



Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services

DASHBOARD

2017 - Monitoring the Quarterly Progress of the Department's Goals

Divisions of Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services:

1) Administration/Vital Records

Vital Records, also known as Vital Statistics, handles records of life events which must be kept under government authority. It includes birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates, and records of civil unions and domestic partnerships. Vital Records is mandated by New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

2) Environmental Health

Environmental Health conducts routine sanitary inspections of businesses and service providers. The sanitary inspections include but is not limited to food at restaurants, deli's, cafeterias, schools, and churches, daycare centers, nursing and boarding homes. Business inspections are conducted at hair and nail salons, barber shops, tattoo/body art shops, massage parlors, gyms, pet shops/pounds, youth camps and public schools. Inspections are also performed in response to citizen complaints. These complaints can be about solid waste, litter, rodents, noise, odor, housing, property maintenance issues and insufficient heat (from Oct. 1 thru May 15). Other services to local businesses are plan review for new establishments or renovation and inspections for certificate of occupancy. This Division is also responsible for collection of water samples to ensure safe drinking water from residents and local businesses within Bloomfield. Environmental Health offers Food Handler Training Course to individuals who work in food establishments. Environmental Health is mandated by New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

3) Health Education

Health Education assesses the health of the community and develops and provides education programs and promotional materials designed to help residents abandon unhealthy behaviors and adopt new ones. It also provides grant writing and administrative support for the department. Health Education is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

4) Human Services and Social Services

Human Services is the township's outpatient mental health and social services center. Public health social workers provide counseling, crisis intervention, home visits and assessments as required by state-mandated practice standards. A licensed psychotherapy professional provides medication consultation and prescribes medication as needed. Public health social workers screen patients to determine if they are receiving all applicable services from government programs and nonprofit agencies. Referrals and linkage to programs that provide utility, food, prescription, housing etc. are also provided. Social work scope of practice and practice standards can be accessed through the NASW – National Association of Social Workers.

5) Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing provides no cost/low cost screening for the residents of Bloomfield. Public Health Nursing provides Child Health Conference, which provides immunizations, infant and childhood development screenings and lead screening. The Public Health Nursing Office also provides Tuberculosis Testing, Management of Latent TB infection, Peri-Natal Hepatitis B Case Management, and Lead Case Management. Annual immunization audits are performed on all Child Care Centers, Nursery Schools, Public and Private

Schools. Public Health Nurses conduct communicable disease investigation and surveillance which prevents the spread of disease.

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HEALTHY EATING

Goal : To increase availability of and access to nutritious foods for all Bloomfield residents.

***Healthy corner store program in Bloomfield continued from inception. The program has expanded from schools to the entire community.**

Objective: *By December 2017 participate 10 pop-up health clinics in 2 existing corner stores. These corner stores are participants of the Bloomfield department of health human services healthy corner stores initiative.*

By taking part in the Healthy Corner Store program, the participating stores will stock healthy foods, such as fruit and nuts. The participating stores are:

1) Friendly News & Food – 143 Grove Street; 2) Tobacco King II – 128 Montgomery Street;

Stop by and let the store owners know how much you appreciate their having healthy food options in your neighborhood! If your corner store is not participating, let the owner know you would like them to have healthy food choices. Tell the store owner to call Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services at 973.680.4024 for more information.



Active living

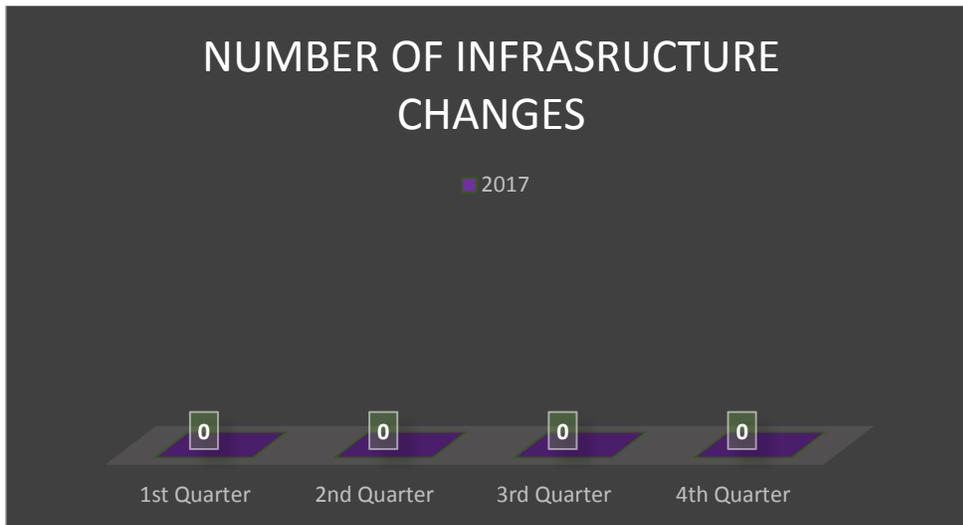
Goal : Increase access and to opportunity for active living for all Bloomfield residents

