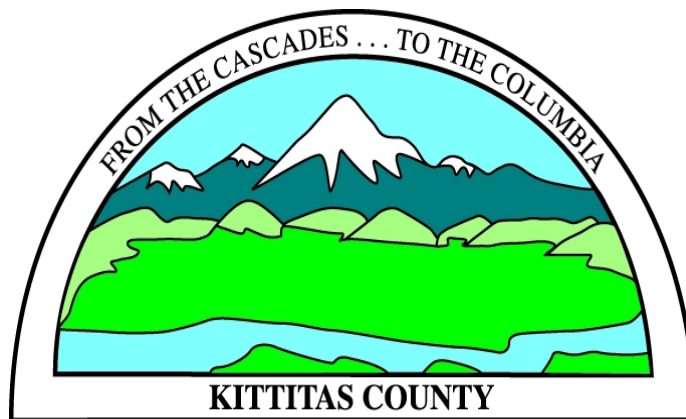


KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**“PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HEALTH AND
THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF KITTITAS COUNTY”**

**Quarterly Report
January 1 – March 31, 2006**



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ACTIVITY REPORT
KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1st QUARTER, 2006
January 1 – March 31, 2006

I. COMMENTS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER: Dr. Rosalie Miller

II. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Nancy Goodloe, Ed. D., CHES

- ◆ **Departmental:** I spent considerable time in January orienting Cathy Bambrick to her new position as our EH manager. This work took on a variety of forms, some of which are related below. Much of my time in January was devoted to Solid Waste issues, meeting with Department of Ecology personnel on our reapplication for the CPG grant, setting up SEPA processes for two entities in the county, and conducting a site review of the Alberg property where the burning tire issues occurred in the past. I coordinated with the county Fire Marshall on an application for a solid waste wood recycling facility to designate requirements for fire control measure that will be needed at the site. Additionally, I accompanied DOE personnel on a tour of two biosolid areas in our county, one that is currently operational and one that will become active this summer. I accompanied Cathy on the Solid Waste Quarterly inspections. Cathy and I were in regular attendance at both the Community Development Services department weekly study sessions and the weekly meetings of the Permit Center Management Team.

I facilitated some HIPAA training for the Permit Techs in Community Development Services.

I worked with Cathy Bambrick and her staff as they began to consider policies and procedures for their programs, providing some history on the issues and participating in the discussion of their proposed changes. Several policies came to fruition in the second quarter and were approved at the April Board of Health meeting.

As a member of the Department Incident Command team, we were involved in several discussions and practice sessions in an effort to move our process along and become more functional as an IC team during emergency situations. I attended a couple of meetings of the County Emergency Management Council to participate in the Pandemic Flu planning discussions.

I coordinated with Bonnie Corns and Christie Waddington regarding funding issues for the restorative clinic that is being planned for August and conducted some discussions with the Board of Health Advisory Committee on the possibility of their playing a role in this funding discussion. The issue continued for discussion into the second quarter.

- ◆ **Statewide Activities:** Cathy and I attended the quarterly WSALPHO meeting in Olympia and spent time with each of our legislators lobbying for more pandemic flu funding from the state for the 2006-07 fiscal year.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Of note is this Report is the significant change in format for the Environmental Health division along with a more in-depth review of their work for the quarter. I believe the Board will glean valuable information from this new format.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND VITAL RECORDS: Susan Merrill,
Administrative Assistant II**

Vital Records - Statistics

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
Births	74				74	291	292	321	301
Birth Certificates Issued	413				413	992	910	900	838
Deaths Registered	62				58	207	237	222	265
Certified Copies of Deaths	285				277	984	995	835	1101
Home Births Registered	1				1	3	3	9	7
Fetal Deaths	1				1	5	0	2	1

- ◆ **Vital Records:** From January to March, 2006, Pam Bailes and Kay Kenison issued 413 certified birth certificates, 285 certified death certificates, registered and signed 62 death certificates for Kittitas County deaths, and collected information on the number of births (74) in Kittitas County. We assisted several clients who needed corrections to their birth certificates, which meant contacting the Center for Health Statistics in Olympia.

There has been an influx of requests for birth certificates. We feel this is because of the new regulations for travel requiring passports in the near future for travel to Canada and Mexico.

- ◆ **Immunizations:** For the first quarter, administrative staff scheduled, checked-in, and completed paperwork for approximately 260 clients receiving immunizations and consultations, as detailed below:
 - 35 overseas travel clients for consultations
 - 120 immunization clients at our regular health clinics
 - approximately 75 people for TB tests
 - approximately 25 clients for HIV/Hepatitis C testing and results
 - approximately 6 head checks for lice
 - registered approximately 500 people for food handler classes
 - issued approximately 10 food handler cards at front counter
 - reissued approximately 12 food handler cards at front counter.
- ◆ **Free Immunization Clinic and Fluoride Varnish Clinic:** Pam Bailes and Susan Merrill began planning and preparation for the April 22 clinic in conjunction with staff from our Community Health Services division.
- ◆ **Travel Surveys:** Pam Bailes mailed eight (8) travel surveys for the 4th Quarter, 2005; four (4) were completed and returned.
- ◆ **Training:** Kay Kenison and Colleen Riley attended a two-day training on the SECURES system. Kay also attended the MAA Match Semi-Annual training with the Business Manager. Kay participated with the QILT committee in training department staff on the GORI process, sharing her example of GORI on the front office procedures manual (under construction).

- ◆ **Goal-Setting:** As a historical first for our division and since the beginning of the year, administrative staff have developed and are using planning and reporting tools. These tools include weekly meetings, weekly reports, and the development of GORI (i.e., for one of our projects: development of a procedures manual). Each staff person has her assigned part and makes a contribution to each process and report.
- ◆ **Front Office Procedure Manual:** Another historical first for our division is the development of a “Front Desk Procedures Manual.” Staff are drafting “standard operating procedures” and will enclose them in this operational manual. To date, a comprehensive outline, assignments, and deadlines have been developed; and initial priority administrative procedures are being written.
- ◆ **Newsletters:** Pam Bailes sent out one mailing this quarter: the newsletter for February, 2006.
- ◆ **Archiving:** We received initial grant funds out of a total of \$20,000 awarded to us for 1/1/06 – 6/30/07 from the Secretary of State’s office to begin our archiving project. Susan Merrill reviewed and processed the grant and vendor agreement for Board of Health and State approval.

In consultation with the Auditor and Assessor, we received information on other archiving efforts within the county and initial guidance on possible vendors to contract with to start the first phase of the project. This phase involves sorting and identifying documents for permanent retention and preparing documents for eventual scanning. Additionally, initial discussion began on the need for integrating our archiving requirements on Environmental Health permit records into requirements being developed for determining/selecting new permitting software at the Permit Center.

- ◆ **Volunteer:** Gabe Tapia, a part-time volunteer from Elmview, provided written Spanish translation for the department: for administrative, health clinic, and emergency disaster forms and brochures. This work was greatly needed and appreciated! Sherie Bury (Job Coach) at Elmview contacted us for a volunteer placement; Susan Merrill developed and coordinated the volunteer opportunity with Elmview, department staff, and Human Resources; and Susan Merrill and Pam Bailes created a functional workspace to accommodate ADA needs. Susan supervised the volunteer’s work; and worked with the sponsor throughout the volunteer’s 1 ½ months of work.

