

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

Executive Director and Staff Report to the Board of Health for July 2022

Highlights:

- Staff in the Environmental Health Department has begun working on a grant to test water supplies for PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).
- SJBPH's Environmental Health Department was one of only five entities in the entire country to receive an indoor air quality capacity building grant from the National Center for Healthy Housing.

Staff Reports

Behavioral Health
Thriving Communities Program Team (TCP): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Thriving Communities Team was committed, across all programs to work with non-traditional partners to solve public health issues. As partner organizations are experiencing turnover, this team took the opportunity to reconnect with past partners and introduce ourselves to new ones - particularly within the 9R School District.
Community Organizing for Prevention (COFP) previously Communities that Care (CTC): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The coordinator position is vacant. The program manager is outreaching and keeping nontraditional partners engaged, while working to hire.
Suicide Prevention (SP)/Gun Shop Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The La Plata County Suicide Prevention Collaborative began planning upcoming Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Activities for September. The program coordinator sought opportunities to work with non-traditional partners to solve public health issues by partnering with Fort Lewis College. During September, there are plans for community education, an awareness walk, and a "sticker shock" campaign (an annually changing sticker design highlighting crisis lines to be shared throughout the community).• The Firearms Advocate provided evidence-based public health recommendations to partners by visiting eight retail gun distributors across both Archuleta and La Plata Counties, engaging key stakeholders in direct suicide prevention activities, distributing campaign materials and educating on the importance of safe gun storage.

Social Determinants of Health

Health Insurance Literacy:

- In July, the Health Insurance Literacy program was able to table at Manna Soup Kitchen for outreach. This was an opportunity to meet community members where they were already going, and in doing so, **removing certain barriers to community/public access**. We were also able to meet with our new partners at Planned Parenthood and Housing Solutions of the Southwest to establish working relationships **to increase awareness and referrals**. This was to identify and address gaps in partner agency/stakeholder knowledge, since these new partners were unaware of our services in the Health Insurance Literacy Program.

Environmental Health

Air Quality and Solid Waste:

Radon

- Radon results continue to come back from the lab and are being tracked by SJBPH.

Waste Tire

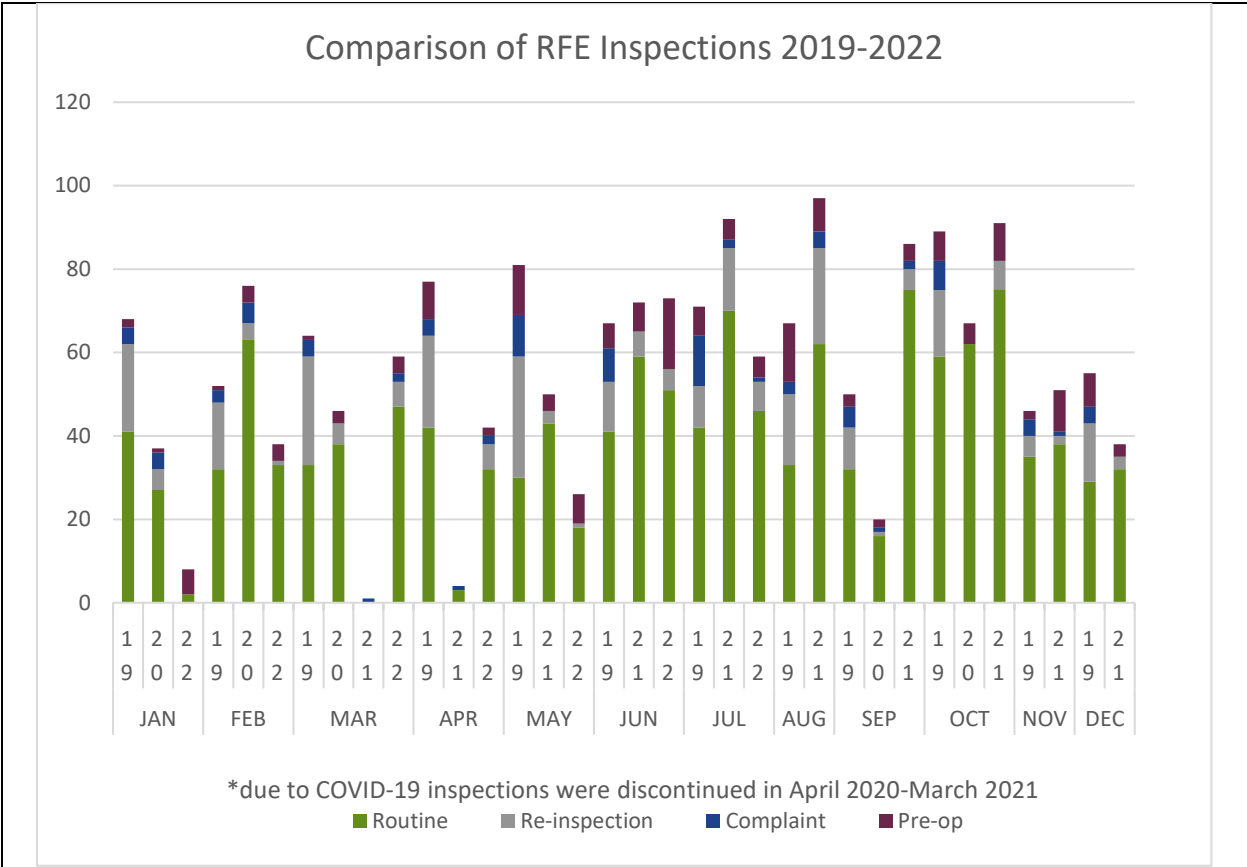
- SJBPH restarted the waste tire inspection program in July with support from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Two staff received inspector and public technical assistance training.

