



2015 Year End Report

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Madison Department of Health



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Executive Summary

The Madison Department of Health saw a great deal of change and growth during 2015. While the Department lost three of its longtime staff members, it also was able to expand the position of one staff member and bring on two new vibrant and talented staff people. This has opened the door to new programs, new projects and new grant opportunities.

Three projects that the Department is particularly proud of is the progress in applying for National Accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board, the development of the Madison Chatham Coalition for a healthy community and the newly formed Coalition for Healthy Aging in Madison and the Chathams.

The vision of the Madison Health Department is “To nurture a healthy, robust and resilient community” and our mission is “To promote, protect and assure conditions for optimal health for the Madison community through leadership, partnership, prevention and response.” For the health department the Madison community is defined as Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Springfield, those we diligently serve.

The following pages document the 2015 goals and progress on achieving those goals throughout the year as well as goals the Department has set forth for 2016.

2015 Goals of the Department include:

1. Completing the Inspection and complaint modules for Environmental Health as outlined in 2014 and expanding the current Animal Control module to include complaints.

This goal was partially met as the Madison Health Department finally received new software for the licensing component in Madison. The complaint software is scheduled to be uploaded and staff trained in early 2016.

2. Completing the strategic plan for the Madison Health Department including completion of the workforce development plan and quality improvement plan with the potential to apply for national accreditation.

This goal has been partially met. The Madison Health Department has completed the strategic plan as well as the workforce development plan. The Quality Improvement Plan is scheduled to be completed by March, 2016.

3. Continue to seek grant funding to assist with expanding current programming and future program development.

This goal has been met but will continue to be a goal as grant funding for additional programming is always needed.

At the end of 2015, the Madison Health Department was awarded a \$35,000 grant to conduct a needs assessment and asset map of Madison and The Chathams as age-friendly communities. At the conclusion of the assessment/asset map, a document will be developed that will allow the Department to apply for up to \$125,000 in grant funds, renewable for 3 years.

The Madison Chatham Coalition for a Health Community was notified that they are eligible to apply for the Drug Free Communities larger grant. The application will be submitted in March, 2016 and if approved, the coalition will receive a 5 year grant worth \$125,000 per year.

4. Utilize the completed 2015 County Health Improvement Plan to guide the Department in program development to address priority health needs of the community in Chatham Borough.

This goal has not been met.

The 2015 CHIP was not completed by the Partnership due to its new collaboration that developed last year with the North Jersey Health Collaborative. The Collaborative completed their CHA (Community Health Assessment) in 2015 and now both the Partnership and the Collaborative will work together to complete the CHIP in 2016.

5. Develop and expand the Madison/Chatham Coalition for a Health Community in conjunction with the MCPIK grant in preparation of applying for the Drug Free Communities grant.

This goal has been met (see #3).

6. Hire qualified staff to replace retirees as per transition plan of the Madison Health Department to assure seamless service provisions.

This goal has been met through the hiring of a Health Educator, a Deputy Registrar and Expanding the Public Health Nurse position to a new full-time Nursing Supervisor position.

2015 Goals of the Department include:

1. Completing the complaint modules for Environmental Health and Animal Control as outlined in 2015.

2. Completing the quality improvement plan for the Madison Health Department with a target date of Fall, 2016 to apply for national accreditation.

3. Continue to seek grant funding to assist with expanding current programming and future program development.

4. Utilize the completed 2016 County Health Improvement Plan to guide the Department in program development to address priority health needs of the community in Chatham Borough.

5. Expand the Madison/Chatham Coalition for a Health Community.

6. Develop and Expand the Madison/Chatham Coalition for Health Aging in an effort to apply for additional grants funds based upon needs assessment/asset mapping data.

7. Work with the Chatham Borough Board of Health on reviewing, revising and updating Chatham Borough Ordinances.

Following this Executive Summary are reports from the Environmental Health, Nursing and Health Education Divisions outlining in more detail their activities for 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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Health Officer

Madison Health Department

Environmental Report



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Introduction

The environmental division of the health department is staffed by: two full time Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS). This division of the health department is responsible for conducting inspection activities as prescribed by New Jersey State Department of Health practice standards, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, County Environmental Health Act, and local ordinance enforcement.