- ◆ **Capital Improvements:**

Printer/copier/scanner: The department upgraded its printer capacity. We replaced an aging copier (black and white) with a new, large-capacity copier which is also a networked printer and scanner. Thus, we increased the number of printers and scanners in the department, and eased staff usage as this third printer is networked to all computers in the department. Susan Merrill reviewed, negotiated and finalized the 5-year lease and maintenance agreement for the printer; and coordinated work with vendors for the 3-days’ worth of installation.

Telephone: An auto attendant phone system was installed for the Environmental Health division to enhance referrals to staff and customer service.

Computers: We ordered six (6) new computers for the department as part of our computer rotation plan. Susan Merrill revised the rotation schedule for this year based on current needs and drafted the replacement plan for 2006-2009. Susan also upgraded the bioterrorism computers with the installation of a new operating system on one computer and network upgrades on the two computers.

- ◆ **Emergency Work Plan:** Susan Merrill created an emergency work plan for our division covering essential services that could be provided during a disaster. The work plan was incorporated in our department’s overall plan.

IV. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Lynn Borngrebe, Business Manager

V. BIOTERRORISM AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Jerry Harris, RN, ERS; Colleen Riley, ERS

Goal 1: Refine and update local response plans by creating and conducting drills and exercises at the regional, local and departmental levels.

Goal 2: Facilitate and track training in Emergency Preparedness and Response for the Health Department staff.

Goal 3: Local surveillance of Communicable Disease will be maintained in collaboration with Region 7 Epidemiologist.

Goal 4: Organize regular meetings and networking opportunities to strengthen partnerships in disaster preparation.

Goal 5: Participate in multi-system emergency communications network.

Goal 6: Develop and distribute educational materials to the public on topics of emergency preparedness and pandemic flu.

Goal 7: Educate the general public in topics of disaster preparedness, emerging threats, and techniques and tools for responsible personal preparation.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT: Jane Wright, Ms, Assessment Coordinator

Mission Statement: Through continuous improvement in health status as measured by improvements in key community health indicators, achieve the highest possible level of health and well being for the people who live, work and play in Kittitas County.

Goal 1: Continue to build Community Health Assessment (CHA) and department-wide capacity in using internal assessment tools to track performance and assist the department with performance management and quality improvement.

- ◆ Revised GORI and Logic Model for 2006 extensively after 2 meetings with Administrator.
- ◆ Devised and implemented department-wide GORI training March 29. Plan in place for progressing through work as outlined.
- ◆ QILT team off to a great start with committee work and subcommittee work; Met 8 times during the first quarter. Outlined a plan to introduce QI work logically and slowly over the year. Staff updates occurring with opportunity for input.
- ◆ Plan in place to hold intensive GORI week training during one week in May.

Goal 2: Fulfill Community Health Assessment functions.

- ◆ Some assistance to Shape Up with 2 members on Mat. Leave. Working with Administrator to determine best funding options for the continuation of Shape Up. Assisting Oral Health with Smile Survey.
- ◆ UW student, Marleyse's practicum will conclude in April - she is working on retrieving data and creating a template for our first key indicator report card.
- ◆ Showed PP on Standards results to BOH in January. Have been asked to serve on a small work group to do some extra committee work @ state level re costing the Standards. Attended two Performance Management (Standards) statewide committee meetings.

Goal 3: Communication occurs with the community.

- ◆ Fulfilled Community requests for data and technical assistance; log caught up; Presented to Leadership Ellensburg; Campus Community Coalition Assessment sub committee has been active; attended several meetings and compiled data for baseline indicators.
- ◆ Continue to coordinate Daily Record Health Watch column. Met with new Publisher to establish relationship. Reviewed other Community Health Assessment web sites; Island County has some good content. Currently reviewing out CHA website for updating. CHA info goes to radio, paper when appropriate.

Goal 4: Fulfill departmental responsibilities.

- ◆ Completed Consolidated contract summary of work for 2005; all other reports completed.
- ◆ Continue providing BOHAC staff support (agendas, updates, communication), while working with Administrator and AA to transition those duties. Worked with BOHAC to orient two new members; two other new members being considered.
- ◆ Attended Regional Assessment Coordinators meeting; posted work to share on AssessNow web site; attended a training re assessing community nutrition issues while sitting at my computer via ilinc from DOH. Completed required online course in National Incident Management System.

VII. HEALTH PROMOTION: Ann Riley, Manager

◆ Breast and Cervical Health Program: Julia Karns, Outreach Worker

Mission Statement: Increase the number of women in Kittitas County receiving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

Goal 1: Promote BCHP to residents of Kittitas County.

- ◆ 19 women were screened this quarter in BCHP.
- ◆ No cancers were detected. Four abnormal mammograms or pap tests were detected. Follow-up is complete on all abnormal results.
- ◆ 56% of women screened in the program were below 100% of poverty level and 33% were at 100% of poverty level.
- ◆ Julia enrolled 17 women in the program this quarter.

Goal 2: Provide liaison role between providers and prime contractors.

- ◆ Julia is still fielding phone calls regarding billing issues, especially for clients that are billed by labs.

Goal 3: BCHP staff will provide case management for BCHP clients.

- ◆ Julia assisted several clinics with scheduling clients needing follow-up.
- ◆ Julia provided assistance with transportation and interpretation to 8 BCHP clients on 15 different appointments this quarter. Request from providers for interpreting assistance have increased dramatically this quarter.

BCHP Client Enrollment

# of clients	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total
2006	19				
2005	16	23	24	18	81
2004	18	25	12	18	73

◆ **HIV/AIDS: Julia Karns, Outreach Worker**

Mission Statement: Reduce the incidence of HIV in Kittitas County.

Goal 1: Facilitate the development, implementation, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Program interventions.

- ◆ Julia attended a Regional meeting in February.
- ◆ In March Julia attended a testing and counseling training regarding new scan forms that will be used beginning April 2006. Forms are considerably more time consuming to complete and may require more of Julia's time in testing and counseling.

Goal 2: Provide quality counseling and testing services to targeted populations in Kittitas County.

- ◆ Julia provided 33 tests this quarter. 22 of the tests were for high risk clients. 11 tests were done at Parke Creek and 11 tests at the county jail.
- ◆ Ann conducted a skills evaluation with Julia in January. Julia received excellent remarks.

Goal 3: Provide HIV/AIDS education to the general public.

- ◆ Jerry taught 7 BBP classes this quarter with 109 people attending. Jerry provided classes to ASPEN, the county, Hope Source, child care providers, and foster parents.
- ◆ Julia worked with several Hep C+ clients this quarter, referring to services and providing education.

Goal 4: Provide targeted interventions to high risk individuals and groups in Region 2.

- ◆ Julia implemented 2 Let's Chat interventions with ADDS, with a total of 4 sessions and 27 participants.
- ◆ Julia provided 6 Let's Chat one hour interventions to 36 inmates at the county jail, and provided T&C.
- ◆ This quarter Julia provided the Let's Chat intervention to 34 clients at the UC Clinic.
- ◆ Julia provided 7 interventions to 43 youth at Parke Creek Juvenile Detention and Drug Treatment Center, and provided testing and counseling.

