

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

Your Nationally Accredited
Local Public Health Department



June 2016

“Washtenaw County Public Health’s work to support and promote health for everyone in our local community is at the forefront of public health achievement in the state and in the country. As the national accreditation board observed, we have outstanding partnerships in place, and ‘the trust and respect’ we have earned from a multitude of partners is ‘very evident.’”

FELICIA BRABEC

Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

Member, Washtenaw County Board of Health

2015 HIGHLIGHTS



HEALTHY FOOD

Our community programs and partnerships, like Prescription for Health, helped **1,158** lower income residents eat more fruits, vegetables and healthy foods through health care providers, senior centers, farmers markets and healthy food distributions.



NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Washtenaw County Public Health was awarded National Accreditation August 7, 2015 - becoming the 4th local health department in Michigan and one of only 79 in the nation to achieve this honor.



WASHTENAW COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC

The clinic served **1,528** adults and kids with **3,776** visits from February to December.

The Washtenaw County Dental Assistance Fund helped 100 residents without insurance pay for dental care.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS



CLEAN INDOOR AIR

The Washtenaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation was amended to ban the use of electronic smoking devices in indoor public areas that are already smoke free and in county parks. Restaurants and bars are smoke free by state law and may opt to participate.



COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Over **2,900** local residents participated in the 2015 survey! The Health Improvement Plan of Washtenaw County has led a countywide health survey every five years since 1995. Results at hip.ewashtenaw.org.



PREVENTING DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Our nurses monitored **49** travelers returning to Washtenaw County from Ebola-affected areas, each for a period of 21 days. Fortunately, no travelers became ill with Ebola.

WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Your local public health department

Washtenaw County Public Health promotes health and works to prevent disease or injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

When everyone is healthy, we all benefit.

Strategic Priorities 2016-2018

Ensure the **Washtenaw County Dental Clinic** reaches and serves low income residents

Lead health improvements prioritized in the **Washtenaw County Community Health Improvement Plan** under perinatal health, access to care and vaccine-preventable diseases

Focus on health equity

Be a **strong voice for public health**, secure resources to improve health for all and fully support staff in accomplishing excellent, efficient work



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The ten-member Washtenaw County Board of Health was seated in January 2015. The Board of Health oversees our programs and services and advises the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on health issues, health priorities and potential solutions.

The Board of Health is quickly becoming a vocal advocate for public health. Actions in 2015 included a position statement in favor of training and equipping law enforcement and other non-medical responders with naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses and advocating to amend the Washtenaw County Clean Indoor Air Regulation to include e-cigarettes and other electronic devices.



4 quarterly updates on opioid and heroin overdoses in Washtenaw County
96 non-medical responders trained to use naloxone to reverse overdoses
11 lives saved by Washtenaw County Sheriff deputies using naloxone through early 2016

Board of Health Members:

(Left to right, in back) Richard Fleece, Kathleen Stroud, Felicia Brabec, Michael Miller, Bonita Neighbors and Neel Hajra.

(Left to right, front) Joanne Pohl, Jimena Loveluck and Peter Jacobson. Not pictured: James Carty

DATA, PARTNERSHIPS & BEST PRACTICES

Washtenaw County Public Health leads our local community health assessment process, called the **Health Improvement Plan of Washtenaw County**. The HIP partnership uses data, partnerships and evidence-based strategies to tell the story of our health and to focus improvements where they are most needed and can be most effective.

With this framework, Washtenaw County Public Health provides, or helps to provide, services that address health equity and improve the health of everyone in Washtenaw County.

The HIP survey is a valuable resource for the entire community. Explore at hip.ewashtenaw.org.

2015 HIP survey funding partners:
Washtenaw County Public Health,
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System,
University of Michigan Health System,
5 Healthy Towns, Michigan Institute
for Clinical and Health Research and
United Way of Washtenaw County.



