

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOME HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

The city experienced a change at the end of Fiscal year 2011 with the retirement of the Community Services Director Laura Viger who was the Health Officer, Emergency Management Director and Director of the Home Health Nurses. Many thanks are sent out to those who work for the city who helped fill roles during this time of transition. This allowed for seamless services that were provided to the citizens and businesses of our community.

The city continued to provide inspections and enforce public health laws as well as to reach out the community to prevent public health problems. The city's home health nurses continued to provide individuals with skilled nursing services, occupational, physical and speech therapy services and home health aide assistance in their homes. Services are provided to private pay individuals, patients with private insurance as well as to those with Medicare or Medicaid. The idea behind home health is to provide comfort and care to individuals in their home so that they can remain with their families and in their homes for as long as possible. Our home health services are provided to residents of Berlin, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Milan, Randolph, and Shelburne. Our in office public health services include cholesterol checks, diabetics screenings, flu vaccinations, head checks, blood pressure screenings, Hepatitis B checks, Mantoux testings and foot care clinics.

The department also participates in community events and holds blood pressure clinics and foot care clinics at specific locations in the community.

2,750 patients were seen by the public health nursing staff. The department maintains a small resource library that members of the public are free to peruse and take information from to keep informed of area resources as well as various health concerns.

Public Health Nursing Services

Clinic Type	People Served
In office Cholesterol Clinics	195
In office Diabetic Screening	195
In office Flu Vaccines	430
In office Head Checks (lice)	61
In office Hepatitis B testing	4
In office Mantoux Test	252
In office Foot Care Clinic	201
Northern Lights Foot Care Clinic	10
St. Regis Foot Care Clinic	6
Cornerstone Foot Care Clinic	39
Family Resource Center Blood Pressure	66
Northern Lights Blood Pressure	42
St. Regis Blood Pressure	140
Walmart Blood Pressure	219
Holiday Center Blood Pressure	198
Other in office visits	689

Respectfully Submitted,
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