These inspections included retail food establishments, public bathing facilities, septic installation and abandonment, lead poisoning investigations, nuisance complaints, DEP complaints, pet shops/ pound inspections, tanning salon, youth camps, rabies investigations and hosted rabies clinics. In addition to these mandated activities the REHS staff conduct food safety classes.

To maintain their REHS license they have to obtain 15 CEU's annually.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES 2015

COMPLAINT	TOTAL
Retail Food Inspections	85
Complaint Investigations	1
Temporary Retail Food Inspections	55
Property Maintenance	0
Public Health Nuisance	11
Housing	0
Rabies Control	4
Bathing Places	6
Plan Reviews	0
Total	162

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES 2014

COMPLAINT	TOTAL
Retail Food Inspections	91
Complaint Investigations	2
Temporary Retail Food Inspections	56
Property Maintenance	0
Public Health Nuisance	24
Housing	1
Rabies Control	7
Bathing Places	8
Plan Reviews	2
Total	191

In 2015 Madison Health Department conducted 5 Food handlers' courses that had 105 participants from 36 establishments from the different municipalities we serve. 11 Food Handlers were from Chatham Borough. Our Rabies Clinic was held on Jan. 3. 2015. 120 animals were vaccinated.



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Public Health Nursing Overview

Public health nurses care for the health of populations in their community. They monitor the spread of disease, keep vigilant watch for environmental hazards, educate the community on how to care for and treat themselves, and train for community disasters, bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases. They often immunize residents in all stages of life assessing adults as well as infants and children to determine age appropriate vaccines. Compliance with NJ rules for immunization is the over-riding goal and focuses on school/childcare facilities. Public health nurses advocate not just for the patient but for the community. The following report chronicles the program services delivered throughout the year of 2015.

Public Health Nurse Continuing Education

To maintain the highest quality of professionalism and to fulfill the requirements of the practice standard for workforce development, the public health nursing staff annually attends a variety of professional trainings and seminars. Updated information on vaccines and CDC/Advisory

Committee Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, disaster training, and infectious diseases were some areas included in continuing education programs for 2015.

1. Vaccine for Children (VFC) Conference (Nov 2015) – This is an annual update on vaccine preventable diseases and on the federal vaccine programs (VFC and Adult VFC). The guidelines for the use of the federally-provided vaccines in the child and adult programs were discussed. Proper vaccine storage and handling has been a priority for providers who vaccinate using these programs. This program was mandated for re-certification for vaccine use.
2. Adult Immunization Summit (Nov 2015) sponsored by NJ Immunization Network and American College of Physicians brought together state and national healthcare leaders brainstorming approaches to improve adult vaccination rates in NJ.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Ebola by Rutgers School of Public Health—refresher program covering the science of safely caring for persons with possible Ebola exposures. (Dec 2015).
4. Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement workshops attended by Flo Rice, nursing director prior to her retirement in June 2015.

Child Health Conferences

The purpose of the Child Health Conference (CHC) is to assist families and their children in achieving the child's full potential in all areas of growth and development. Well baby care was provided for non-insured or under-insured children from birth to age 18. Services included immunizations, physical exams, lead testing as per NJ guidelines and blood pressure screening. Counseling on baby growth and development and nutrition was included. Immunization record review and record translation services were also provided. Health department staff serves as a reliable resource for school nurses in assessment of non-English vaccine records.

Over the last several years the Affordable Care Act and NJ Family Care program has reduced the number of children without healthcare and/or a primary provider. In 2015 our child health clinics were scheduled on an as needed basis. With standing orders from our Medical Director, the public health nurse is able to administer vaccines as appropriate without a physician present. This allows for greater patient accommodation and fewer missed opportunities for residents of our communities. These are identified as non-CHC visits.

Four CHC clinics plus one evening immunization clinic were held in Madison in 2015 with our nurse-practitioner presiding. All of our clinics are open to all residents of our contracting communities.

CHC: 1 child attended/1 vaccine given

Non-CHC: 11 children attended/24 vaccines given

Lead Screening Program

Routine lead screening in early childhood is part of best practice in pediatric care. Most children are tested at ages 12 and 24 months to determine blood lead levels (BLL). Normal value in NJ is less than 10 µg/dL. At the health department we have the ability to test capillary BLL. If the result is above normal limits, the child should receive a venous test to confirm the elevation.

