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Douglas County
Health
Department
2014
Annual
Report





The Douglas County Health Department Annual Report is now at your fingertips. As you move through the pages, you will find that a great deal of work has taken place to make Douglas County a healthier place to live.

Topping that work was the implementation of the CHIP – the Community Health Improvement Plan. The CHIP is detailed below, but in brief, it is an unprecedented effort to focus the Douglas County community on concerns determined by those who live here. The CHIP includes a plan on how to address those concerns in a way that will allow us to measure our success. The seeds of success have been planted, and will bring forth amazing results to be shared in the future.

That is not the only effort in place to improve the health of our community.

The number of smoke-free living opportunities continues to grow. Our Baby Blossoms collaborative has reduced infant mortality, and we continue to expand STD testing in the Douglas County community.

New partnerships are established, and others constantly proposed as the Health Department is pushed to taken on new challenges.

All the while, the communicable disease section maintains vigilance over an array of diseases that easily could threaten the well-being of many in our county. Not a day goes by without the dedicated scientists in our Environmental Health Division making a difference by preventing disease in a daycare, restaurant, or home – with especially good results in lead testing for safer homes.

Douglas County Health Department Priorities



Everywhere you look, and in many places that never cross your mind, public health is making a difference. The sole focus of our work is to make Douglas County a safer and healthier community. I am honored to lead this amazing and dedicated staff, and I thank all those who make this vital work possible.

Adi Pour, Ph.D., Health Director



In the fall of 2013, the Douglas County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was unveiled to the community. The CHIP is a major three-year initiative that utilizes a work plan and follows indicators to measure improvements in priority areas as selected by the community. To date, more than 200 Douglas County citizens have participated in the program.

Priority 1: Access to Health Services Across the Lifespan

Priority 2: Nutrition & Obesity Across the Lifespan

Priority 3: Violence, Safety & Injury Children / Adolescents

Priority 4: Behavioral Health Across the Lifespan

Updates on the CHIP can be found at:

<http://www.douglascohealth.org/index.php?module=htmlpages&func=display&pid=5030>



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Community Health and Nutrition



The Women Infants and Children (WIC) program celebrated 40 years of supporting mothers and children. During Fiscal 2014, the WIC program served nearly 14,700 women, infants, and children.



Douglas County Health Department Divisions . . . By the Numbers

The Douglas County STD clinic saw 2,953 patients in Fiscal 2014.

The clinic increased its use of Express Testing by 295 percent.

Due to increased efficiencies, the clinic increased the number of patients it saw by 20 percent.

The Douglas County Health Department was one of only six organizations to be awarded a two-year program grant from the Health Impact Project at the Pew Trust.

DCHD staff completed health impact assessments (HIA) for Prospect Village and Downtown Omaha Parking.

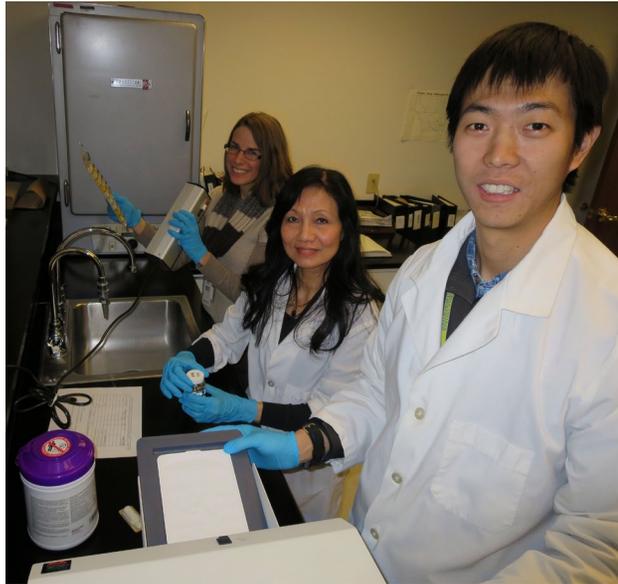
Douglas County's Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) used the evidence-based Wyman's Teen Outreach Program (TOP®) to complete over 26 youth development lessons and 175 community service learning hours by youths ranging from 11-18 years old.