- **Use a consultant to identify areas that create barriers for Bloomfield residents to walk thus creating the Bloomfield Walkability Initiative.**

Objective 1: *By December 2017, have approval by Mayor and council implement infrastructural changes to areas that have been identified as barriers to having individuals be able to walk safety and comfortably in the community.*

Objective 2: By December 2017, have five separate events engaging the community in participating in the Bloomfield walkability initiative.

Keep up with all the activities of this program by reading the blog posts at: <http://www.njhcn.org/blog/>



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: Walking audits were conducted in 2017 and a report was generated, which includes recommendations for infrastructure changes. Report will be presented to Mayor & Council in first quarter of 2018.



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: A total of two (2) activities for pedestrian safety were conducted in this quarter:

- Walkability Audit Report was presented to the Board of Health and
- A Pedestrian Safety Committee was created.

Do you know of an intersection where you would like to see the Pedestrian Safety Campaign? Reach out to Bloomfield Health & Human Services.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Goal: To increase access to chronic disease screenings for all Bloomfield residents.

Objective: By December 2017, at least two additional community partners will collaborate with the BDHHS to conduct blood pressure and BMI screenings.

<http://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure/index.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/home/index.html>

Public Health Nursing is partnering with HackensackUMC Mountainside Hospital, Brookdale ShopRite, Heritage Village and Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green to increase awareness of chronic disease, specifically high blood pressure and

diabetes. Two partner locations have been added to the screening schedule in 2017 to help increase the public's awareness of high blood pressure and diabetes.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings are held at Brookdale Shoprite the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon.

If you are a business located in Bloomfield and would like to become a part of this program, please contact the Bloomfield Public Health Nursing Division at 973.680.4058 or nursing@bloomfieldwpnj.com

<http://www.shoprite.com/pd/stores/NJ/Bloomfield/ShopRite-of-Brookdale/F442733>

<http://www.mountainsidehosp.com/Inside-HackensackUMC-Mountainside/Be-Well.aspx>



MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH

OBJECTIVE: To increase access to opportunities for improved mental and social health for all Bloomfield residents