In coordination with the Environmental Division of the Madison Health Department, home visits are made by a public health nurse and an environmental health specialist to evaluate the home environment and to identify possible lead sources. Collaboration with experts in the field for home exposure testing is done as necessary sharing the sophisticated lead measurement tools.

In addition to screening our own patients for lead poisoning, we also investigate elevated leads of patients seen in private physician's offices. Children residing in our town but screened by other providers are tracked electronically through Lead Trax, NJ's reporting system. Public health nurses investigate all elevated blood lead levels.

In 2015, no Chatham Borough residents were screened at the health department and no open cases pending. Cases can remain open for up to 1-1/2 years.

WIC - (Women, Infant and Children) Program

The Madison Health Department has been certified to participate in the WIC program. Its purpose is to improve the nutritional status of eligible women, infants and children and to increase the nutritional awareness of the participants. Clients are seen at regional WIC sites where nursing, medical and social services are available.

No children were referred to WIC this past year.

Peri-Natal Hepatitis B Prevention And Case Management of Infants

The Health Department supports the vaccine preventable disease program in its efforts to reduce the spread of Hepatitis B through the Peri-natal Prevention and Case Management of Infants.

The nurse:

1. Provides counseling to prevent Hepatitis B Virus transmission.
2. Completes timely immunizations for those infants born to mothers with positive hepatitis antigen.
3. Identifies susceptible household members and sexual contacts of HBs Ag positive pregnant and post-partum women.
4. Maintains reports in the CDRSS reporting system.
5. Verifies the administration of Hepatitis B immunoglobulin and Hepatitis B vaccine.

6. Confirms serologic post-vaccination testing for adequate antibody response at twelve months through follow up with healthcare providers.

In 2015, there were no new cases requiring follow up with families and providers.

Control of Acute Communicable Diseases

The nursing department is required to investigate communicable diseases through a computer-based program linked to NJDOH, state laboratories, hospitals, and private laboratories. The program is called the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS).

Public health nurses receive positive reports on NJ's reportable communicable diseases, listed at the following link: http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf
As a contracting town, Chatham Borough residents are included in this reporting system. This process involves checking the computer for cases, then contacting, interviewing, and educating patients and physicians. There are some diseases where the contacts of patients may also have to be interviewed. These people may need prophylactic antibiotic treatment and follow-up. A full report of the investigation is entered into the CDRSS. These investigations are essential in controlling the spread of the disease and the data is used for epidemiological study. Not all positive lab reports indicate a confirmed case of that condition or disease but all must be investigated. The health department follows NJ case definition which sometimes differs from CDC criteria. Monthly reporting of communicable diseases numbers indicate the creation of a case in the CDRSS system as a result of a positive lab result. Actual investigation of that same case may continue for several weeks or months.

Some communicable diseases, because of severity, require immediate reporting. These diseases may include measles, bacterial meningitis, acute hepatitis A, novel influenza strains and others. Immediate response helps to either prevent outbreaks or minimize the spread. Police and FBI are also contacted to monitor the potential for suspected acts of bioterrorism.

The health department investigated more than 250 disease reports in 2015; 41 investigations were for Chatham Borough residents.

This task is exclusively the responsibility of the state and local health departments. It is an important aspect of public health.

Disease-Specific Programs

Surveillance – Tuberculosis

In 1996, a law was adopted by the New Jersey Department of Health titled Confinement of Persons with Tuberculosis. The purpose of this law is to assure that all persons being treated for active tuberculosis receive adequate treatment under the least restrictive environment. Regional chest clinics are responsible for ensuring that 'positive testers' are properly followed and

treatment completed. If the TB Center is not able to manage this, they may reach out to the Health Department for assistance. In Morris County the referral chest clinic is located within the Atlantic Health System in Morristown. Private providers may also avail the services of the clinic for guidance in management of the tuberculosis patient.

Mantoux Testing – Tuberculosis Skin Test

There are instances when people need to be tested for tuberculosis to protect the population they are serving or entering. For example, school and hospital employees are required to be tested. Applicants to communal living environments, assisted living or nursing homes are also required to be tested. The Madison Health Department provides this service for a fee.

In 2015 two Borough residents were tested.