Goal 5: Provide confidential Case Management services to HIV+ clients and their families.

- ◆ Julia worked with 4 case management clients this quarter. Case management took up a lot of time this quarter for Julia due to 2 new HIV+ cases.

HIV/AIDS Presentations/Interventions

	Presentations	People Attending
1 st Quarter	31	249
2 nd Quarter		
3 rd Quarter		
4 th Quarter		
Total 2006		
Total 2005	71	836
Total 2004	95	792
Total 2003	86	644
Total 2002	92	991
Total 2001	125	2167

◆ *Tobacco Prevention and Control Program: Ann Riley, Manager; Sarah Bedsaul, Health Educator*

Mission Statement: Reduce the rate of tobacco use in Kittitas County.

Goal 1: Develop infrastructure of Kittitas County Tobacco Prevention and Control Plan.

- ◆ Four members attended the January coalition meeting. Information was shared about the I-901 initiative, legislative update and reports on the TIES and TATU program. The coalition is advocating for smoke free parks with the City of Ellensburg and will be meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board to request a letter of support. The ESD is doing work educating parents on the dangers of Second Hand Smoke. The coalition will be planning a recruitment dinner but will be waiting for Ann and Sarah to return from maternity leave.
- ◆ In January Sarah participated in a Disparities Conference Call. In March Sarah participated in a Media Conference Call.

Goal 2: Prevention of tobacco use in youth and ages 18-24.

- ◆ American Lung Association completed all the Synar compliance checks this quarter. DOH requires Tobacco Prevention contractors in each county to complete Synar checks, a randomly selected sample of tobacco retailers. 11 Compliance checks were completed with one sale.
- ◆ In January Sarah attended the quarterly Prevention Intervention Specialist meeting at Educational Service District 105.
- ◆ Three students participated in the TIES program in March and one student participated in the Cessation portion of the curriculum that was offered this quarter.

Goal 3: Provide quality tobacco cessation services to residents of Kittitas County.

- ◆ In March Sarah presented quit line materials to residents at Kittitas Valley Rehab, the facility is becoming a smoke free campus as of May 1st and they wanted their staff to receive information on helping to quit. Sarah will be going back for a staff meeting to help prepare staff.

Goal 4: Reduce ETS Exposure to residents of Kittitas County.

- ◆ In January Ann met with Parks and Recreation Director and Ellensburg Youth and Community Center Director to review materials for the smoke-free parks proposal at the upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- ◆ Ann attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in January and along with Stu Spence introduced the tobacco free parks proposal.
- ◆ In February Sarah and Stu made a presentation to the City Council regarding a draft policy for Tobacco free parks in Ellensburg. The City Council did like the idea of having smoke free zones but was not in favor of some free parks. The council asked the Tobacco Free Coalition to come back to the next city council meeting with signage already prepared and a draft of where we would like the signage to be posted.
- ◆ In March Stu went to the Ellensburg City Council meeting to present signage. The Council was in favor of the signage will be put up in the parks this spring.
- ◆ In January Ann, along with the food inspector and EH manager, participated in a DOH conference call on I-901. Ann also discussed with inspector and manager current complaints and implementation issues.

**Kittitas County Tobacco Retailer
Compliance Rates**

	Number of Checks	% of Compliance
1 st Quarter	11	91%
2 nd Quarter		
3 rd Quarter		
4 th Quarter		
	Number of Checks	% of Compliance
Total 2006		
Total 2005	50	76%
Total 2004	67	87%
Total 2003	42	86%

- ◆ *Environmental Health Education: Ann Riley, Manager; Sarah Bedsaul, Health Educator; Kris Proszek, Health Educator*

Mission Statement: Reduce the incidence of food borne illness in Kittitas County

Goal 1: Provide education to food handlers during obtainment of permit.

- ◆ 368 people received Food Handler Permits this quarter.
- ◆ A total of 29 classes were provided, with three of those classes in Upper County, and 3 classes for Spanish Language.
- ◆ Kris also provided a class for the Ellensburg High School Life Skills class and a class for a local church.
- ◆ Kris & Liz gave a glo germ presentation to Head Start class . Kris also did the glo germ activity with the Life Skills class when they visited KCPHD.
- ◆ Glo germ was checked out by 2 child care providers and 1 Central student. Glo germ reached 110 people this quarter.

Food Safety Classes

	Presentations	People Attending
1 st Quarter	29	368
2 nd Quarter		
3 rd Quarter		
4 th Quarter		
Total 2006		
Total 2005	115	1774
Total 2004	124	1509
Total 2003	116	1426
Total 2002	117	1406
Total 2001	87	1315

◆ *Child Care Health Promotion Program: Ann Riley, Manager; Kris Proszek, Health Educator; Liz Whitaker, RN, BSN*

Mission Statement: Support a Safe and Healthy Child Care Environment in Kittitas County.

Goal 1: Develop Systems. Program coordinator will promote development of local community childcare capacity to promote and foster services that link families, health, and child care.

- ◆ Liz attended an ICC meeting in February and an Eastside Nurses Regional meeting in January.
- ◆ Kris & Liz attended the YC4 in January in lieu of KC5 meeting.
- ◆ Kris met with Josephine in January to talk about Brain Bins. She needs support in sanitizing educational materials and requested updating bins.
- ◆ In March, Kris began planning for Shape Up STARS training.

Goal 2: Support Parents/Families. Program Coordinator will support parents of Infants/Toddlers in childcare by providing or arranging for training, technical assistance and support groups.

- ◆ Kris is currently working with CCR&R to help a family identify child care options for their infant.
- ◆ Kris has drafted a website to help support parents and families.
- ◆ Kris contacted Kerry McMurray about Developmental Screening Program. Kerry will be delivering information to Kris soon.
- ◆ Parents as Teachers was promoted in the Winter 2006 newsletter.
- ◆ Kris and Liz reviewed and updated promotional calendar. In January, Liz distributed emergency preparedness and pandemic flu brochures to families. In February, Liz distributed lead poisoning information to families. In March, Liz distributed Promoting First Relationship's materials.

Goal 3: Provide training, technical assistance and consultation to child care providers. Program coordinator will provide, or arrange for, training, technical assistance or consultation to providers to improve the quality of new or existing services in out of the home care.

- ◆ Liz attended the Promoting First Relationships Training in March.
- ◆ Liz provided monthly nurse consults for the two centers.
- ◆ Kris coordinated a 3 hour STARS training given at CMA Daycare in March. Kris is currently coordinating 3 STARS trainings for 2nd Quarter.
- ◆ Kris developed a Kittitas County section for the CCR&R Winter (January) 2006 newsletter.
- ◆ Kris developed and sent out Spring (March) newsletter to all Kittitas County providers. The newsletter included STARS trainings, parent information and provider resources.

◆ *Shape Up Kittitas County Initiative: Ann Riley, Manager; Sarah Bedsaul, Health Educator; Kris Proszek, Health Educator*

Mission Statement: To halt and reverse the rise in obesity rates in Kittitas County residents.

Goal 1: Work at a community level with public official, media, employers and local businesses to improve the physical activity and nutrition of Kittitas County residents.

