



FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Board President

On behalf of the Ford County Public Health Department (FCPHD), I am pleased to share with you the Fiscal Year 2017 Public Health Annual Report. This information includes December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017. The report shows the different programs and services provided to the residents in Ford County and how the Health Department strives to improve the health of the community.



2017 saw a more financially stable environment for FCPHD than previous years. Local tax receipts continued to be a reliable source of funding for the department. The State of Illinois, though later than we would have liked, provided the department with enough funds to allow us to be nearly fully staffed. With financial concerns eased somewhat, we look forward to 2018 as the staff at FCPHD continues to provide quality services to the citizens of Ford County.

The Health Department partnered with Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services (GAHHS) to provide Maternal Child Health services. Women Infant and Children (WIC) and Family Case Management (FCM) services are being provided by GAHHS at the Paxton Community and Wellness Center in Paxton. FCPHD is excited to continue to provide Maternal Child Health Services through GAHHS.

The dedicated staff at FCPHD continue to serve Ford County in assuring safe food, testing safe drinking water, coordinating emergency preparedness, monitoring communicable disease, providing senior services and protecting through community health.

We thank you for your support during this past year and look forward to what the future has in store for our County. If we can provide any additional assistance, please feel free to call the staff at FCPHD.

Thanks for supporting the health department,

Mike Short

Ford County Public Health Board President



Mission Statement

The mission of the Ford County Public Health Department is to fulfill society's interest in assuring conditions in which people can reach their maximum health potential.

Core functions of this public health department include:

- **ASSESSMENT**-monitoring and surveillance of local health problems/needs and of resources for dealing with them;
- **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**- and leadership that foster local involvement and a sense of ownership, that emphasize local needs, and that advocate equitable distribution of public resources and complimentary private activities commensurate with community needs;
- **ASSURANCE**-that high-quality services, including personal health services, needed for the protection of public health in the community are available and accessible to all persons; that the community receives proper consideration in the allocation of federal and state as well as local resources for public health, and that the community is informed about how to obtain public health, including personal health services, or how to comply with public health requirements.



Board of Health

This Board of Health was appointed and operates under the provisions of “an Act in Relation to the Establishment and Maintenance of County and Multiple-County Public Health Departments,” (Chapter 55, Div. 5-25001, et. seq. Illinois Compiled Statues, 1996), also known as the County and Multi-County Health Department Act.

Board of Health Members:

- Michael Short, President
- Randy Berger, Vice President
- Mark Spangler, MD., Secretary
- Laurelyn Cropek
- Kevin Brucker, DMD
- Katherine Austman, MD
- Marcia Peznowski



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Community Health



The Health Department has several programs that fall under the community health department: Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), Blood Pressure Screening, Pregnancy Testing, Lead Screenings, Vision and Hearing Testing and Dental Sealant. The nursing staff at FCPHD serves several clients in these programs. The IBCCP program allows women who are uninsured to receive free Breast and Cervical screenings. Free pregnancy testing and blood pressure screenings are also offered. The vision and hearing program is serviced to students attending any Ford County schooling system to provide free vision and hearing screenings. Dental Sealant is provided through Miles of Smiles and Orland Park Dental Service which also is provided at the Ford County schooling systems.

2017 Outcomes

- The agency gave 2 pregnancy tests.
- There were 10 IBCCP clients served.
- 62 blood pressure screenings were taken either at our agency or out in the community.
- 1,065 vision screenings were given to students who attend any Ford County school system.
- 1,200 hearing screenings were performed on students pre-school aged through seniors in high school in the Ford County school systems.