Emergency and Pandemic Training

The Public Health nurses of Madison had training through FEMA and are certified to be First Responders in the event of a pandemic emergency. The emergency can be by natural causes or by terrorism. The Incident Command System (ICS) provides a quick and effective response to ensure essential operations are maintained during an emergency or pandemic. These responses are constantly monitored and improved to assure the best outcome. The goals of preparedness are to: limit the number of illnesses and deaths; preserve continuity of essential public health and government functions; minimize social disruptions and economic loss.

The nurses, under the direction of the Madison Office of Emergency Management and the Health Officer, are prepared to respond in disasters and bioterrorist events. In some of the communities like Chatham Borough, the health department staff is supplemented by members of the CERT teams (Citizens Emergency Response Teams).

Ebola Outbreak and the U.S.

During the fall of 2014, time and training was devoted to the public health response to the first cases of Ebola virus in the United States. Schools, universities, government officials and emergency responders were selected for education about the disease, safety procedures and protocols in dealing with possible Ebola cases.

During 2015, nursing staff monitored two international travelers on their return from countries where Ebola transmission was epidemic. Twenty one days of daily contact was required to monitor health status of each person. Both were discharged without incident and cases were closed. Though these were not Chatham Borough residents, health department staff was confident in their ability to apply this training and protocol to all our communities if needed.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations

From September through December, mass vaccination clinics were held for seasonal flu vaccine. The nurses held three formal flu clinics and had liberal walk-in hours at the Madison Health

Department. Alternative sites offering seasonal influenza vaccine has had an impact on the number of residents attending the clinics. This year we offered quadrivalent, injectable influenza vaccine only. High dose influenza vaccine for those ≥ 65 years was available at local pharmacies. CDC has not made a preferential recommendation for use of this vaccine over regular dose flu vaccine in the 65+ population. Moving forward that may change.

In 2015, approximately 130 flu vaccines were given to adult residents including CB employees.

Health Screenings

Women's Health Program

Annual screening recommendations for adult women continue to evolve. Our women's health program was conducted in June and November 2015. Services provided include clinical exams, cervical cancer screening (if indicated), breast exam, and colon cancer screening. Women's health education and follow-up are a component of the clinic.

Two Borough residents were seen in 2015.

Men's Health Screening Program

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men after skin cancer. In 2015, about 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed with more than 27,000 deaths from this disease. About 1 man in 7 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime.

Community screening can be used to examine and educate clients and to make referrals to a primary health care provider.

Our physician was available for two clinics during 2015: June and December. Four Borough residents were seen.

Adult Immunizations over 18 years of age

The Madison Health Department is able to offer vaccines to adults who are uninsured or whose insurance doesn't cover the vaccine cost. A nominal fee of \$15.00 is charged if the patient is able to pay. Vaccines available through this program are shingles, Tdap, MMR, varicella, pneumococcal conjugate, influenza and hepatitis. Recertification for this program was achieved in 2015 through minimal waste, on-site inspections and efficient management and proper vaccine usage.

Seven Chatham Borough residents took advantage of this program with 11 vaccines being administered.

Schools - Audits & Immunization Program

The New Jersey State Department of Health requires school immunization records to be audited in public/private schools, nursery schools and licensed child care centers. This mandate is documented in Immunization of Pupils in School (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). Madison's public health nurses review selected students' immunization record for compliance with State laws. Each school is required to submit an annual immunization status report to the New Jersey State Department of Health.

The following is an overview of all audits conducted for the 2014-2015 school year. The following summarizes facilities physically located in Chatham Borough

Preschool and Child Care Centers Audits	11
Total # records reviewed	496
Religious Exemption	26
Medical Exemption	1
Private and Public Schools Audits	7
Total # records reviewed	665
Religious Exemption	21
Medical Exemption	0

*Preschool/childcare exemption rate of Chatham Borough is 5%

*School age (KG – 12th) rate is 3% (for those grades audited: KG, 6th, transfer students)

The nurses keep each school abreast of current immunization requirements by email messaging, telephone calls, and annual site visits.

The Health Department is prepared to issue a warning and a subsequent summons if the facility fails to come into compliance with state regulations regarding immunization.

Currently, obtaining religious exemption to vaccines is a simple process and rarely challenged for validity. There are legislative bills pending attempting to revise the requirements to obtain a valid religious exemption in NJ.

School Nurse/Director Training For Immunizations

Training is provided by the public health nurses to school nurses and preschool/child care directors who are new or unfamiliar with NJ state regulations regarding immunizations. The tutorial includes interpretation of vaccine records and sequencing of the vaccines, recording vaccinations on proper forms, and a review of the enforcement procedures. Tools designed to assist in record monitoring are demonstrated.