Consumer Protection:

Retail Food Program

- Staff conducted inspections at the Pagosa Springs Farmers Market.
- They also held Food Safety Basics and ServSafe Manager courses in La Plata County.
- Consumer Protection leadership continued community outreach to San Juan County with a joint call with San Juan County Public Health, CDPHE, and SJBPH to discuss community concerns about transition from CDPHE to SJBPH retail food inspections. Leadership attended a San Juan County Commissioners meeting on 7/27/2022 with representatives from CDPHE and San Juan County Public Health to inform and discuss the transition. Planning continues to hold a community meeting in Silverton for Retail Food operators to further facilitate the transition. Staff began exploration of other community engagement opportunities in San Juan County.

See reports below:



Childcare Inspection Program

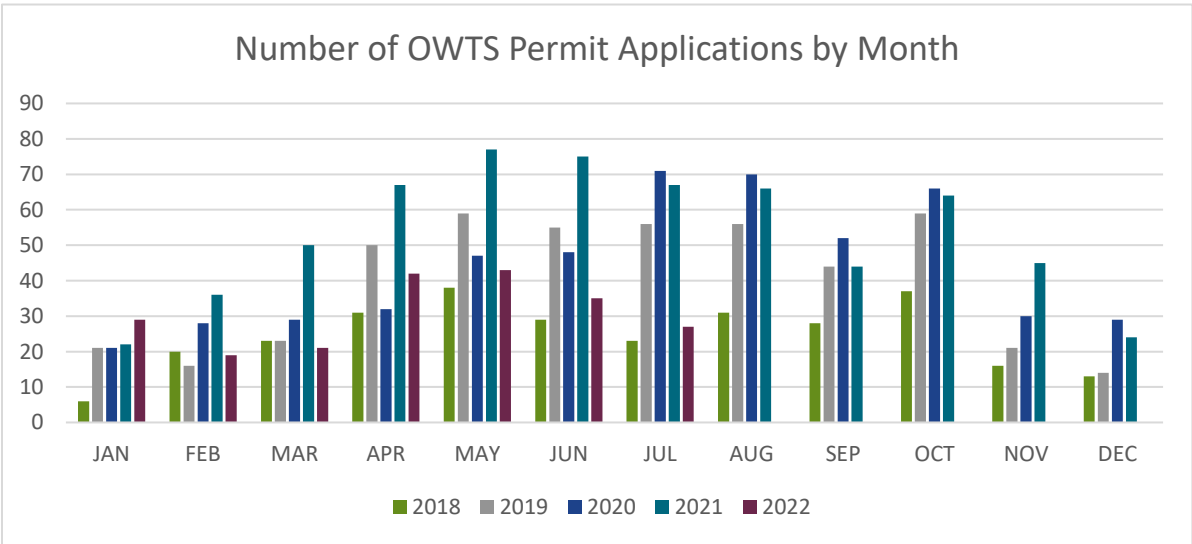
- Staff conducted inspections for La Plata County resident camps.