The Douglas County Health Department oversees the federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program that has completed more than 2,344 home visits and 694 community resource referrals.

DCHD staff was instrumental in the creation of Complete Streets Omaha, Citizens Academy for Omaha's Future and Nebraska Walkable Communities, efforts to enhance active transportation.

The Seed Share program was expanded to two sites that drew several hundred gardeners thanks to the work of the DCHD staff.

Environmental Health



Douglas County Health Department Divisions . . . By the Numbers

The lab tested 1,353 water samples

The division answered 510 indoor air complaints

A technician performed an inspection on 58 complaints

A daily pollen count was reported to the National Weather Service

The Air Quality section provided daily Air Quality Index forecasts for ozone and PM 2.5.

Air Quality issues public alerts for high AQI days.

Sanitation Control issued 55 septic permits

Sanitation Control conducted 870 pool inspections

Sanitation Control issued 56 well permits

Environmental Services responded to 54 complaints about bed bugs.

Staff in Retail Foods inspected 2,500 restaurants, 350 schools and 200 daycares.

Retail Foods staff performed 500 inspections at 36 festivals and other temporary events.

The Retail Foods staff inspected 300 vendors at six farmers markets.

Emergency Response and Preparedness

Plans for flu, plans for anthrax, plans for a tornado recovery.

Documents, drills, and message maps.

Preparation, meetings, and monitoring. Then more preparation.

That is the daily life of the Response and Preparedness Division of the Douglas County Health Department. Endlessly, they work on plans for things we all hope never happen.

But sooner or later, it happens.

It happened in January of 2014 when International Nutrition suffered a building explosion and partial collapse. The incident left two people dead and nine injured.

The DCHD Response and Preparedness Division was in the Emergency Operations Center, serving as a point of contact for hospital status updates and coordination of behavioral health services. Unfortunately, it also involved coordinating morgue services.

Making plans for such work is part of the daily duties of the Douglas County Health Department's Response and Preparedness Division.

Recently, the division also has assisted in monitoring social media, provided planning and evaluation for a major exercise in southeastern Nebraska, assisted in the Pilger tornado response, provided the basic support for a staff tabletop exercise on, and helped coordinate a mass dispensing exercise for first responders.

They were charged with planning and running a multi-agency, full-scale dispensing drill, which was a tremendous success. When a late spring wind and thunderstorm flooded parts of Omaha, they were called in to serve,

This section's work never stops. They can be called to work at any hour of any day.

Making the community safe for events no one wants to consider is their daily work.

They do it extremely well.

Douglas County Health Department Divisions . . . By the Numbers

Emergency Response Exercises, Trainings, Education, And Planning
Community presentations (nursing students and general public) x 7
Evaluator at LHD FXEs x 2

Assisted with NE mass dispensing training- 5/1/2014

Participated in NE Chem-Pack TTX-7/9/2014

Business health fairs x 2

Community planning meetings x 70 (OMMRS, MRC, CRI, etc.)

CDC Technical Assistance Review And Evaluation- CRI

Received a score of 100 out of 100 - January 21st

Emergency Response Equipment And Supplies

Completed inventory

Purchased needed equipment and supplies

Emergency Response Partner Agreements

Reviewed and updated current partner agreements

Executed new partner agreements with the Public Safety Training Center and closed POD partners