Workshops were offered twice in August 2015 to accommodate varied schedules.

Six facilities in Chatham Borough were represented at the training.

Professional Affiliations

Public Health Nurse Supervisor – Marlene Dolan

1. Current President for the Greater Passaic Valley Public Health Nurses' Association (GPVPHNA). This group focuses on educational activities and networking to strengthen the voice of public health nurses.
2. Secretary/Steering committee member of New Jersey Immunization Network (NJIN). This is a statewide coalition with a focus on vaccine education and advocacy for age-appropriate vaccinations for all ages.
3. Member of School Immunization Committee (SIC): NJIN is a committee responsible for review and /revision of state immunization rules. It is involved in developing improved auditing processes and tools to improve efficiency.
4. Is a member of a state workgroup to refine school immunization auditing procedure.

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CDC—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
NJAAP—NJ American Academy of Pediatrics
NJIN—NJ Immunization Network
ACP—American College of Physicians
VFC—Vaccines for Children
VFA—Vaccines for Adults

Chatham Borough															
Public Health Nursing Activities	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December	Total	Prev. Yr	
Child Health Conference Visits	0	0	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	
Non-CHC visit	3	0	0			2		1		1	1	3	11	9	
Immunizations Given	7	0	0			3		2		1	1	10	24	28	
Lead Screenings													0	0	
Reportable Disease Investigations	1	1	2	7	4	2	5	3	1	6	4	5	41	28	
Hepatitis B				1								1	2	2	
Perinatal Hep B													0	0	
Hepatitis C				1						2	1		4	1	
Other GI							1	1					2	4	
Lyme	1	1		3	4	2	4		1	2	2	3	23	15	
Other tickborne								1		1	1		3	1	
Petussis, Varicella			V 2	V2									2	5	
Other								1		1		1 STI			
Pre-School Vaccination Audits (11)			11							1	1		13	11	
# records reviewed			496							88	88*		584	564	
# deficiencies noted			63								23		86	59	
Religious exemptions			26							1	3		30		
Medical exemptions			1										1		
% compliance			100										100		
School Age Audits (7)			7										7	7	
# records reviewed			665										665	703	
# deficiencies noted			30										30	21	
Religious exemptions			21										21		
Medical exemptions			0										0		
% compliance			100										100		
Blood Chemistry screenings (CMP)						4						3	7	6	
Cholesterol Screenings						4						3	7	6	
Hypertension Screenings						4						3	7	6	
Women's Cancer Screenings (PAP)											2		2	3	
Men's Cancer Screenings						2						2	4	1	
Diabetes Screenings						4						3	7	6	
Mantoux Tests						1					1		2	2	
Influenza Vaccinations - Adults									101				101	134	
Influenza Vaccinations - Children										1			1	5	
Influenza Vaccinations - Employees										23			23	41	
													0	17	
VFA clients				3		1		2	1		0		7		
VFA vaccines				4		1		4	2		0		11	4	
													0	8	
Childcare Preschool director class								6					6		
Board of Health Mtg. attended														0	

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**Chatham Borough 2015
Health Education/Health Promotion Activities**

Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC):
Attend monthly meetings, serve as a resource person for volunteer leadership, represent MACC at County meetings, provided educational updates and links regularly.

Project Healthy Bones- Provided supervision, leader updates and new leader training.

Chatham Mayors Wellness Campaign-Attend monthly meetings and serve as one of the resource persons.

Represented Chatham Alliance on **Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris (CCSHM)** and linked with their programs to local efforts.

Publicity for all health department screening and immunization programs including male and female cancer screening, adult health screening and flu immunizations. Sent to newspapers and Chatham contact people to put on Borough web site, Patch, email distribution lists and other methods.