Water Quality:

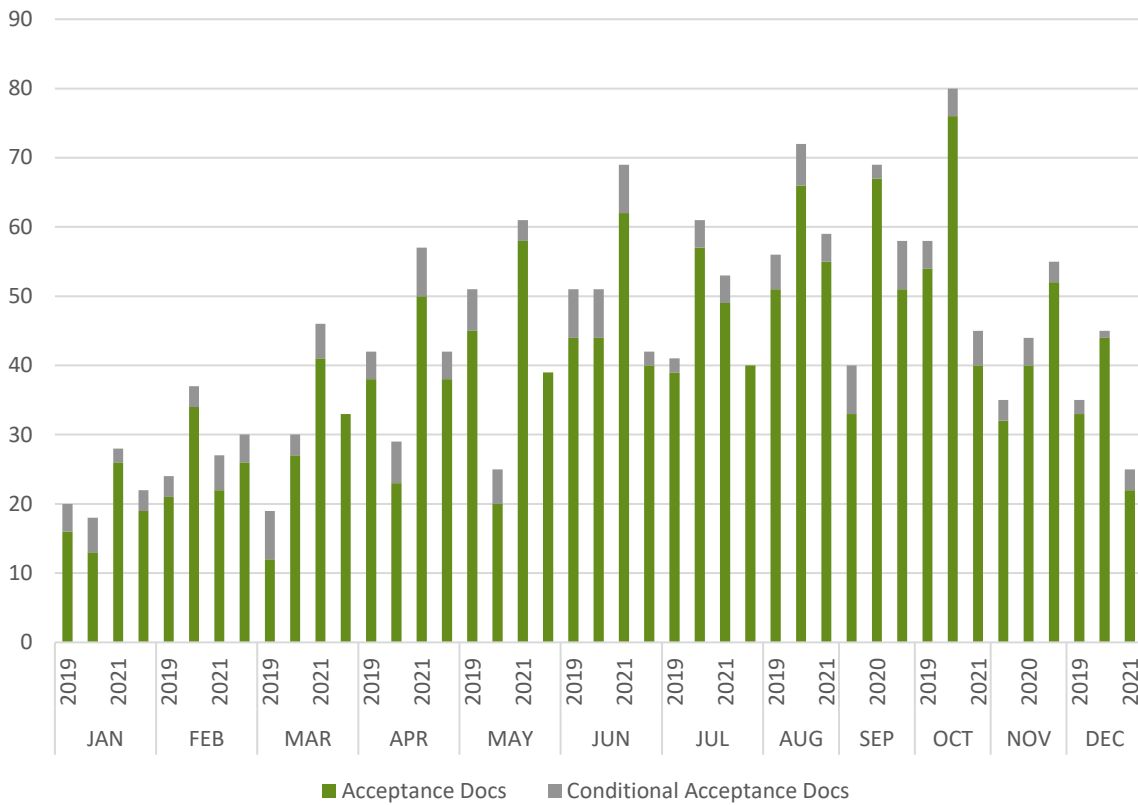
On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

- OWTS staff inspected 68 systems this month.

See charts below.



2019-22 Transfer of Title Acceptance Documents by Month



Surface and Drinking Water

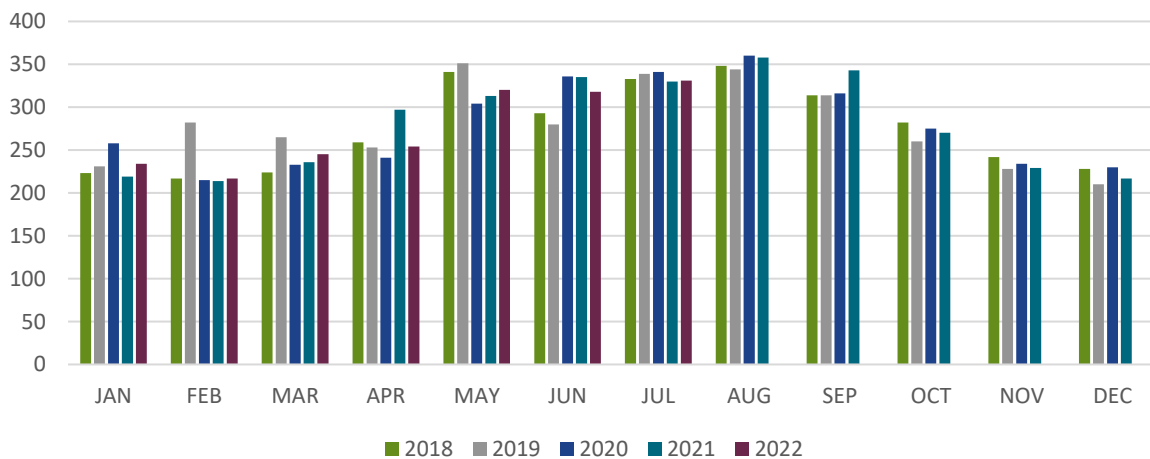
- SJBPH began phase 2 of the lead grant from the state.