- ◆ In February Kris facilitated the Shape Up Coalition meeting with 12 members in attendance. The progress of the website was highlighted and ad hoc committees were discussed as well. A brief overview of the Strategic Planning meeting was done by Sarah.
- ◆ In March Kris met with Gerry Goronea, farmer/owner of River Farm to discuss their Community Supported Agriculture Weekly Shares Program and the potential to allow easier access to the program for low income families.

- ◆ In March Sarah met with Director Theresa Lacroix and talked about improving communication between Shape Up and the center, including information on Shape Up in the center's newsletter as well as putting some of their activities in the Shape Up newsletter and website..
- ◆ In February Kris presented the position statement on the built environment to the city council at a study session. In March the Shape Up video was made available on the shapeupkc.org website.
- ◆ In January Kris attended a Save Downtown Meeting to hear a perspective on growth in the City area and how it may pertain to our health and quality of life. Kris shared information about Shape Up and the John Wayne Trail reconnection project.
- ◆ In February Kris and Nancy attended the City Council Land Use Study Session for the Comprehensive Plan. Kris addressed the board regarding walkability in the draft plan and the importance of specifically mentioning health in the final adopted plan.
- ◆ On KXLE in January Kris and Julia talked about Shape Up, edible schoolyard, and John Wayne Trail Reconnection route.
- ◆ In February Jane and Kris developed and published 2 articles for the Daily Record. "Strategies to Shape Up Kittitas County- Get Involved." summarized the Strategic Planning Meeting that took place in December. Kris interviewed 5 community members about what they do to incorporate physical activity and healthy nutrition into their daily lives. Kris also published "Try shaping up by taking small, easy steps first," giving simple ideas to get active and eat healthier. The article also promoted the www.smallstep.gov website.
- ◆ In March Justine completed the Shape Up display board to be used at different events around the county to promote the initiative.
- ◆ In March Sarah, Jane and Kris met with the new publisher of the Daily Record to show him some information on Shape Up and to ask for his help in getting the word out to the public. He was very supportive and suggested that we flood their office with information and that they would try to put as many in as they could
- ◆ In March Sarah and Kris met with Siobhan regarding the Shape Up website. We went over the construction of the site and what still needed to be filled in. Siobhan will continue to work on the site with remaining contract hours and Sarah will work on getting the data for the A-Z index and resources page.
- ◆ This Quarter Kris and Justine developed the Spring Media Event, 5-A-Day the Market Way, to be held on May 20th. 5-A-Day the Market Way is sponsored by Shape Up and the Kittitas County Farmers Market in Partnership with the WIC Program, Children's Activity Museum and Alpha Kappa Psi. CWU Exercise Science class, Nutrition Science class and the Nutrition Club will promote Shape Up at the event. Kris and Justine have been working with Judy Heesacker and several Nutrition Majors to coordinate the Children's Area and 5-A-Day booth. Alpha Kappa Psi will be holding a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the same time. Justine and Kris have been working with them to establish a partnership in promoting these two events. Kris contracted a graphic design student to work on the 5-A-Day poster.
- ◆ Kris and Justine worked together in developing, printing and distributing the winter 2006 newsletter. Newsletter topics included: senior/adult activities, River Farm CSA program, planning for healthy communities, healthy vending machines, Shape Up Sisters, and interviews with local residents.
- ◆ Kris attended the Howard Lyman Vegetarian Talk. She did have an opportunity to talk with him after the presentation. He is currently working with local food establishments to make more vegetarian/healthier food options available. He promoted Panda Garden, Sugar Thai, Ginkgo Tree and Taco Del Mar
- ◆ Kris shared the smallstep.gov website with staff at the KCPHD Staff Meeting in January. A short discussion took place on ideas to incorporate wellness into our workplace. A Tuesday, lunch time walk group was established.
- ◆ In March Kris represented the HD at the County Input Committee meeting. Workplace wellness was a high priority to focus on for the year. Different avenues were suggested: walking groups, money to use for gym/workout programs, department competitions, etc. The group is interested in using pedometers for a walking program and also wanted contacts in the exercise science department for BMI testing.

- ◆ In February Brad Case, Kris & Justine biked the John Wayne Trail to see feasibility for community bike ride, to discuss the reconnection route and our partnership for the May 20th event. (The bike ride has been postponed until July). Kris also attended a JWT meeting where they discussed funding opportunities.

Goal 2: Work at a community level with schools, after-school programs, child care establishments, and preschools improve the physical activity and nutrition of Kittitas County youth.

- ◆ In January Kris met with the Lincoln Parent Group to discuss the possibility of an edible schoolyard on site. Kris provided a list of resources including available grants and examples from other schools. Lorinda Anderson from CWU Civic Engagement Center is interested in partnering with the parent group to plan the edible schoolyard and to provide volunteers to help run the program
- ◆ In February Kris presented the Shape Up Initiative and handed out our newsletter, brochure and contact information at the School Nurses Meeting.
- ◆ In March Kris added an article on healthy vending machines, what they could look like and how to get them into our schools/organizations to the Shape Up Newsletter.
- ◆ In January Kris developed 5 gardening theme kits and 6 cooking theme kits for child care providers. These will be given to child care providers at a STARS nutrition related training in summer 06.
- ◆ In February Kris began researching possible curriculum and trainers for a STARS nutrition related training.
- ◆ In March Kris added a child care specific article “Healthy Snacks Go a Long Way” in the Spring Child Care Newsletter.

VIII. COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: Bonnie J. Corns, BS, CHES; CHS Manager

- ◆ **Immunization Program Highlights: Anna Canterbury, RN, BSN; Sharon Smith, RN, BSN; Janet Jones, RN**

Mission Statement: The Immunization Program is committed to the goal of preventing the occurrence and transmission of childhood, adolescent and adult vaccine-preventable diseases.

Goal 1: Ensure proper use of VFC vaccines through accountability activities in Kittitas County.

Goal 2: Promote the immunization of adult high risk/vulnerable populations in Kittitas County.

Goal 3: Improve Immunization Access in Kittitas County.

Travel Consultations

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
Consultations						160	77	68	98

Doses of Childhood Vaccine Distributed to Providers

First Qtr.	Second Qtr.	Third Qtr.	Fourth Qtr.	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
					8798	7225	8637	5260

◆ *Communicable Disease/Tuberculosis Program/Health Events: Anna Canterbury, RN, BSN; Sharon Smith, RN; Janet Jones, RN*

Doses of Adult Vaccine Administered by KCPHD

Vaccine	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
					2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Hepatitis A						139	88	146	172
Hepatitis B						98	115	120	149
TwinRix						90	98	75	40
Immune Globulin						14	9	0	4
Influenza						625	950*	500	700
IPV (Polio)						10	16	31	35
Meningococcal						41	26	27	34
MMR						18	18	19	22
Pneumococcal						23	32	25	18
Tetanus/Diphtheria						121	100	92	124
Oral Typhoid						77	58	52	44
Injectable Typhoid						39	12	17	40
Varicella						13	3	10	13
Yellow Fever						46	23	21	21
Lymerix						7			
Rabies						0	0	3	0
Japanese Encephalitis						8	0	0	6
Total						1362	1548*	1138	1422