Program:	Sessions:		Participants:	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Healthy Bones	33	33	108	107
Municipal Alliance	8	12	41	92
Health Education Programs	2	5	133	50
Press Releases/Web Postings	29	21		
Other Health Ed programs				

Chatham Borough													
<i>Health Education Activities</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Total</i>
Coordination Meetings/Program Planning	4	2	1	2	2	2	1		1	1	1	1	18
Coordination Meetings/Program Planning Participants	7	5	4	10	20	20	12		10	10	5	16	119
Matter of Balance Sessions													0
MOB Participants													0
Take Control Sessions													0
Take Control Participants													0
Healthy Bones Sessions													0
Health Bones Participants													0
Municipal Alliance Meetings		3	2		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Municipal Alliance Meetings Attendance		11	8			15	15		10	10	7	16	92
Municipal Alliance Programs													0
Municipal Alliance Program Participants													0
Madison/Chatham Coalition Meetings									1	1	1	1	4
Madison/Chatham Coalition Meetings Participants										15	15	20	50
Employee Wellness Programs													0
Employee Wellness Participants													0
Health Education Programs Other									2				2
Health Education Participants Other													0
Press Releases	1		1	2	2			2	2	3	3	2	18
Website Uploads/Postings	1			2	2			2	2	3	5	4	21



Madison Chatham Coalition

2015 Annual Report Madison Chatham Coalition

Vision: A Substance Free Community for Youth in Madison and the Chatham's

Mission: Madison Chatham Coalition's mission is to prevent and reduce youth substance use and abuse in the community of Madison and the Chatham's, through collaboration, education and community-wide change.

Goals:

- Reduce and prevent substance use among youth
- Strengthen collaboration among community entities
- Strengthen collaboration among the towns of Madison and the Chatham's
- Create and Implement sustainable, environmental strategies
- Empowering and Educating youth to make and keep healthy lifestyle choices

Objectives/ DFC requirements:

- Build capacity by recruiting coalition members from the 12 sectors of the community, January 2015-January 2016
 - Youth, Law enforcement, Parent, Civic/volunteer, Religion/fraternal, Healthcare professionals, Business, State/local/tribal, Media, Youth-serving Organizations, Schools and other organizations addressing substance abuse
- Continuously Focus on the DFC 4 Core Measures,
 - 30 day use
 - Perception of peer disapproval
 - Perception of parental disapproval
 - Perception of risk
- In the year of 2016 Implement evidence based Environmental Strategies to produce community-wide change
 - This is based on the belief that substance abuse is a product of multiple environmental conditions and circumstances



Madison Chatham Coalition

Background:

In the fall of 2014 Madison Health Department was approached by Morris County Prevention is Key (MCPIK) and Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris (CCSHM) to participate in a federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Drug Free Communities (DFC) "mentee" grant. The goal of the DFC-grant is to develop a coalition of key stakeholders from Madison and the Chatham's to explore the underlying causes of youth substance use in the community.

Madison Health Department received \$35,000 of the Mentee grant to establish a coalition between the towns of Madison and the Chatham's.

Madison Chatham Coalition (MCC) was formed as a community-wide prevention coalition by the already existing municipal alliances in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township (MACC-Municipal Alliance Committee of The Chatham's) and Madison Borough (MAASA-The Madison Alliance Addressing Substance Abuse). There are some comparison between the 3 towns that formed the foundation to enter in to a partnership, where environmental strategies could be developed and shared and could strengthen the Prevention of youth substance abuse.

The 3 towns;

- share the same Health Department
- share the same court and prosecutor.
- Are suburban towns located in Morris County.
- Have similar demographic and population profiles.

In the past 5- 6 years MACC and MAASA has been collaborating more and shared resources at different initiatives. As an example can be mentioned education programs for parents. Both MACC and MAASA has expressed it beneficial to work with Madison Health Department in the prevention of substance abuse. Although the 3 towns boarder each other each town has similarities and distinct differences, that accomplish each other and will strengthen the coalition.

To understand the formation of The Madison/Chatham Coalition it is necessary to know the history about the 3 towns and their 2 municipal alliances. The alliances were formed as a result of New Jersey State found it necessary to establish grass root movements in



Madison Chatham Coalition

the local prevention of substance abuse. Municipal Alliance Committees were created in over 500 communities by the State of New Jersey to enable community volunteers to address issues of substance abuse on a local level. This statewide network of alliances is administered through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA). The Alliances do not provide or fund treatment services, but rather assist the community with local programs addressing education, awareness, and activities free of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The alliances focus on all age groups.

The coalition measures success by examining community- level indicators, that applies to all coalition outcomes; short, intermediate and long term. The focus is age group 12-17 years.

