

Director's Update to the Board of Health May, 2024

Protecting Health – Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease

Meningitis

The Vaccine Preventable Disease Program investigated two Davidson County cases of N. meningitis in April. One patient passed away. There is no known link between the two cases. Over 20 individuals known to have been exposed to the illness were offered (and received) post exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

PrEP Funding

MPHD was informed by the state Department of Health on April 15 that there would be no funding made available in FY25 for HIV Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). TDH did not fund HIV-PrEP services this year either but had indicated an intention to do so in the upcoming fiscal year and we were expecting they would do that. MPHD is currently exploring other funding options to ensure this service remains.

Immunizations

Through fiscal year data through April 26 of each year, Preventive Health continues to outpace the four previous years in total vaccines provided. The breakdown below shows vaccines by age and totals for each year across the bottom.

AGE_YEARS	Year 20-21	Year 21-22	Year 22-23	Year 23-24	Total
0	1,358	858	549	442	3,207
1	1,186	968	803	920	3,877
2	617	548	445	442	2,052
3	491	502	535	511	2,039
4	1,424	1,198	1,136	1,223	4,981
5	1,368	1,448	1,197	1,310	5,323
6	491	873	621	794	2,779
7	389	508	555	984	2,436
8	434	492	382	798	2,106
9	393	423	462	794	2,072
10	452	453	527	741	2,173
11	1,154	1,022	1,049	1,324	4,549
12	1,936	1,781	1,598	1,723	7,038
13	784	715	779	895	3,173
14	596	798	652	811	2,857
15	458	945	771	979	3,153
16	728	1,206	1,199	1,057	4,190
17	737	1,338	1,308	1,224	4,607
18	374	322	334	299	1,329
Annual totals	15,370	16,398	14,902	17,271	63,941

Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

Vanderbilt/MPHD Women’s Health collaborative clinic dates

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Vanderbilt Global Health program through the rest of this calendar year. Preventive Health/Family Planning will continue to collaboratively address patients with advanced women’s health needs through these clinic visits. The dates are July 1, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2.

Breast and Cervical Screening

The Ascension St. Thomas Mobile Mammography Unit is again able to partner with MPHD and offer mobile mammography services at our preventive health clinic sites. The mobile mammography unit along with the Breast and Cervical Screening Team will be available during June at the following locations: June 10, Lentz; June 17, Woodbine; June 26, East.

Create Healthier Community Environments

Behavioral Health and Wellness Summit Report

The Music City Behavioral Health and Wellness Summit was held April 23-24, at Riverside Nashville as a platform for advancing innovation and fostering collaboration in the realm of mental health and substance use services. Coordinated and hosted by the Behavioral Health and Wellness Division, the summit attracted over 300 people to consider critical issues and potential solutions.

The event included a keynote address by the Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy, a champion for mental health and substance use services. As the former congressman and lead sponsor of the landmark Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act in 2008, Kennedy’s advocacy has been instrumental in driving policy changes and destigmatizing mental health challenges.

Participants engaged in a series of workshops led by national and local experts. Workshop topics included:

1. A Data Driven Approach to Addressing Substance Use & Misuse (Abraham Mukolo, PhD and Giovanni Gama, MPH)
2. Historical Impact of Trauma (Ingrid Cochran, M.Ed)
3. The Impact of Suicide on Youth and Young Adults (Nichelle Foster, LMFT, LADAC II and Sheldon Walker, BSW)
4. Building Resilient Communities: Restorative Approaches to Violence (Capt. Anthony L. Brooks, Michael Randolph, LPC-MHSP, and Jarrell Summers, MSW)
5. Family Impact of Suicide, Substance Use, and Violence (Lucy Cannon, Ed. D, LCSW, CCDP-D MATS)
6. Evidence-Based Principles of Harm Reduction (Sal Corbin, PhD, MS.).

Two panel discussions focused on the pressing issue of xylazine and fentanyl, and on the social determinants of health and their profound impact on mental health and wellness.

Mayor Freddie O’Connell also delivered remarks at the summit, underscoring the city’s commitment to addressing behavioral health challenges and promoting well-being for all residents.

Organizational Updates

Budget

Mayor O’Connell’s proposed budget has been sent to the Metro Council for its consideration. The budget proposal includes a 3.5 percent Cost of Living Increase as well as funding for merit-based increases and steps for those who qualify. We have been informed that none of our other budget requests have been included. The State of Metro address and formal release of the budget are scheduled for May 14. Our budget hearing with Metro Council is scheduled for 5:15 that evening.

New HR Director

Aaron Shelton has joined us as the new HR director. Aaron worked with Randstad North America/ Randstad Staffing in numerous capacities of recruitment and management, Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) as the HR Talent Manager, and CoreCivic as HR Manager – Support Services. He moved to Metro HR in 2017 and over to Metro Parks in 2020.

He’s a native Nashvillian, has been married for 28 years and has three children, a daughter and two sons.

We welcome him aboard.

WIC Recognition

A two-year referral collaboration project (Nov. 2021-Nov. 2023) between WIC in Davidson County and Vanderbilt Pediatric Primary Care Clinic has been receiving acknowledgments. Lauren Cromer, WIC Director, had an abstract accepted for an oral presentation at the National WIC Association’s Annual Conference this past April in Chicago. Additionally, Dr. Rosemary Hunter, Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, was scheduled to present last Saturday at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Toronto, Canada. Both presentations are focused on how to build collaborations between WIC agencies and pediatric clinics in order to improve WIC participation and nutrition security among eligible families.



METRO NASHVILLE
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Metro Animal Care & Control Stats

04/01/2024 and 04/30/2024

		Species							Totals	
		Canine			Canine Totals	Feline				Feline Totals
		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Age		Adult	Up to 5 Months	Unknown Age		
Beginning Animal Count as of 04/01/2024		174	8	0	182	25	30	6	61	243
I N T A K E S	Stray/At Large	206	53	1	260	48	56	5	109	369
	Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	10	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	11
	Relinquished by Owner	11	5	0	16	6	1	0	7	23
	Other Intakes	11	10	0	21	1	6	0	7	28
	Total Intakes	238	68	2	308	55	63	5	123	431
O U T C O M E S	Adoptions	68	23	0	91	23	11	0	34	125
	Returned to Home	69	1	0	70	4	0	0	4	74
	Transferred to Rescue Group	65	17	0	82	17	23	5	45	127
	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	202	41	0	243	44	34	5	83	326
	Died in Care	3	1	0	4	1	4	1	6	10
	Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Euthanasia	38	0	1	39	6	2	2	10	49
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	9	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	10
Total Other Outcomes	50	1	2	53	7	6	4	17	70	
Total Outcomes	252	42	2	296	51	40	9	100	396	
Ending Animal Count as of 04/30/2024		168	26	0	194	33	49	2	84	278
Save Rate		82.10%	98.53%	0.00%	85.57%	87.27%	90.48%	20.00%	86.18%	85.75%