Doses of Childhood Vaccine Administered by KCPHD

Vaccine	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
					2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
DtaP						80	74	79	54
DT						0	4	0	0
Td						22	60	38	31
HIB						25	32	40	31
IPV						85	89	91	56
MMR						82	103	132	95
Hep B						64	97	115	75
Varicella						22	39	32	18
Hep A						34	61	59	49
Influenza						151	115	67	27
Pneumonia						1	0	0	1
Pprevnar						36	37	37	18
Total						602	711	690	288

Tuberculosis Program

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
TB Tests						312	319	316	318
TB Tests – Children						4			
TB Tests – Adults (non-healthcare)						135			
TB Tests – Healthcare Workers						4			
Positive TB Tests						9	8	12	0
Positive TB – Children						2			
Positive TB – Adults (non-healthcare)						6			
Positive TB – Healthcare Workers						0			
Cases Active TB						0	2	0	0
Suspect TB Investigations						7	4	3	0
INH Preventive TX New						11	8	8	4
INH Preventive Tx Completed						3	1	3	2

Communicable Diseases and STD's

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
CD/STD/Imm. Calls						80	389	268	465
CD Cases Confirmed						37	14	31	37
Other Investigations						5	8	12	22
* Food Illness Complaints						122	14	24	33
Lead Poisoning Cases						0	0	0	2
STD Reported						104	109	97	88
Chlamydia Cases Reported						143	99	86	71
Herpes Cases Reported						13	7	11	12
Gonorrhea Cases Reported						9	2	6	0

- ◆ *First Steps Program: Sharon Smith, RN – First Steps Coordinator; Janet Jones, RN; Deb Sandvig, RD*

Mission Statement: To reduce maternal and infant illness and death and to increase access to maternity and infant care for low-income families.

Goal 1: Assess and Monitor Maternal and Child Health Status and Identify Problems. Public Health Standards Met: PPL4.5.3, PPL5.1.1, PPL4.7.4, PPL2.2.1

Goal 2: Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Health Care when Otherwise Unavailable. Public Health Standards Met: PPL3.1.1, PPL3.7.4, PPL2.2.1, PPL4.5.3

Goal 3: Inform and Educate People about Health Status. Public Health Standards Met: PPL3.1.1, PPL4.7.4, PPL4.5.3

First Steps Billable Visits	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002
PHN Home Visits Completed	178					358	707	751	1029
PHN Office Visits Completed	8					9	34	55	105
No Show	?					n/a	57		63
MSW Home/Office	1					5		0/12	7/44
Nutritionist Home/Office	6					14/20	32	3/114	7/134
CHW Home/Office						0	13	1/32	185/33
# visits with interpreters	89					n/a	198		N/A
Childbirth Education Classes	4					8	25	1	12

◆ *Children with Special Health Care Needs Program Highlights: Liz Whitaker, RN, BSN*

Mission Statement: To promote conditions in which children with special health or developmental needs can achieve the healthiest life possible and develop to their fullest potential.

Goal 1: Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Health Care when Otherwise Unavailable.

Goal 2: Inform and educate people about health status.

CSHCN Activity Report

QTR	Established Clients	Lost contact or closed files	New Clients	Total
1 ST	61		4	
2 nd				
3 rd				
4 th				
2006 Totals				
2005 Totals	91	57	27	61
2004 Totals	86	25	30	91
2003 Totals	75	18	29	86

Family Contacts

QTR	Home Visits	Office Visits	No Shows
1 st	26	10	2
2 nd			
3 rd			
4 th			
2006 Totals			
2005 Totals	125	16	10
2004 Totals	127	12	10
2003 Totals	62	15	10

◆ *Early Intervention Program Highlights: Liz Whitaker, RN*

Early Intervention Program Activity

QTR	Referrals	Home Visits
1 st	4	18
2 nd	0	0
3 rd	0	0
4 th	0	0
2006 Totals	4	18
2005 Totals	10	15
2004 Totals	11	24
2003 Totals	4	10

◆ *Workfirst Contract: Liz Whitaker, RN*

QTR	Referrals	Completed Assessments
1 st	0	0
2 nd	0	0
3 rd	0	0
4 th	0	0
2006 Totals	0	0
2005 Totals	2	2
2004 Totals	9	7
2003 Totals	1	1

◆ *Child Death Review: Liz Whitaker, RN*

- ◆ There was no activity in the Child Death Review program during the first quarter of 2006.

◆ *Medical Nutrition Therapy: Debra Sandvig, RD*

Mission Statement: The mission of the Medical Nutrition Therapy is to promote optimum nutrition health that promotes growth and development through education, guidance and support for children up to age 20 years with nutritionally related health problems, especially those with special health care needs.

Number of Referrals	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total 2006	Total 2005
New Referrals						12
Returning Patients						3

◆ *Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program: Yolanda Leon, Coordinator; Debra Sandvig, RD, Nutritionist, Lactation Consultant; Michelle Arellano, Certifier*

Mission Statement: Improve the lifelong health and nutrition of women, infants and young children in Washington State.

Total Number Enrolled in WIC (Cle Elum/Ellensburg) Based on Quarterly Average

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003
Pregnant	342					431	417	502
Breastfeeding	210					279	246	227
Post-Partum	90					118	151	104
Infants	554					692	797	826
Children (>1 yr. Age)	1255					1755	1715	1681

WIC Caseload (Cle Elum/Ellensburg combined)

*640 slots available for the quarter	Total # of clients enrolled based on quarterly average	# of Checks Issued based on a quarterly average	**% Clients participating based on quarterly average	***% of non-participating clients based on quarterly average
1 st QTR	817	726	88.86	18.44
2 nd QTR				
3 rd QTR				
4 th QTR				
2006 Avg.				
2005 Avg.	823.5	728	100.35	9.37
2004 Avg.	866	739	102.71	12.17
2003 Avg.	826	736	116.45	13.88

* Clients who receive checks include pregnant moms, non-breastfeeding post-partum moms for 6 months, breastfeeding moms, formula-fed infants, infants on cereal, and children on solid foods.

** State guidelines require 100% per quarter.

*** State guidelines recommend below 10%.

***WIC Clinic Activity**

Clinic Actions	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Totals 2006	Totals 2005	Totals 2004	Totals 2003
Second Contact	259					1264	1140	1140
Complete Certification	66					202	217	270
Class participants	0					26	33	48
Check Pickup	894					3674	3783	4345
Enroll Infant	40					147	154	166
Follow Up	3					62	63	66
Health Assessment	37					150	166	159
Letter Sent	65					570	479	743
New Certification	20					147	164	164
Presume Eligible	27					66	90	123
Recertification	288					1058	1003	1020
High Risk (RD)	27					215	211	274
Reinstate	3					35	48	73
Transfer In	13					96	112	101
Terminate	9					46	94	95
Transfer Out	4					20	20	18
Totals	1755					7778	7777	8805

* Total of client contacts per quarter.

Description of terms in the above table:

Second Contact – This is a 15 to 30 minute appointment that involves education regarding the risk factors of the client. It often involves a HCT, and also includes a weight for PG women.

Complete Certification – This is a 60-minute appointment that involves verifying all of the qualifying factors for WIC. It also provides education of the risk factors (medical and non-medical) that make the person qualify for WIC.