1. Identify and provide funding for individuals at risk of homelessness who qualify

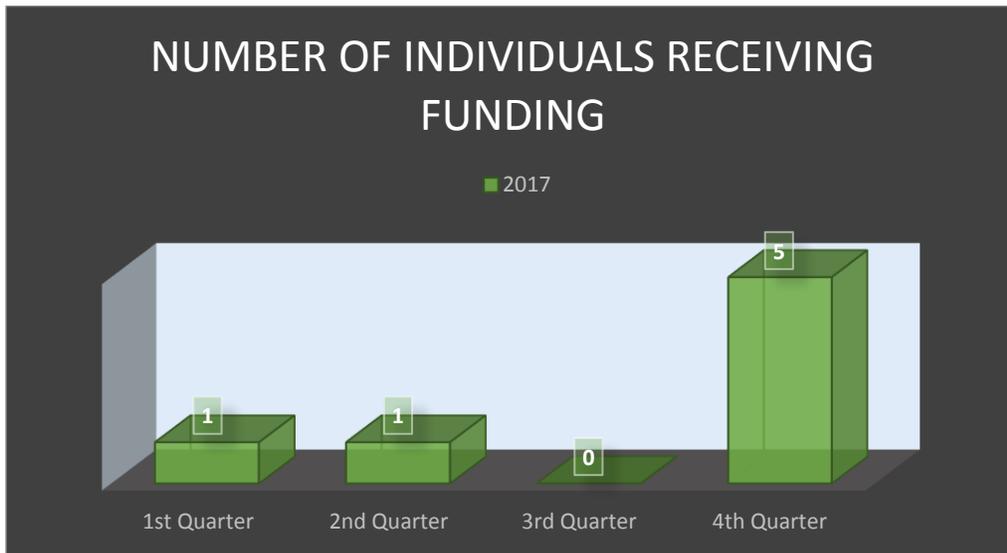
- Number of people receiving funding

Goal: *By December 2016, at least 10 eligible individuals will receive homelessness prevention funding*

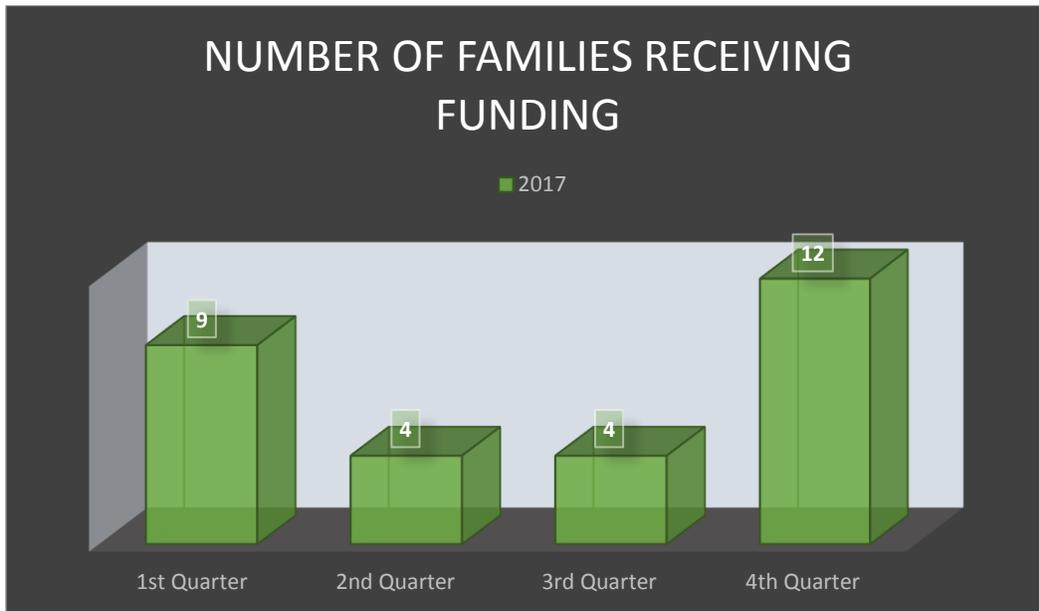
Bloomfield Human Services works with agencies which provide homelessness preventions funds, shelters, and providers of mental health services. The Division also works with landlords, PSE&G and mortgage companies to assist individuals and families who need financial assistance. As part of their case management, the Division collaborates with organizations that assist residents with health insurance, legal referrals, assisted living, nursing home assistance, utility, rental, food programs, and medication to ensure residents receive any and all programs they qualify for.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you qualify, please contact the Bloomfield Human Services Division at 973.680.4017 or humanservices@bloomfieldwpnj.com

Goal: By December 2017, at least 10 eligible individuals will receive homelessness prevention funding



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: Five (5) individuals received homelessness prevention funding in this quarter.



Comments as of fourth quarter 2017: Twelve (12) families received homelessness prevention funding in this quarter. Also, extra funding was received for July – December 2017.