Funding:

MCC is funded by The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) that is a collaborative partnership between Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). Madison Health Department has in cooperation with MCPIK applied for and received a 2 year mentoring grant of \$35,000 per year, ending September 30th. 2017. Madison Chatham Coalition and Madison Health Department are planning to apply for the full DFC grant of \$125,000 on or before March 18, 2016. If successful, the DFC-grant of \$125,000 will be given from October 1st 2016- September 30th 2021, and can be extended for another 5 years (ending September 30th 2026).

Madison Chatham Coalition has met the requirements to apply for the full DFC grant which includes:

- Proof of 12-sector representation: MCC has a well-established coalition with a 12 sector representation, with signed Coalition Involvement Agreement forms
- Six months existence: The coalition has had monthly meetings starting in May 2015, with minutes and attendee list by sector
- Mission Statement: MCC has a mission statement with a primary focus on reducing youth substance abuse
- Multiple drugs: MCC has addressed multiple drugs-Marijuana and alcohol



Madison Chatham Coalition

Establishing MCC/building capacity:

MCC has succeeded recruiting the required 12 sectors and has a well-established coalition with high attendance at every meeting.

The coordinator has been participating in local alliance meetings and has, through networking with the members, recruited members to Madison Chatham Coalition. She has presented the goals of the coalition for the Boards of Health in the three towns and succeeded to recruit some coalition members at those meetings. Additionally, she has participated in local events: at schools, Farmers Market, Fishawack Festival etc. where some additional members were recruited. The MCC Coordinator has contacted the chiefs of police for each town and asked for participation which resulted in the juvenile detectives in all 3 towns participating regularly as members of the Coalition. Most current recruitment efforts have been focusing on establishing a youth subcommittee in cooperation with the student assistant counselors representing all three communities. The youth subcommittee will be established during winter/spring 2016. The concept was inspired by the coordinator attending a Youth Presentation in Bernard's Township and becoming inspired by their youth group. The goal is to establish a youth group, that can be a resource for the coalition and can be ambassadors at their schools in the prevention of substance abuse.

The participation and engagement of the coalition members are essential for the progress of the Coalition's work. All members have been selected because of their position in the community and the coordinator has emphasized the members to designate a substitute if they are unable to participate in a meeting.

To maintain and continuously recruit key stakeholders and assess their skills, Madison Chatham Coalition has established a recruitment subcommittee and the business representative in the subcommittee has been successful in recruiting Board of Education members and Media representatives.

Recently, the coordinator graduated from the coalition training academy organized by CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) and was able to bring coalition members to two of the three weeks of training. The coalition members have also been trained at some of the coalition meetings and will continuously receive training.



Madison Chatham Coalition

Data collection:

MCC has a data-collection subcommittee utilizing the results of the student, parent and faculty/staff PRIDE survey conducted in Fall, 2013; Chatham School Survey conducted Spring, 2015; Youth Focus group interviews Chatham conducted Fall, 2015 and key informant interviews conducted in the Summer/Fall of 2015 to determine most prevalent problems in the community that need to be addressed. MCC will focus on Marijuana and Alcohol, this can be changed as new data is collected. Logic model is under construction. When accomplished the action plan with interventions, implementation, and sustainability plan will be created for the year of 2016.

The data-collection subcommittee will prepare for surveys in the year of 2016 in cooperation with the schools. It is a requirement for the Full DFC grant to perform surveys every second year including the 4 DFC core measures.

Branding/ PR:

MCC has participated in community events and the coordinator has attended county, state wide meetings. MCC has established a subcommittee that will create a website and create a plan for promoting the coalition in the spring of 2016.

Organization:

Madison Chatham Coalition consists of 12 sectors (Youth, Law enforcement, Parent, Civic/volunteer, Religion/fraternal, Healthcare professionals, Business, State/local/tribal, Media, Youth-serving Organizations, Schools and other organizations addressing substance abuse). Members are encouraged to send a substitute if they will be absent from a meeting. All meetings are open to public and will, in the future be announced on the 3 towns' websites. The monthly meetings are held in the 3rd week of the month, September through June, different days and times to embrace most members' interests. Meetings will usually be held in the Madison Civic Center.



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Resources:

DFC: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/drug-free-communities-support-program>

SAMHSA: <http://www.samhsa.gov/>

ONDCP: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp>

CADCA: <http://www.cadca.org/>

MCPIK: <http://www.mcpik.org/>