

FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2023 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 2023 Public Health Annual Report. This information references information from December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. 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.



While 2023 continued to be dominated by the unusual dynamic of Covid-19 and its variants, the staff at FCPHD was able to continue offering varied services to the community in a timely manner. The administration and staff worked diligently to see that there were minimum interruptions to the programs provided.

2023 also found us with a change in Administrators. Our long-time Administrator, Lana Sample, left the first of September to take a position in Florida. Donny Gill filled the Administrator's position later in the fall.

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 hope to be fully staffed once again after the first of the year.

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

Ford County Public 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**-those 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
- Suzie Shell, Vice President
- Mark Spangler, MD., Secretary
- Laurelyn Cropek
- Kevin Brucker, DMD
- Katherine Austman, MD
- Robert Lindgren
- Debbie Smith, County Board Representative



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



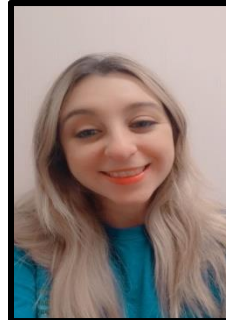
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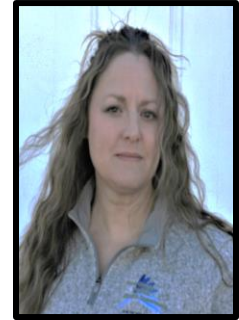
Lana Sample
Administrator



Morgan Behrens
Financial Coordinator



Alexis Jesse
Office Manager



Christy Wallace
PHEP Coordinator



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APS Caseworker



Nancy Mandamuna
Director of Environmental
Health



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Nurse



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Nurse



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Vision & Hearing Tech
Caregiver Advisor



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Care Coordinator



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Educator



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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, and Vision and Hearing Testing. 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. PROMPT (Partnership to Reduce Opiate Mortality & Promote Training), in partnership with GAHHS and Champaign Public Health, was designed to promote expansion of overdose prevention efforts. Free Narcan offered through this program.

2023 Outcomes

- The agency gave 0 pregnancy tests.
- There were 7 IBCCP clients served.
- 2 blood pressure screenings were taken either at our agency or out in the community.
- 1497 vision screenings and 1395 hearing screenings were given to students who attend any Ford County school system pre-school aged through seniors in high school.

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	34
Flu Shots	150
Adult Immunizations	12
Childhood Immunizations	61
Communicable Disease Cases	46
STD Reports	38
TB Skin Test	48





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.

2023 Outcomes

- 15 well inspections and 13 septic inspections were completed.
- 25 water samples were tested for the year.
- 202 food inspections and 18 re-inspections were done at establishments in Ford County.
- There were 90 temporary and 42 seasonal food permits issued in 2023.
- The health department gave 10 radon kits out to residents in Ford County and 3 of these tests came back with levels higher than 4.0 pCi/L.
- 4 birds were submitted to the state lab for West Nile Virus testing and 2 reported positive.
- The agency received 0 tobacco complaints and 0 violations noted out of the 139 inspections.





Senior Services

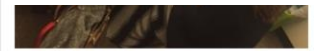
Caregiver Advisory Services, Community Care Program, Senior Information Services (SIS), Adult Protective Services and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren are all programs served in the Senior Services department at Ford County Public Health. Caregiver Advisory provides information, assistance, and support to caregivers. FCPHD also provides assistance, information and support to grandparents and other relatives aged 55 years and older who are raising children 18 years of age or younger through the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. The Health Department offers an in-home assistance program for people 60 years of age or older through the Community Care Program. The Caregiver and Grandparents Program were also expanded to Iroquois County this year. 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 in Ford and Iroquois Counties.

2023 Outcomes

- The agency had 15 caregiver clients and grandparents raising grandchildren clients in Ford County and 5 caregiver clients and grandparents raising grandchildren clients in Iroquois County.
- There were 207 nursing home pre-screens done in 2023.
- Our community care program had an average of 123 active clients.
- 959 SIS contacts were made throughout the year.
- FCPHD received 25 Adult Protective Service reports in Ford County and 50 Adult Protective Service reports in Iroquois County.



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, 2022, through November 30, 2023.

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Salaries	\$600,000.00	\$517,590.09	\$82,409.91
Fringes	\$100,000.00	\$63,107.48	\$36,892.52
General Operating Expenses	\$102,557.00	\$123,839.92	(\$21,282.92)
Outside Contracts	\$33,000.00	\$248,701.55	(\$215,701.55)
TOTAL	\$835,557.00	\$953,239.04	(\$117,682.04)

Revenues	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Property Tax	\$220,000	\$274,221.59	\$54,221.59
Interest Income	\$1,100.00	\$10,254.83	\$9,154.83
Misc. Income	\$800.00	\$29,773.89	\$28,973.89
Grant Income/Contracts	\$551,092.00	\$606,378.10	\$55,286.08
TOTAL	\$772,992.00	\$920,621.41	\$147,629.41