ADMINISTRATION

Goal : To decrease non-compliance with Board of Health License renewals

Objective 1: To create a policy for license renewal procedures and enforcement timeline by FEB, 2017

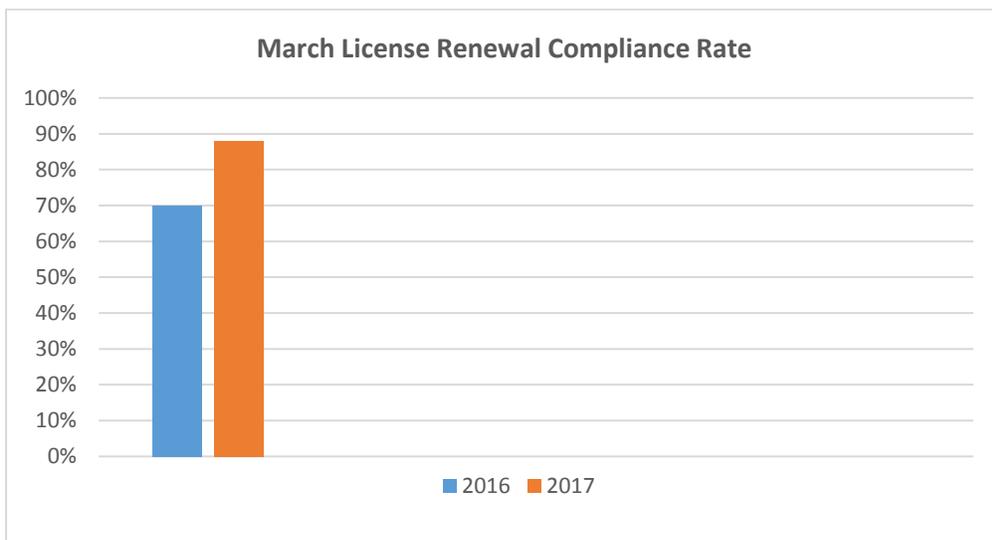
Objective 2: To decrease non-compliance with Board of Health License renewals by 10% by March 31, 2017

Objective 3: To decrease non-compliance with Board of Health License renewals by 10% by December 31, 2017.

Problem: There are no current written procedures and enforcement timeline provided



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: Following its proven effectiveness, this policy has been formally adopted and will be a routine part of the BOH licensing renewal process.



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: There was an 18% increase in BOH license renewal compliance in the first quarter of 2017 compared to 2016, which exceeded the goal of a 5% increase in compliance.

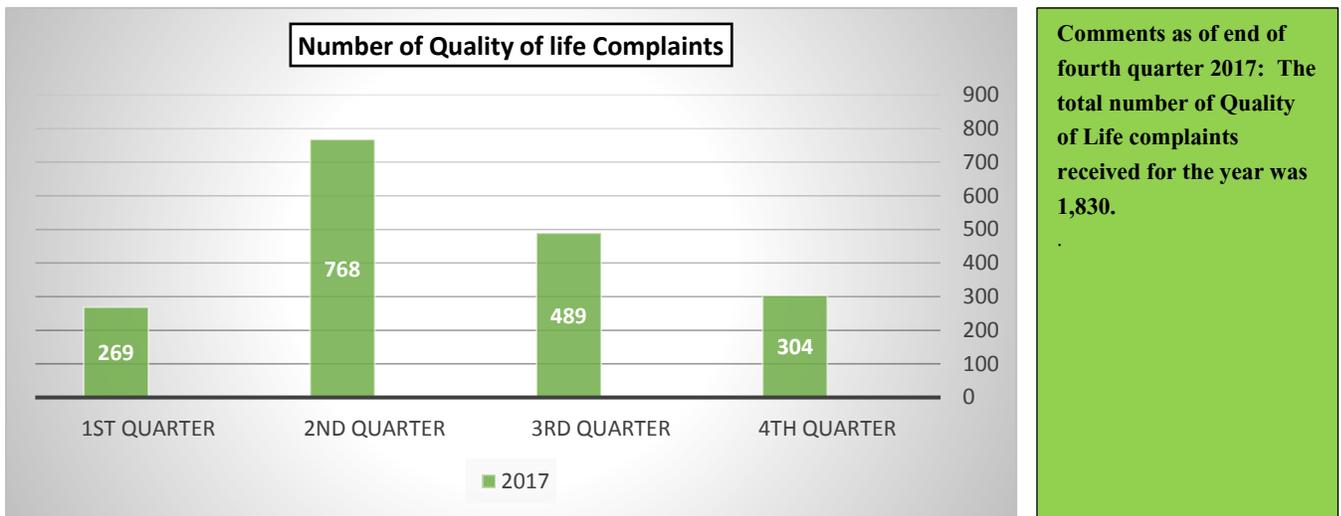
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

