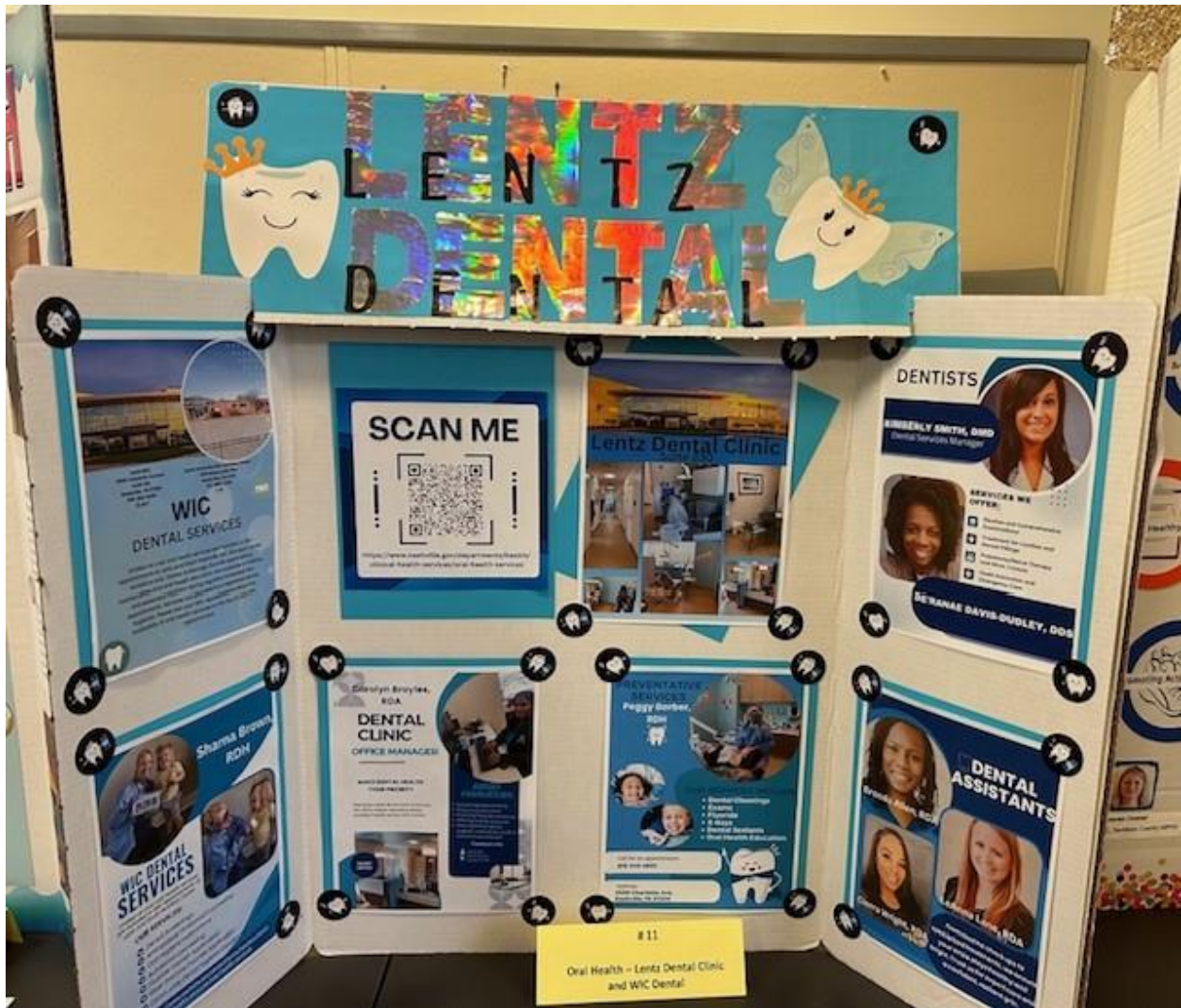
We had an array of events and celebrations for Public Health Week last week. On Friday the East and Lentz clinics participated in Free Pap Day events to celebrate the theme of Reproductive and Sexual Health

awareness. In addition, Sexual Health Center offered free walk-in screening to any individual in the community wanting STI testing.

Each program created story boards to describe who they are and what they do. The boards were set up all week downstairs. Here are a few of examples:







In all, it was a pleasant break from the day-to-day to stop for a spell and reflect on the importance of what we do here. Our thanks to Rhonda Graham and the Workforce Culture Committee for their excellent planning.

EHR

The active solicitation for our electronic health records closed on April 4. An extensive team of individuals involved in the process throughout the department have been recruited to evaluate potential vendors and select the optimal product for the department. More to come.

MACC

After 10 months of trying MACC has finally been able to hire a Behaviorist. This position will help MACC identify adoptable pets coming into the shelter more quickly, which in turn will free up space for those that remain.

Radon

The South Nashville WIC Nutrition Center tested high for radon (7 picocuries; the level of acceptability is 4 PC). Environmental staff will be working with Facility Services to address the situation expeditiously.

Strategic Plan

In preparation for MPHD'S next strategic plan (2026-2028), a core outline has been drafted. It includes:

- Organizational Structure
- Strategic Planning Process Description
 - Includes bureau/division/program strategic planning participation.
- Identify Strategic Priorities
 - PHAB & CHIP alignment
- Identify Strategic Goals
 - KPIs to be used.
 - Action plans to execute.

The outline presents a way to align our priorities and goals to the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the standards of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

This has been designed to be an inclusive process, including various divisions/programs of the department, as well as leadership.

NALBOH submissions

As discussed last month, the National Association of Local Boards of Health annual convention is coming to Nashville in August. We have submitted a number of applications to present at the conference.

Topics included:

- Nashville Strong Babies
- Public Health Infrastructure Grant
- Colposcopy in the Family Planning clinics
- Health Equity Listening Sessions
- Health in All Policies
- Opioid Story Map
- Communications on Messaging for the Health Disparities Grant



NFHS Basic Data Matrix

03/01/2024 and 03/31/2024

		Species							Totals	
		Canine			Canine Totals	Feline				Feline Totals
		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		
Beginning Animal Count as of 03/01/2024		177	19	0	196	22	20	0	42	238
I N T A K E S	Stray/At Large	225	33	2	260	41	25	3	69	329
	Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	1	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	Relinquished by Owner	27	0	0	27	25	4	6	35	62
	Other Intakes	10	1	0	11	1	4	0	5	16
Total Intakes		266	43	2	311	67	33	9	109	420
O U T C O M E S	Adoptions	89	24	0	113	37	12	0	49	162
	Returned to Home	72	2	0	74	6	0	0	6	80
	Transferred to Rescue Group	63	15	0	78	11	11	0	22	100
	Other Live Outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Return to Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Live Outcomes	224	41	0	265	54	23	0	77	342
	Died in Care	2	5	1	8	0	0	1	1	9
	Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Euthanasia	43	4	1	48	11	0	1	12	60
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Total Other Outcomes	48	9	2	59	11	0	2	13	72	
Total Outcomes		272	50	2	324	65	23	2	90	414
Ending Animal Count as of 03/31/2024		175	8	0	183	28	26	7	61	244
Save Rate		82.89%	79.07%	0.00%	81.82%	83.58%	100.00%	77.78%	88.07%	83.45%