Classes – The classes that we currently offer are: Breastfeeding: an Overview, Benefits of Breastfeeding, How to Breastfeed, Pumping and Storing Breast milk, and a variety of Healthy Habits classes for kids.

Check pick up – This is a 15 minute appointment where the client comes in to get checks, and notifies us of any changes or new concerns that they may have.

Enroll infant – This is a brief appointment or phone call where we add a new baby to a family already on WIC. This allows us to get the baby started on the program, as well as to issue checks for formula if they are needed.

Follow up – This is a 15-minute appointment where a single risk factor is discussed. It may also be just a weight check for the pregnant woman.

Health Assessment – This is a 30-minute appointment when a 5 to 7 month old infant is weighed, measured and the diet is checked. We also address any other risk factors that the infant may have.

Letter sent – This is a form letter that is sent out to our client when they miss an appointment.

New Certification – This is a 60-minute appointment for the client that has no prior history in our clinic. Basically, it is a Complete Certification with the addition of verifying basic demographics and family information.

Presume Eligible – This is for the pregnant client that is beginning our program. For this appointment, she needs to bring in proof of pregnancy and photo ID. We are then able to issue her one-month checks and make an appointment to have a Complete Certification.

Recertification – This is a 30-minute appointment for the client that has been certified before, but whose Certification has expired. Certifications last one year for infants, six months for children up to age five, and until six weeks postpartum for pregnant woman. For breastfeeding women, the Certification last six month, and she may be Recertified until the baby is 1 year old.

High Risk (Registered Dietician) – This is a 45-minute appointment with our Registered Dietician for high-risk clients who need special consultation.

Reinstate – This is the process of reopening a file for someone that has been terminated, but still has a current certification.

Transfer In – This is a 15-minute appointment that involves opening a file for a client that has been on WIC with another agency.

Terminate – This is the process of closing a file for someone that is no longer eligible for WIC. In the case of children, it would be because they have had their fifth birthday, or no longer need the WIC qualifications. In the case of women, it would be because they are no longer PG and not breastfeeding, or they have breastfed for more than one year. Clients can also be terminated for non-compliance, or for not coming to their appointments.

Transfer Out – This is done for the client that is moving to another WIC office. This process gives them a card that they take with them to the new office, so that they do not have to begin at the very beginning again.

◆ *Oral Health Access Program: Christie Waddington, Coordinator*

Mission Statement: Oral Health Access for Kittitas County is a program designed to enhance access to dental services for children, low income residents, and other underserved groups and raise the awareness of oral health care in the community.

- ◆ Kittitas Valley Community Hospital and KCPHD-Oral health have partnered together to credential Dr. Mark Siks. Dr. Siks is willing to treat clients with Special Needs in the Hospital setting.

Goal 1: Develop a comprehensive KCPHD Oral Health Plan. PH Standards: PP1.3L, PP2.1L, PP4.3L, PP5.1L

- ◆ Christie is working on developing a County Level Comprehensive Oral Health Plan that matches the guidelines of the DOH-OH plan to incorporate CDC Bright Futures Curriculum.
- ◆ Jan. 30, 2006 Christie completed a Goals and Objectives plan and completed a GORI plan.

Goal 2: Coordinate public school sealant programs and HeadStart dental screenings. PH Standards: PP5.1L, PP2.1L, AC1.2L, Pp4.3L, PP4.4L

School-based Sealant Program:

- ◆ Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is the only school sealant provider for Sp 2006.
- ◆ All of the Public elementary schools have a sealant program, Lincoln, Kittitas, Easton, and Cle Elum had good turn out for the 1st Qt sealant program. The rest of the schools will be completed by June 2006.

Oral Health Education Component:

- ◆ Two teens were recruited from Morgan Middle School and trained as the new Cavity Wrangler and Tooth Fairy. Six teens are currently active in the OHE Cavity Wranglers program.
- ◆ February National Dental Health Month, Cavity Wranglers and Tooth Fairy toured the preschools and Elementary school teaching children about the importance of oral hygiene. They distributed 1,485 tooth brushes.
- ◆ Mar. 13, 2006 Christie led an in-service for nurses aids at Mt. View Assisted Living Center
- ◆ March 28 the Tooth Fairy and Christie presented to 40 Participants at a Parents as Teachers meeting at St. Andrew's preschool.

Goal 3: Increase Access to Oral Health Care in Kittitas County. PH Standards: PP5.1L, AC1.2L, PP4.3L, PP2.1L

Coordination of Mobile Dental Units:

- ◆ Yakima Valley Farm Workers dental van held two days of urgent care at Bi-Mart parking lot. Feb. 22 and Mar. 2 2006 The appointment slots were filled in January, they agreed to see as many walk-in clients as they could.
- ◆ There are no other mobile dental services willing to travel to Kittitas county at this time.

Coordination of Community Resources:

- ◆ Facilitated new contract/agreements between Carla Pfeffer, RDH and the nursing homes and Assisted Living Centers. Carla has reinstated the dental hygiene treatment for residents program. Dr. Bruce Wilcox has agreed to be the contracted dentist for KVH & Rehab.
- ◆ Feb. 15, 2006 the Medical Executive Committee for Kittitas Valley Community Hospital met to review the credentialing process, Dr. Mark Siks has agreed to be credentialed to KVCH as the contracted dentist to treat clients with Special Needs in a hospital setting. Dr. Siks has also agreed to become the referral DDS for the Emergency Care Department.
- ◆ Dr. William Phillip has agreed to contract to KVCH as the referral DDS for the Swing Bed program.

Prevention Programs

1) School-based Sealant Programs

Location	1 st Qt.	2 nd Qt.	3 rd Qt.	4 th Qt.	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Kittitas Elem.	55				55	90	55	0	N/A
Valley View Elem.	0					66	22	74	N/A
Lincoln Elem.	49				49	0	0	73	N/A
Mt. Stuart Elem. % w/ restorative needs	0					132	135	94	N/A
Thorp Elem. % w/ restorative needs	0					14	18	17	N/A
Damman School	0					0	0	0	N/A
Cle Elum/Roslyn % w/ restorative needs	30				30	9	82	74	117
Easton Elem.	13				13	0	0	20	N/A
HeadStart School	0					50	97	124	N/A
% with restorative needs							N/a	49%	39%
Column Total:	147				147	269	409	476	117

** Data incomplete due to reporting inconsistencies among providers*

Access to Treatment Programs

1) School-based Restorative Programs

Due to a provider shortage, this service was eliminated in 2006. Children with need for treatment are given a note to take home to parents.

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2) Community Based Dental Restorative – Mobile Units and Volunteer Clinics

There is only one Mobile Dental Provider willing to travel to Kittitas County at this time.

