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1. HVM began exploring the Community Health Worker certificate program and the opportunities CHW's could provide for area businesses. The first partnership discussions were with Calumet College of St Joseph and St. Catherine Hospital. Community health workers are first-level health professional trained to perform outreach services and help people access health care.

2. The Lake County Maternal Child Health network was launched. This program funded by the Indiana State Department of health is directed by HVM. The goals of the program are:

- decrease infant mortality and low birth weight in babies
- increase fast trimester entry into prenatal care
- increase access to health services for the uninsured, underinsured and working poor

3. HVM began talks with Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox to provide health and wellness programs in the county and reduce health disparities.

4. HVM received two grants totaling \$28,500 to provide screening for 3000 children in Lake County for lead poisoning. The grants came from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). HVM is working with local health departments to provide these screenings.

5. Fort Wayne also received a CDC grant of \$13,500 for lead screening in Allen County