“Washtenaw County ranks among the healthiest counties in Michigan. But, we continue to see health disparities within our county, depending on where residents live, how much they earn, their race or educational attainment. Our HIP survey helps us see exactly where we need to do more to improve health and achieve equity.”
-Ellen Rabinowitz, Health Officer



Washtenaw County Dental Clinic partners: Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Washtenaw County Public Health, Washtenaw Health Plan and My Community Dental Centers.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IS PUBLIC HEALTH

Our Environmental Health Division inspects restaurants and food service facilities, public pools and beaches, campgrounds, child care centers, facilities storing hazardous materials, well and septic systems and body art facilities. It also investigates foodborne illness complaints, offers water testing kits and provides environmental education.

Consultation on sanitation, groundwater contamination, mold, radon, pests and more is available.

322 soil evaluations
480 sewage permits
1,100 sewage inspections
539 well permits
1,100 well/septic evaluations
5,656 water tests



37 bed bug/pest complaints
40 mold complaints
1 illegal tattooing complaint
782 radon test kits
440 swimming pool inspections



3,254 restaurant inspections
10,197 food code violations
281 temporary food licenses
188 food-related complaints

PUBLIC HEALTH = PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

"She has been the most unbelievable resource through my entire pregnancy and post. She is professional, punctual and goes far beyond my expectations of how a social worker might assist... even just listening when I feel like I am painted in a corner. I commend you for creating a space that allows her to do such a phenomenal job. I can't tell you how grateful I am."

- Client, Maternal Infant Health Program

1,844 Maternal Infant Health Program home visits to support healthy pregnancies and a healthy first year for babies



19,183 hearing screenings
26,413 vision screenings
nearly **2,000** referrals



5,500 pregnant women, infants and kids up to age five received WIC foods and nutrition education each month

80% of WIC moms started breastfeeding, one of the highest rates in Michigan



975 Children's Special Health Care Services enrollees assisted with case management, care coordination and support



3,639 doses of vaccine administered

834 vaccine education sessions with local parents and guardians

"They went out of their way to make a very painful time in my life just a little bit easier and gave me one less thing to stress over. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You all rock!"
- Client, Sexual Health Services

PREVENTION IN ACTION

As the local public health department, we are responsible for the surveillance, investigation, prevention and control of infectious disease.

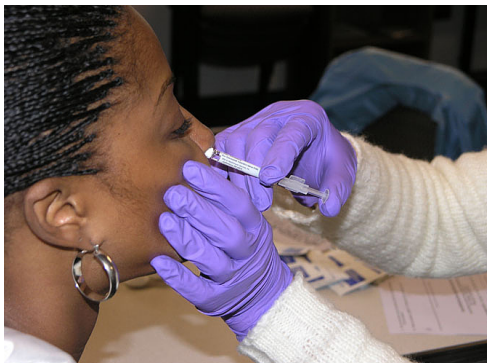
We ensure individuals get appropriate treatment. We also work to prevent new cases and to provide information to the community about health risks. Our nurses followed up on over **500** cases of reportable diseases in 2015. Local data at publichealth.ewashtenaw.org.



2,143 individuals accessed testing, treatment or partner notification through the Sexual Health Services program
713 HIV tests with counseling
90% of new HIV cases received care

299 animal bite/exposure reports
89 animals tested for rabies;
1 positive for rabies

6 new cases of tuberculosis
200 flu-related hospitalizations in 2015-2016
71 cases of pertussis (whooping cough)
21 disease clusters or outbreaks



PROMOTING & PROTECTING HEALTH WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, LEARN & PLAY

Programs and partnerships are in place to promote healthy eating, connect residents to community health resources and to respond quickly and appropriately in the event of a large-scale public health emergency.

Our Emergency Preparedness program develops, tests and maintains emergency response plans. Trained employees, ready volunteers and informed community partners are essential to our capacity to prevent disease and injury during emergencies.



PRESCRIPTION
for HEALTH

PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION
GUIDE

MARCH 2016

Tested mass vaccination plans, worked with volunteers and promoted readiness with the University of Michigan School of Public Health

37 new organizations agreed to serve as "points of dispensing," if needed, for emergency medication

Register Now: SPH Biopreparedness Exercise

ARE YOU PREPARED?