	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003	Total 2002	Total 2001
Dental Patients (Ellensburg, Kittitas)	2/22/06: 8 3/2/06: 7				15	20	284	*218 Inc.	*281	*256
Dental Patients (Cle Elum, Roslyn, Easton)	0					0	5	57	*60	*22

** Data incomplete due to reporting inconsistencies among providers*

Oral Health Education Programs

Location	1 st Qt.	2 nd Qt.	3 rd Qt.	4 th Qt.	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Kittitas Elem.	100				100	36	76	109	N/A
Valley View Elem.	330				330	309	115	109	N/A
Lincoln Elem.	180				180	200	84	134	N/A
Mt. Stuart Elem.	270				270	294	44	141	N/A
Thorp Elem.	120				120	33	33	30	N/A
Damman school	30				30	20	0	16	N/A
Cle Elum/Roslyn Elem	300				300	69	43	249	N/A
Easton Elem.	125				125	32	74	30	N/A
Walter Strom Middle	0					0	0	2	N/A
Morgan Middle School	*					819	718	719	N/A
Kittitas Middle	0					0	1	1	N/A
HeadStart	0					155	100	51	N/A
Day Care Centers	24				24	30	23	130	N/A
Adult Service Agencies	10 (Mt. View Mds.)				10	80	10	45	N/A
Community Events Fluoride Clinics, Free Clinic	40 (Parents as Teachers)				40	183	130	46	N/A
Other (churches, missions)	0					50	0	100	N/A
Column Total:	1,455				1,455	2,310	1,451	1,912	N/A

* Data incomplete due to reporting inconsistencies among providers

IX. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Cathy Bambrick, Manager

◆ **Manager's Comments:**

The Environmental Health Department experienced a tremendous amount of staff turnover during 2005 and, consequently, during the first quarter of 2006 was confronted with the associated challenges. The new and existing EH staff are exceptional and are excited about the challenges ahead. EH Management focused their efforts on developing standardized policies and procedures, specifically for On-Site Sewage and Food Safety programs, and on staff training and mentoring. More specifically, goals and objectives were identified for 2006 and staff has enthusiastically engaged in activities that will ultimately support the achievement of those goals.

- ◆ **2006 Environmental Health Division Goals:** Environmental Health programs are founded upon an understanding that unsanitary and/or toxic environmental conditions can adversely impact a community's health. EH programs attempt to mitigate regulations which govern food service, sewage, solid waste, drinking water, air quality, and disease carrying vectors. The Environmental Health staff participated in a planning retreat during the 1st quarter to identify goals for 2006 which are as follows.

Goal 1: Research, develop and produce EH educational materials including program brochures and educational handouts.

- ◆ Public information and educational material needs were identified.
- ◆ Timelines were developed for completion of materials.
- ◆ Application packets for On Site Sewage, Food Establishments and Drinking Water were developed for the community which addressed commonly asked questions.

Goal 2: Involve community and stakeholders in environmental health issues, programs and new initiatives.

- ◆ A Board of Health Advisory Committee, Environmental Health Subcommittee was created to review and comment on DRAFT EH policies and procedures.

Goal 3: Use local media and County PR outlets to educate the community about EH issues, programs and state regulations.

- ◆ 2006 KXLE educational radio shows were scheduled for Drinking Water, Vector, Food Safety, Solid Waste and On Site Sewage.
- ◆ An article about Drinking Water was submitted for the KCPH Health Watch Newsletter.

Goal 4: Participate in KCPH Incident Command System planning and implementation.

- ◆ Staff participated in the Incident Command Planning Meetings.
- ◆ One EH staff member is a member of the Incident Command in the role of Planning Chief.
- ◆ Two EH staff completed NIMS 100 Training; One EH staff completed NIMS 200 and 700 training.

Goal 5: Assess current environmental health state and county data available, create new data sources when appropriate, and present pertinent data to community on a quarterly basis.

- ◆ Reviewed current data available via the Federal, State and local data systems.
- ◆ Investigated the possibility of creating new data sources using Global Positioning System technology (GPS) for Wells, Solid Waste and On Site Sewage programs.

Goal 6: Develop policies and procedures to enforce the law and Kittitas County Ordinances in On-Site Sewage, Water, Food Safety, Vector and Public Pools and Spa programs.

- ◆ Drafted an On Site Sewage Site Evaluation Policy and Procedure.
- ◆ Drafted an On Site Sewage Final Inspection Policy.
- ◆ Drafted a Food Safety Inspection Interval and Documentation Policy and Procedure.

Goal 7: Provide training opportunities for new and existing environmental Health staff including Permit Technicians to develop a competent work force.

- ◆ **On Site Sewage:** Dacia Carver attended a 3 day Washington State On Site Sewage Association conference, a 3 day Certification Exam Preparation Course, participated in KittCom Court records training, shadowed OSS staff in Yakima, Grant and Chelan/Douglas Counties and attended a 1 day OSS Operations and Maintenance class.
- ◆ **Food Safety:** Melissa Schumaier attended DOH Food Safety Training, shadowed Food Safety staff in King County, participated in KittCom Court records training, and received 3 days of technical assistance/training from Department of Health staff.
- ◆ **Permit Technicians:** Drafted the EH section of the Permit Technician training manual.

Goal 8: Research into potential financial resources available for Environmental Health Programs including grant funding.

- ◆ Coordinated Prevention Grant was re-submitted for full funding. The grant was awarded in March for \$91,000.00 which will be split with Community Development Services for Code Enforcement work.

Goal 9: Develop a permanent records retention system for Environmental Health programs to eliminate the need for future archiving activities and make electronic records available to the public.

- ◆ Archiving Grant was acquired by the Health Department during the first quarter. A portion of this grant will be spent archiving EH records.

- ◆ **Environmental Health Funding:** Funding for Kittitas County Environmental Health programs was provided as follows:

- State Funding & Grants 15%
- Federal Funding 3%
- Local Charges including Permits & Licenses 82%

- ◆ **Challenges Ahead:** Kittitas County Board of Commissioners moved all enforcement of Solid Waste and On Site Sewage to the Code Enforcement Division of the County which is part of the Community Development Services department. There will be numerous challenges associated with coordination of enforcement work as well as provision of professional support for enforcement activities while maintaining current work responsibilities.

The demand for accessibility of Environmental Health data has vastly increased. Data management software is greatly needed as well as online access to data to better meet public requests and to increase staff work efficiency.

The Food Safety Education program provides high quality education to citizens needing to acquire Food Worker Cards. However, accessibility to the classes remains a barrier. A computerized Food Safety Class system needs to be implemented to increase access to acquiring Food Worker Cards.

The new On Site Sewage policies and procedures require more staff time to implement. A needs assessment of staff workload will be conducted in the second quarter of 2006. The new 2007 OSS Regulations require Operations and Management of On Site Sewage Systems. The impact of implementing a local Operations and Management program will be investigated.

- ◆ **County Planning Work:** On site sewage and Drinking Water program staff review Community Development Services Department's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) applications, SEPA Environmental Checklists and Variance requests for water, food safety and septic concerns. During the first quarter of 2006, staff worked on creating a system for review of SEPA, CUPs and Variances.

PROGRAM	2006				TOTAL		
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
PLANNING REVIEW							
SEPA	0				0	48	96
CUPs	0				0	8	26
Variance	0				0	18	33

◆ *Food Safety*

Mission Statement: Maintain the highest level of safe food practices in food establishments and reduce the incidence of food borne illness.

