2019
ANNUAL REPORT

Working with our community to prevent disease and injury, protect the environment and promote health.
A Message from the Administrator

To the Residents of DeKalb County:

We are pleased to present our Fifty-Third Annual Report which highlights the ways in which the DeKalb County Health Department works each and every day to improve health outcomes in our community.

Our most recent Community Health Improvement Plan was adopted by the Board of Health at the end of 2018 and in 2019 we moved to the action phase of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) process. Throughout the year, we worked collaboratively with our partners to implement strategies identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan which aligned with our established health priorities. We have highlighted some of our successes within this report and look forward to continued collaboration with our valued partners.

At the beginning of this year, DeKalb County joined the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) for employee health and dental insurance. One of the benefits of joining the Cooperative is that the County became eligible to receive incentives for the development of a county-wide wellness program. Beginning in June of this year, the Health Department kicked off the DeKalb County Wellness Initiative by convening the DeKalb County Wellness Committee. Over the course of six months, the Committee worked to plan and implement the annual biometric screening event, implement an employee wellness interest assessment and develop an action plan for wellness activities moving forward.

We continued our focus on improving operational efficiencies this year by implementing a new electronic timekeeping system. With the new system, we have been successful in eliminating paper time sheets as well as several other spreadsheets used for payroll. In addition, we were able to streamline the tracking of accruals and upgrade our employee badging procedure. The Health Department, as the pilot site, went live in December of this year, with the remaining County Departments to follow suit in 2020.

In November 2019, we initiated the first phase of strategic planning which included a review and update of our current mission statement and the development of a new vision statement. We believe that the revised mission statement emphasizes our focus on community collaboration and the newly developed vision statement articulates our focus on the health of the entire community. Moving forward, our Department will continue to work with our community partners to prevent disease and injury, protect the environment and promote health and towards our vision of a community where all can achieve optimal health where they live, work and play.

We hope this report not only highlights the achievements in 2019, but also demonstrates our commitment to improving outcomes in our community. We would like to thank our Health Department staff, our community partners, the elected and appointed officials and the residents of DeKalb County for their ongoing support and commitment to public health.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gonzalez, MPH
Administrator
DeKalb County Health Department

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President
DeKalb County Board of Health

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HEALTH PROTECTION

Food Service Sanitation Program
Licenses and inspects food establishments, including temporary food vendors. Educates the public about safe food handling, preparation and storage.

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Potable Water & Sewage Disposal
Ensures proper installation and repair of privately owned wells and sewage disposal systems. Prevents the transmission of disease caused by exposure to sewage and contaminated drinking water.

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Animal Control Program

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Solid Waste Program Recycling Collections
An Electronic Waste Collection was held May 4th, 2019 with over 300 vehicles served, filling semi-trailers with almost 29 tons of electronic waste. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau on June 8th, 2019. Approximately 300 cars were served during the event. A second Electronic Waste Collection event held on September 7, 2019, served over 350 residents recycling 45,000 pounds of electronic waste.

FDA Food Code Implementation
On January 1, 2019 the Health Department implemented the 2017 FDA Food Code to meet State requirements. Most food safety guidance and requirements remained the same, but there were noticeable changes including:

- The old inspection form was a simple 45-point checklist, the new form is a 58-point checklist that has two main sections "Foodborne Illness Risk Factors/ Public Health Interventions" and "Good Retail Practices".
- Establishments used to receive a score based on how many violations they had, now there is no score and each item (violation) is simply marked as In/Out of Compliance.
- Each item(violation) is broken into three groups: Priority Item, Priority Foundation Item, and a Core Item. Each group has a different time frame for correction.
- Inspections are taking about 30% longer and the person in charge during the inspection is required to engage in more dialogue consisting of food flow, allergens, HACCP concepts, etc.
Family Case Management Program
Assists income eligible pregnant women, infants and young children to obtain the healthcare services and other assistance they may need to have a healthy pregnancy and promote the child’s healthy development. We continue to encourage pregnant women to seek our services early in their pregnancy.

3,695 HOME & OFFICE FCM VISITS

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program
Helps meet the nutritional needs of income-eligible women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and infants and children under 5 years old through health and nutrition assessments and education, food vouchers to participating stores and breastfeeding support. Many working families and those who receive SNAP benefits also qualify for WIC services. Walk-ins are welcome.

16,101 FOOD PACKAGES ISSUED

Communicable Disease Program
The mission of the Communicable Disease Program is to promote a healthy community and prevent the spread of disease.

756 REPORTABLE DISEASES 1,008 CASE INVESTIGATIONS

Adult & Travel Immunizations
Provides vaccines for preventable diseases to adults, including flu vaccines. Travel immunizations visits include a nurse consultation for recommended vaccines and country specific information.

2,272 ADULT VACCINES ADMINISTERED

Emergency Preparedness
On February 22, 2019, DeKalb County Health Department conducted an emergency preparedness drill by having a Personal Hygiene Collection Exercise. The exercise allowed staff to simulate receiving supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). When SNS is requested for a Disaster in a real situation, the Health Department has to be prepared to receive, sort, inventory, and push out to set locations from the SNS. The exercise not only prepared staff for a public health emergency, but also helped to stock DeKalb County food pantries with personal hygiene necessities.