Emergency Response Plans

Reviewed and updated the Cities Readiness Initiative Plan

Reviewed and updated the DCHD Emergency Response Plan

Public Health And Healthcare Capabilities

Assessment of local capabilities and identified areas for improvement

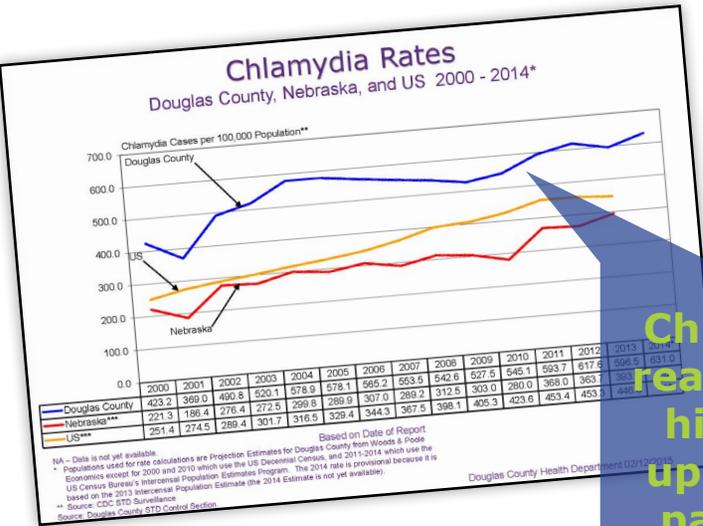
Community Emergencies

Participated in the Douglas County response to severe weather event and subsequent flooding risk- Omaha, June

Participated in the Douglas County response to the Ebola crisis - October through December Participated in the Douglas County response to a building collapse - Omaha, January 20th

Assisted the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department in the Pilger Tornado response efforts - June 16th

Health Data and Planning



Chlamydia rate reaches all-time high in 2014; up 5.8% in the past year and 2.2% over the previous high in 2012

Douglas County Health Department Divisions . . . By the Numbers

Vital Statistics:

- Registered 12,117 births
- Registered 4,797 deaths
- Sold 21,980 copies of birth certificates
- Sold 30,169 copies of death certificates

The 2013 STD rates in Douglas County (cases per 100,000 population):

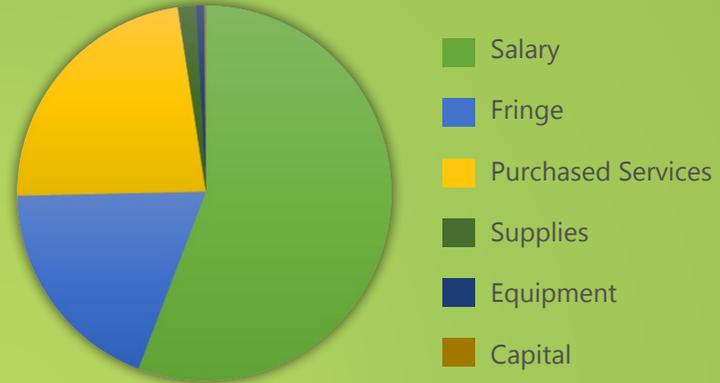
- Chlamydia - 596.5
- Gonorrhea - 155.0
- Herpes - 62.0
- Primary/Secondary Syphilis - 5.6



Financial Report

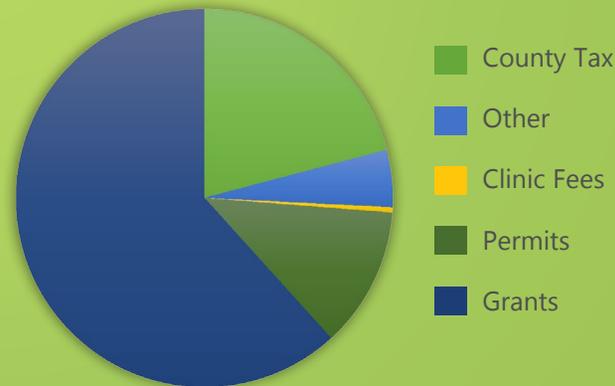
Expenses

Salary	6,612,236.98
Fringe	2,230,796.65
Purchased Services	2,716,147.58
Supplies	185,432.32
Equipment	84,427.07
Capital	17,367.14
Total:	\$11,846,407.74



Revenue

County Tax	2,533,727.90
Other	592,812.97
Clinic Fees	53,651.00
Permits	1,457,977.00
Grants	7,480,768.01
Total:	12,118,936.88



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