Water Lab

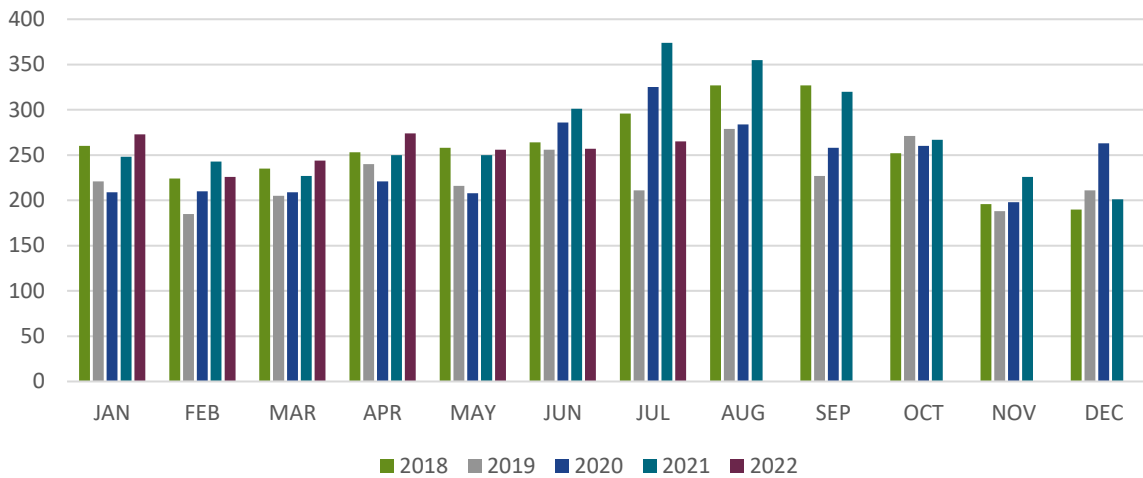
- The water lab performed 331 drinking water tests and 328 wastewater and surface water tests.

See charts below.

Comparison of Drinking Water Tests 2018-2022



Comparison of Waste Water Tests 2018-2022



Health Behaviors

Clinic:

- The sexual health clinic provided HIV testing and navigation for PrEP and STI testing at Espero Apartments **to increase access to sexual health care.**

Immunizations:

- The immunization clinic further integrated COVID vaccines into sexual health and immunization visits **to increase access to COVID vaccines.**

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP):

- Dental and anxiety trainings were held at NFP meetings **demonstrating commitment to organizational excellence.**
- NFP staff tabled at the Pagosa Library and the Tara Community Center **improving awareness of NFP program.**
- The NFP Supervisor completed Facilitating Attuned Interactions Training to improve interactions during 1:1s with staff and client visits **demonstrating commitment to organizational excellence.**

SafeCare:

- Both the SafeCare supervisor and the SafeCare parent support provider engaged in reflective supervision facilitated by a Professional Mental Health Consultant **demonstrating commitment to organizational capacity.**
- The SafeCare Supervisor met with the Program Coordinator of La Plata Youth Services Collaborative Management Program to provide program overviews of who each program serves and what services we each offer. Staff shared contact info along with program informational brochures **demonstrating a commitment to improve community resilience.**

Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP):

- The program coordinator took an active role in the State's Equity Community Learning Session. As a result, authentic and comprehensive community engagement is emphasized in

this program's FY23 implementation plan; the coordinator used this collaborative learning session to develop, document this program's implementation plan, **ensuring it is rooted in equity and based on best practices.**

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

- SJBPH WIC staff has begun spending two mornings per month tabling in the waiting room at Four Corners OB GYN to interface with potential WIC clients coming for their prenatal appointments, **demonstrating commitment to increase awareness of services.**
- SJBPH WIC staff attended a Southern Ute Breastfeeding Coalition meeting to interface with a new Indian Health Services (IHS) pediatrician and remind participants about the services WIC provides, **demonstrating commitment to increase awareness of services.**

Clinical Care Linkage

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection (CPED – Women’s Wellness Connection):

- The clinical services portion of Cancer Prevention and Early Detection program eligibility expanded to serve people for breast and cervical cancer screening who are not lawfully present **allowing the SJBPH clinic to increase access to healthcare.**
- The clinic outreach coordinator participated in three outreach events targeting the Spanish speaking population **to increase access to breast and cervical cancer screening.**

Health Care Coordination:

- The Health Care Coordinator received referrals and reached out to 14 individuals for various needs, **improving access to care and resources.**

Language Services:

- The agency interpreter interpreted for eight patients in the sexual health clinic **to increase access to sexual health services.**
- The agency interpreter continues to translate all press releases **to increase equitable access to information for the Spanish speaking community.**

Regional Oral Health Specialist (ROHS):