Total items sorted, inventoried, and distributed:
6,488 items
2,083 travel sized items

Childhood Immunizations
Provides vaccines for preventable diseases to children, including flu vaccines. DCHD is a state approved Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program and provides free or low-cost vaccines to eligible children through 18 years. DCHD also provide immunizations to children who are covered by private health insurance which is then submitted electronically to their health insurance plan.

2,476 CHILDREN IMMUNIZED
5,742 VACCINES ADMINISTERED

Tuberculosis Program
Provides TB testing and screening for adults and children.

956 TUBERCULIN SKIN TESTS ADMINISTERED AND INTERPRETED
Vision & Hearing Screening Program
Screens children to identify and refer those who are in need of follow-up care.

3,897 HEARING SCREENINGS
3,277 VISION SCREENINGS

Family Planning Program
Offers confidential non-judgmental medical, educational and social services to males and females of childbearing age to support reproductive health and positive birth outcomes. All forms of birth control methods, including Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) are available. Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections including HIV testing.

2,045 VISITS

Medical Cannabis Patient Program (MCPP)
Provides assistance with applications for the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program.

248 CLIENTS ASSISTED

Healthcare Enrollment Assistance Program
Provides assistance with enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid. Funding for this program is made possible by the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board.

216 MEDICAID ENROLLMENTS
150 MARKETPLACE APPLICATIONS

Vital Records Program
As the DeKalb County Registrar, the DeKalb County Health Department has the responsibility of registering birth and death records in DeKalb County. Certified copies of certificates are issued by request.

972 BIRTHS REGISTERED
729 DEATHS REGISTERED

Drug Testing Services
Improves access for affordable urine drug screening for college programs, employers and the public.

234 TESTS PERFORMED

Ryan White Case Management Program
Provides Medical Case Management services to HIV+ individuals and their families.

45 NUMBER OF CLIENTS ENROLLED (MONTHLY AVERAGE)

Community Lab Draw
The Community Lab Draw (CLD) program launched on August 5, 2019. CLD provides discounted lab services with a healthcare provider’s prescription for ages 18 and up. Laboratory testing services are provided by the University of Illinois Hospital Reference Laboratory. This is a cost effective program that is perfect for uninsured, under-insured and high deductible insurance plans.
Community Health Needs Assessment
Priority Highlights

Maternal Child Health

*Initiative: Basics DeKalb County*

DCHD applied for and was awarded funding from the Northwestern Medicine Community Benefit Grant to directly support activities under the Maternal and Child Health Priority area of the Community Health Improvement Plan. A portion of the funding was allocated to create an interactive wall that promotes Basics DeKalb County. Basics DeKalb County, based on the Boston Basics, is a set of five evidence-based nurturing practices that help all infants and toddlers thrive cognitively, socially and emotionally. The wall incorporates all five Basics with interactive elements including sensory wall panels and book shelves with board books that clients are able to take home. Remaining funding was utilized to promote safe sleep and care seat safety for infants through education during home and office visits.

Adolescent Health

*Initiative: Vaping Education*

DCHD responded to the e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) outbreak that was first recognized in August 2019 by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In light of the severe respiratory illnesses seen in many teens across the nation, DCHD staff promoted the adoptions of the MD Anderson ASPIRE program to educate youth and targeted populations about vaping. DCHD collaborated with regional health departments to create an anti-vaping campaign that ran in 2019 to educate on the dangers of vaping.

Behavioral Health

*Initiative: Trauma Informed System of Care*

Early in 2019, DCHD adopted a Trauma-Informed Care Organizational Framework and began taking steps towards becoming a trauma informed organization. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to evolve our practices to promote a culture of safety, empowerment, and healing. In June, DCHD staff attended their first trauma informed training and participated in several other trauma-informed trainings throughout the course of the year. In August, DCHD convened an internal Trauma Action Team that focused on gaining a working understanding and knowledge of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s trauma components and principles and on assisting Health Department programs with the implementation of trauma-informed practices. We were fortunate to have received support from the DeKalb County Mental Health Board to secure consultation in the development of trauma specific training for staff and support through observations and coaching for Community Health and Prevention staff.
Fees (16%)

We aim to reach out in the less developed markets and countries where Sunny Money doesn’t yet operate. We’ll also channel the voices of African consumers and entrepreneurs into the decision-making processes of governments, aid agencies, companies and NGOs in order to contribute to the planning of energy access initiatives that can be both effective and sustainable.

Revenue

- Grants: 1,728,108.15 (44%)
- Taxes: 708,271.20 (18%)
- Environmental Fees: 635,662.20 (16%)
- Clinical Fees: 574,457.38 (15%)
- Other: 257,991.78 (7%)
- Total: 3,904,491.08 (100%)

Expenditures

- Personnel: 2,914,115.29 (75%)
- Contractual: 716,061.17 (18%)
- Commodities: 267,111.18 (7%)
- Capital: 12,925.40 (0%)
- Total: 3,910,213.04 (100%)
THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF

Patty Chilton
Secretary
25 years

Laura Nicoletti
Licensed Environmental
Health Practitioner
5 years

Dawn Nance
Environmental Health
Practitioner
5 years

A community where all can achieve optimal health where they live, work and play.