The Center for Disease Control estimates nationally that food borne illness results in 76 million illnesses, 300,000 hospitalizations, and 3,000 deaths annually. Most illnesses are the result of improper cooking and holding temperatures, cross contamination, and poor hand washing practices. To protect public health, Health Department staff provide basic training to food establishment employees, conduct regular inspections of food service establishments, review menu and design plans for new restaurants, and investigate food borne illness reports and complaints of unsanitary conditions.

Common Violations Found In Kittitas County – 1st Quarter:

- ◆ Improper food handling and/or bare hand contact with ready to eat foods.
- ◆ Improper food cooling practices.
- ◆ Consumer advisories for establishments that serve raw or undercooked foods of animal origins.



PROGRAM		2006				TOTAL		
		1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
FOOD SAFETY								
▪ Permits	Food Establishments Permits	10				10	251	252
	Temporary Food Service Permits	2				2	59	70
	Food Handler Permits	368				368	1781	1509
▪ Inspections	Routine Inspections Performed	69				69	165	230
	Re-inspections	6				6	6	6
	Pre-Opening Inspections	10				10	15	13
	Temporary Food Inspections	2				2	59	158
▪ Contractual Inspections	CWU Quarterly Inspections	0				0	9	16
	Jail Quarterly Inspections	1				1	3	4
▪ Schools	School Kitchen Inspections	9				9	23	0
▪ Enforcement Activities	Red Item Violation ≥ 30 points	2				2	NA	NA
	Red Item Violation ≥ 70 points	1				1	NA	NA
	Operating without a Food Permit	3				3	NA	NA
	Complaints	11				11	15	13
▪ Enforcement Actions	Total Temporary Closures	4				4	NA	NA
	Complaints Resolved	11				11	NA	NA
▪ Other	Design Plans Reviewed	10				10	10	14

◆ *Living Environment*

Public Pools and Spas:

Mission Statement: Maintain safe and healthy public pools and spas in Kittitas County.

Public pools and spas are a potential source for waterborne illnesses, unintentional injuries, and accidental drowning. To protect public health, Health Department staff review design plans for proposed facilities, investigate complaints and injury reports, and conduct routine health and safety inspections of all permitted facilities.

Schools, Camps and Parks:

Mission Statement: Ensure safe and healthy living environments in public schools, parks and camps.

Schools, camps and parks are a potential source for overall environmental health and safety hazards including water, sewage, solid waste, food handling facilities and bathroom, shower, and laundry facilities. To protect public health and to prevent unintentional injury, Health Department staff investigate complaints and injury reports, and conduct routine health and safety inspections of all permitted camp and park facilities and all school facilities.



PROGRAM – LIVING ENVIRONMENT		2006				TOTAL		
		1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
SCHOOLS								
	Plans Reviewed	0				0	0	1
	Inspections	12				12	20	29
	Playground Inspections	10				10	14	12
	Complaints	1				1	0	4
PUBLIC POOLS & SPAS								
	Pools /Spas Permits	0				0	23	18
	Inspections	0				0	23	35
	Complaints	1				1	1	1
CAMPS & PARKS								
	Permits	0				0	15	17
	Inspections	0				0	20	18

◆ *On-Site Sewage*

Mission Statement: Maintain the highest level of On-site Sewage standards to prevent disease and protect the environment and the aquifers.

Septic system effluent contains numerous pathogens capable of causing serious human illness. To protect public health, Health Department personnel evaluate the suitability of proposed installation sites, review the design and construction of new septic systems, assess the operation of old systems, license system installers, and support Code Enforcement in the investigation of failing septic systems.



PROGRAM		2006				TOTAL		
		1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
ONSITE SEWAGE								
▪ Permits	New	54				54	395	341
	Repair	1				1	43	32
	Renewal	2				2	34	12
	Total	57				57	472	385
	Site Evaluations	59				59	378	380
	Designs Approved	35				35		
	Final Inspections	22				22		
	Re-inspections	1				1		
▪ Plat Approval	Soil Logs: Long and Short Plats	20				20	56	10
	Realtors Requests						203	209
	Complaints	6				6	16	17

◆ *Solid Waste*

Mission Statement: Maintain an environment safe from contamination due to solid waste ultimately minimizing the pounds/person of solid waste in Kittitas County.

Local Health Departments regulate solid waste because improper disposal practices are known to attract disease carrying vermin and because solid waste has the potential to adversely impact air and water quality. To protect public health, Health Department staff regulate the operation of solid waste handling facilities, review design plans for proposed solid waste facilities, and monitor the maintenance of closed landfills.

The goal of chemical and physical hazards program is to prevent public exposure to hazardous chemicals which are used during the illegal production of methamphetamines and other activities. These substances are highly toxic and can cause chemical burns, respiratory problems, and may result in long-term health impairment. To protect public health, the health Department will initiate discussions with local law enforcement to develop a clean up program for hazardous materials.



PROGRAM		2006				TOTAL		
		1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
SOLID WASTE								
▪ Permits	Solid Waste Permit Renewal	0				0	0	0
	New Permits Issued	0				0	0	0
	Inspections Performed	6				6	24	24
	Complaints	0				0	45	22

◆ *Zoonotics and Vector Program*

Mission Statement: Prevent and/or control the spread of vector born diseases in Kittitas County.

The goal of Zoonotics and Vector Program is to prevent and control disease transmission from animals to humans. Health Department staff investigate suspected vector cases, facilitate the quarantine of animals when appropriate, and monitor potential cases through bird and mosquito surveillance. Health Department staff educate the community about potential vector and zoonotic outbreaks via public education and print materials.



PROGRAM	2006				TOTAL		
	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
ZOONOTICS & VECTOR							
Animal Bites/Complaints	13				13	39	88
Rabies/Animals Tested	0				0	2	3
Quarantine Required	1				1	NA	NA
Dead Birds Collected/Mailed	0				0	NA	NA
Mosquito Clusters Collected/Mailed	0				0		
Other	0				0	7	4

◆ *Drinking Water*

Mission Statement: Assure safe drinking water for Kittitas County residents and protect the aquifers.

Contaminated drinking water is a known source for waterborne illnesses such as typhoid, cholera, dysentery, and diarrhea. To protect public health, Health Department staff review development proposals for the presence of approved water sources, conduct pre-construction site evaluations for new water systems, monitor water quality data for operating water systems, inspect individual well sites, inspect Group B Water Systems, and conduct sanitary surveys of Group A Water Systems.



PROGRAM		2006				TOTAL		
		1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR	2006	2005	2004
WATER								
▪ Water & Sewage Evaluations	Sewage	0				0	2	2
	Water	0				0	0	4
	Both	0				0	3	6
	Total	0				0	5	12
	Sanitary Surveys Performed	2				2	12	5
	Group B Water System Inspected	9				9	39	36
▪ Plat Approval	Well Site Inspections	11				11	38	9
▪ Other	Well Delegation	11				11	77	68
	Private Bacteriological Sampling	0				0	0	0
	Private Nitrate Sampling	0				0	0	0
	Group B Paperwork Received	3				3	18	10
	Group B Systems Approved	2				2	18	7
	Farm Exemptions Received	0				0	2	0
	Farm Exemptions Approved	0				0	2	0
	Complaints	0				0	0	2
	Group A/B Sources GPS'd	0				0	0	0
	Group A Nitrate Samples Drawn	0				0	0	0