The staff at the Health Department offer child immunizations/Vaccines for Children (VFC), adult immunizations, Tuberculosis (TB) skin tests, Lead and hemoglobin screenings and communicable disease prevention. The communicable disease program protects Ford County residents from contracting and transmitting infectious diseases through active surveillance, investigations, diagnostic screenings and referrals as mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Lead Screenings	138
Flu Shots	228
Adult Immunizations	33
Childhood Immunizations	136
Communicable Disease Cases	39
TB Skin Test	88





Maternal Child Health

Women Infant and Children (WIC) and Family Case Management (FCM) are programs that help improve the health of women and children. WIC is a food assistance program that helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well and stay healthy. The WIC program gives clients special checks to buy healthy foods - like milk, juice, eggs, cheese, cereal, dry beans or peas, and peanut butter. FCM helps income eligible, pregnant women, infants, or young children to obtain the health care services and other assistance they may need to have a healthy pregnancy and to promote the child's healthy development of children. Information about nutrition and health to help you and your family eat well and be healthy is also offered through WIC.



2017 Outcomes

- WIC had an average of 275 clients enrolled per month for 2017. The state required caseload was 314.
- Family Case Management had an average of 151 clients enrolled per month for the year. The required caseload was 125.



MCH Staff from GAHHS. Left to right: Stephanie Evans, WIC Clerk, Ann Benoit, RN/Case Manager, Kris Cramer, RN/Case Manager and Kristin Salyards, RN, MCH Coordinator.



Environmental Health

The Ford County Public Health Department has several programs that are part of the environmental department. The **well and septic** program enforces regulations governing the installation and/or sealing of private well and installation of sewage systems. FCPHD has a **food sanitation** program that promotes food safety and protects against foodborne illness by performing food service inspections which follows Illinois State Regulations and Ford County Food Service Ordinance. Free **radon** tests kits are provided by the Health Department which encourages Ford County residents to check radon levels in their home. The **West Nile** program surveys mosquito pools and collects/submits dead birds to monitor the presence of West Nile Virus in Ford County. Another program in the environmental department is **public health emergency preparedness** which promotes awareness and encourages Ford County residents to prepare in advance for natural, technological, chemical and manmade hazards that can potentially become disasters. The **Illinois Tobacco Free** Community program supports, educates and instructs Ford County residents on how they can receive free nicotine replacement products. The Health Department also monitors compliance of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act.

2017 Outcomes

- 18 wells and 17 septic tanks were inspected throughout the county.
- 58 water samples were tested for the year.
- 208 food inspections were done at establishments in Ford County.
- There were 88 temporary food permits issued in 2017.
- The health department gave 17 radon kits out to residents in Ford County.
- 1 bird was submitted to the state lab for West Nile Virus testing and was reported positive.
- The agency received 3 tobacco complaints and 23 violations noted out of the 244 inspections.





Senior Services

Caregiver Advisory Services, Community Care Program, Senior Information Services (SIS), Adult Protective Services and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren are all programs served in the Senior Services department at Ford County Public Health. Caregiver Advisory provides information, assistance and support to caregivers. The Health Department offers an in-home assistance program for people 60 years of age or older through the Community Care Program. The Senior Information Services program provides information and assistance regarding services available to seniors and adults with disabilities. Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates suspected emotional, sexual and physical abuse, financial exploitation and neglect to an individual 60 years of age and older or disabled adults ages 18-59. FCPHD also provides assistance, information and support to grandparents and other relatives age 55 years and older who are raising children 18 years of age or younger through the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program.

2017 Outcomes

- The agency had 8 caregiver clients and 2 grandparents raising grandchildren clients.
- There were 165 nursing home pre-screens done in 2017.
- Our community care program had an average of 87 active clients.
- 851 SIS contacts were made throughout the year.
- FCPHD received 16 Adult Protective Service reports.



Ford County Network Panel at their monthly meeting. The Panel is a volunteer community and social service network, addressing areas of concern in the county.





Administration

The financial report below represents both revenues and expenses from December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017. The agency added three new staff members in 2017.

Expenses	2017
Salaries	\$253,493.26
Fringes	\$36,026.75
General Operating Expenses	\$63,576.26
Outside Contracts	\$121,081.33
TOTAL	\$474,177.60

Revenues	2017
Property Tax	\$199,723.05
Interest Income	\$359.48
Misc. Income	\$22,067.65
Grant Income/Contracts	\$448,634.50
TOTAL	\$670,784.68