PHOENICIUS POX

Saturday, MARCH 28, 2015
10AM-3PM @ the KIPKE CENTER, U-M Campus
sph.umich.edu/biopreparedness



285 Prescription for Health participants in 2015; **89%** of those surveyed reported managing a health condition better

Prescription for Health participants ate, on average, **over 1/2 cup more** of fruits and vegetables per day (n=157; p<.001)

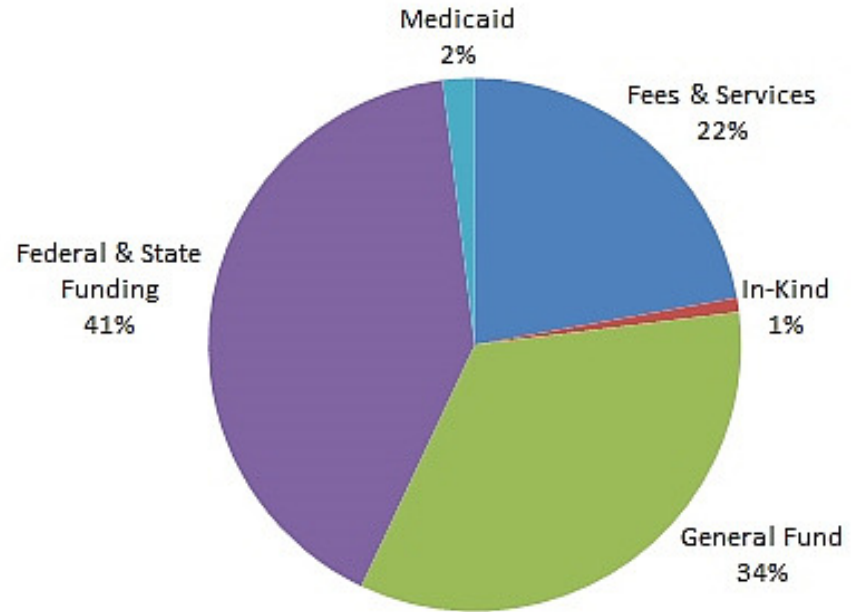


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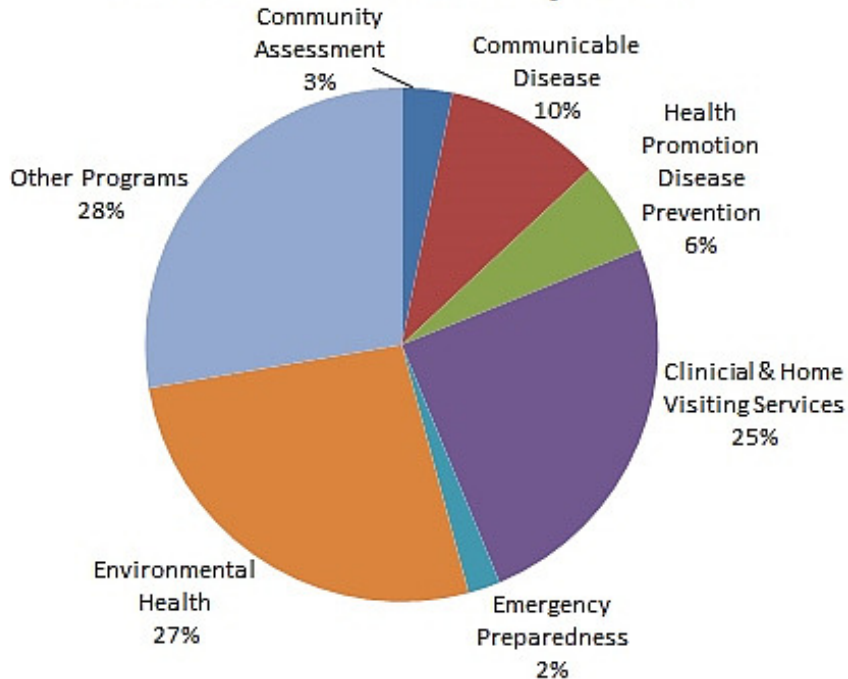
Our operating budget was \$13,249,228 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. The charts reflect audited figures.

The "other" category in the expense chart includes grants, contracts for the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner and the Washtenaw Health Plan as well as the construction of the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic.

2015 Public Health Revenue



2015 Public Health Expenses



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