- The dental hygienist left SJBPH mid-July. The Program Manager & Division Director have been supporting ROHS duties as appropriate. Staff assisted with one dental referral in July **improving access to care and resources.**

Specialty Clinics/Maternal Child Health (MCH):

- The MCH Nurse assisted four families with travel to Denver for pediatric specialty care, thereby, **increasing access to care.**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):

- Staff provided education regarding the importance of a medical home and gave three referrals for new clients who had not established primary healthcare providers in La Plata County, thereby **improving access to care and resources.**

Communicable Disease

Diseases reported July 1-July 31, 2022:

11 Animal bites (10 Archuleta County, 1 La Plata County)

2 Carbapenem-Resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (CRPA) (La Plata County)
 1 Hepatitis B, Chronic (Archuleta County)
 2 Hepatitis C, Chronic (1 Archuleta County, 1 La Plata County)
 1 Lyme disease (La Plata County)

Communicable Disease:

- Communicable disease follow up is being done by CDPHE, except for respiratory disease outbreaks and zoonotics. We had one bat test positive for rabies.

Tuberculosis (TB):

- There are two active TB cases that are currently receiving direct-observed treatment (DOT). Three children have been removed from concern after second-round testing.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- Staff attended an Active Shooter Exercise Design workshop to support exercise design for Pagosa Springs Medical Center and **enhancing staff's workforce development.**
- Staff facilitated Department Operations Center (DOC) activation to Monkeypox Public Health Emergency and **addressing gaps in the public and partner/stakeholder knowledge.**

Universal Activities

Administrative Services:

Human Resources:

HIPAA Compliance:

HIPAA Queries/Investigations:

Description of Event	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022 Total	% of Total
HIPAA Breach (of PHI)	0	0			0	0%
Failure to Follow Protocols and/or Policies	0	0			0	0%
Unsubstantiated/Not Reportable HIPAA Breach	0	0			0	0%
HIPAA Security Incident	0	0			0	0%
Staff HIPAA Inquiries	0	0			0	0%
Total HIPAA Queries/Investigations	0	0			0	

Total Employees Involved & Outcomes CY 2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022 Total	% of Total
Performance Improvement Plans	0	0			0	0%
Retraining	0	0			0	0%
Termination	0	0			0	0%
Monitoring	0	0			0	0%
No Action Required	0	0			0	0%
Total All Events					0	

HR Staffing Updates

August

- The following vacancies were filled since the last report:
 - Facilities Technician, CDS II Covid -19 Communicable Disease (internal), CDS II Outreach (internal)
- The following vacancies have been hired for with future start dates:
 - None
- Recruitment continues for the following staff positions:
 - Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, Communications Specialist, Dental Hygienist, Administrative Support Assistant, Finance Manager

Assessment and Planning:

- Staff supported data requests from internal and external partners who were then able **to provide evidence-based public health recommendations.**
- Staff worked on drafting the next survey for the Community Health Assessment as well as planning for the first Advisory Committee meeting in early August **demonstrating a commitment to organizational excellence and increasing community resilience.**
- Staff participated in several meetings with both state and other local partners for the Colorado National Collaborative's Evaluation Committee, the State Child Fatality Prevention System, and with the Office of Public Health Practice, Planning, and Local Partnerships, **demonstrating a commitment to organizational excellence and developing opportunities for collaboration across divisions.**

Communications:

- In July, SJBPH communications focused both on COVID-19 and communicable disease information. COVID-19 information focused on community level updates as well as reminders about vaccine availability and free masks and tests. Communicable disease information was related to rabies. We also engaged in communications planning for monkeypox, developing messaging and rollout plans. The public health resource series in Pagosa Springs concluded in July.
- In July, SJBPH communications staff distributed **one** agency e-newsletter (July), **two** semi-monthly COVID updates, wrote and distributed **four** media releases, responded to **13** media inquiries, posted **93** tweets, and **87** Facebook posts to both SJBPH's main FB page, and to its COVID-19 page. Posts were focused on the coronavirus outbreak, local COVID-19 data, vaccine distribution, COVID-19 prevention, mental health during COVID-19, COVID-19 testing info, and promoting SJBPH programs and services. SJBPH was featured in **21** articles/radio/tv stories in newspapers, online news outlets, and local radio stations. In July, SJBPH had over **79,577** Facebook impressions (# of eyes on our posts), and **12,816** Twitter impressions. Our FB engagement (action taken such as commenting or sharing a post) was over **4,653** and Twitter had **404** engagements. These activities help **to improve awareness and acceptance of public health resources, services, programs, and value to the community.**

Facilities/Fleet:

- No updates.