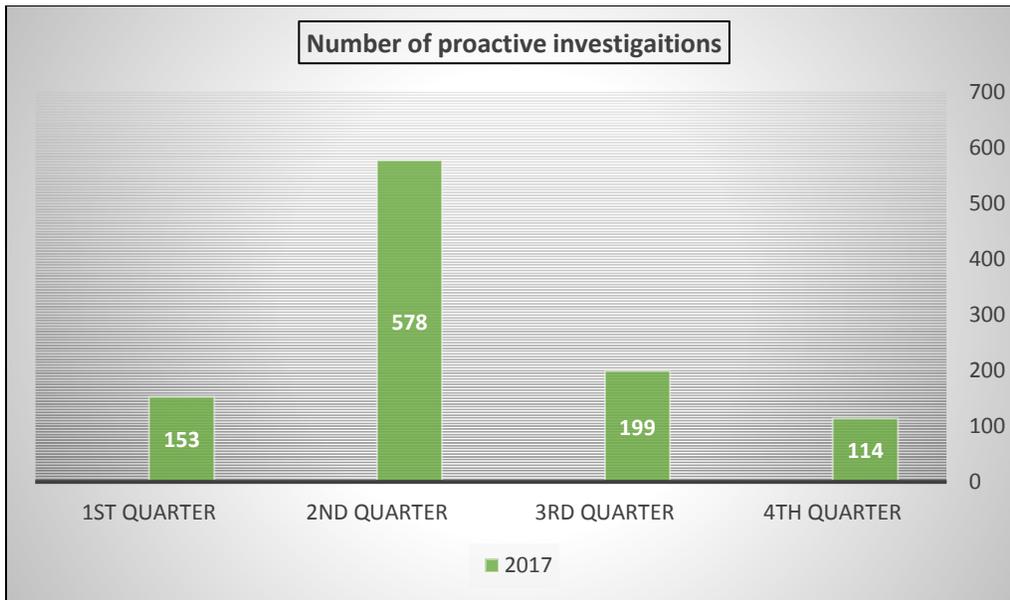
Goal: To decrease the number of quality of life (public health nuisance/solid waste) complaints in Bloomfield by increasing surveillance.

Objective 1: To enhance *Pro-active Investigations* procedures in the Public Health Nuisance/Solid Waste Complaint Protocol by April 13, 2017

Objective 2: To decrease the number of quality of life complaints received in Bloomfield by 10% by December 30,2017

Problem: There is not strong enough language for proactive surveillance in current protocol





Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: Additional proactive canvassing resulted in exceeding the goal of a 10% decrease in complaints received. The number of complaints received this year was decreased by 19%.

HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION

Goal: To increase public awareness of the Health Department’s functions and services

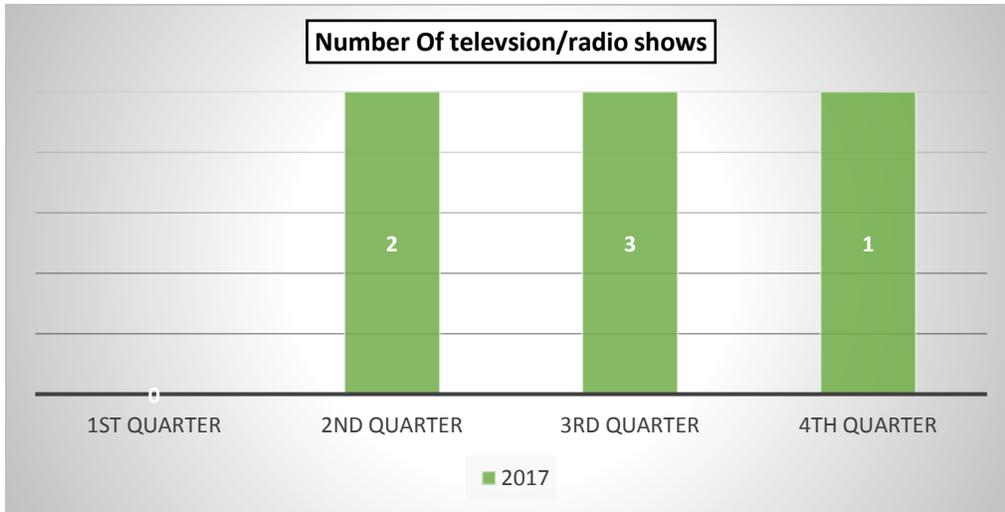
Objective 1: To create 6 podcasts that feature health department functions and services to post on various social media outlets by Dec 31, 2017

Objective 2: To create 4 television/radio broadcasts that feature health department functions and services by Dec 31,2017

Problem: : Lack of interactive media that features Health Department functions and Services.



Comments as of fourth quarter 2017: 1 podcast was conducted in this quarter. A total of six (6) podcasts were conducted for the year.



Comments as of fourth quarter 2017: One (1) radio show was conducted on WBCR Radio in this quarter. A total of six (6) radio shows were conducted for the year.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Goal: To organize demographic and informational data of clients in Human Services in electronic format to determine past service history and to expedite services

Objective 1: To increase electronic access to client data by 100% to all staff in Human Services by December 31, 2017

Problem: No electronic database system is currently available regarding client history



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: Meetings were held in 2017 to review information collected on paper. Also, data essential to collect and maintain in an electronic database, which would determine past services history and expedite services, was identified. However, the goal and objective were not met since an electronic database was not available.

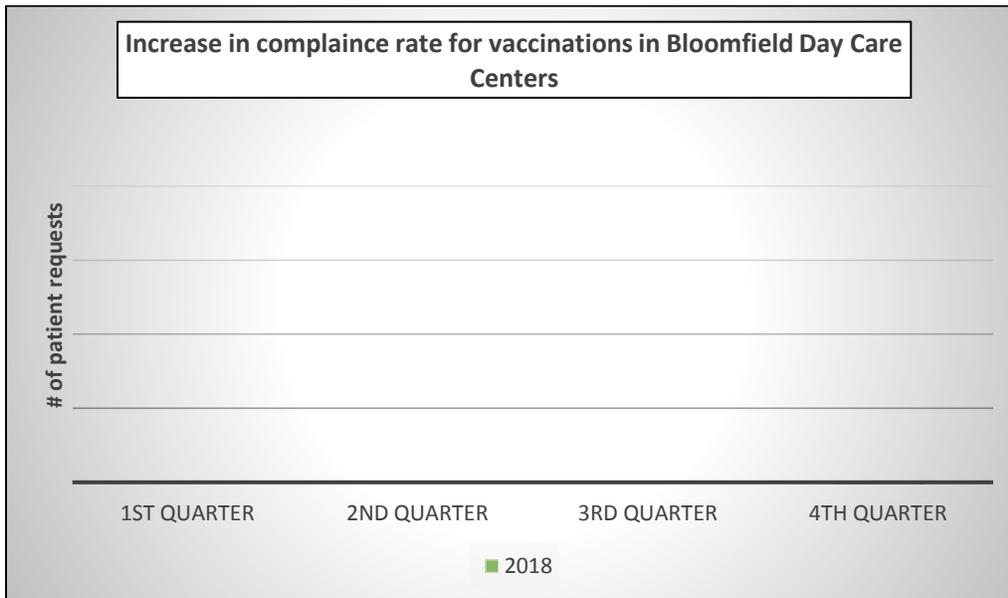
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DIVISION

Goal 1: Increase influenza vaccination compliance rate of Bloomfield child care centers

Objective 1: Compose and distribute documents and related materials for submission to child care centers regarding influenza vaccination by December 2017

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August	Letter mailed to child care center directors regarding NJDOH influenza requirements.
September	Notification letter created and emailed to child care center directors for distribution to parents.
October	Flyers created and sent to child care center directors for posting and distribution, which included reminder of NJDOH influenza requirement and availability of influenza vaccine at BDHHS.
November	Phone script was drafted and child care center directors were called to evaluate compliance status.
December	Reminder email sent to all child care center directors; informational packets also mailed, which included audit guidelines, vaccine information and NJDOH requirements.

Objective 2: Increase the overall influenza vaccination compliance rate of Bloomfield child care centers by 5% By March 31, 2018.



Comments as of end of fourth quarter 2017: In accordance with NJDOH audit guidelines, child care center audits will be conducted in first quarter of 2018, at which time compliance rates will be assessed.