



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 2018 Public Health Annual Report. This information includes December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. 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.



This past fiscal year was a financially stabilizing year for FCPHD. Both local tax revenues and funding from the State of Illinois allowed the department to pursue its goal of being fully staffed. As we look to the future, we at FCPHD are encouraged by our strengthening financial outlook as this will allow us the opportunity to provide quality programs and 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 Illinois Department on Aging awarded the Health Department a new grant for the Senior Health Information Program (SHIP). FCPHD received and sub-awarded over \$100,000 to SHIP sites in East Central Illinois to provide education and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers.

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
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- Laurelyn Cropek
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- 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.

2018 Outcomes

- The agency gave 2 pregnancy tests.
- There were 6 IBCCP clients served.
- 56 blood pressure screenings were taken either at our agency or out in the community.
- 1,131 vision screenings were given to students who attend any Ford County school system.
- 1,222 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	128
Flu Shots	288
Adult Immunizations	41
Childhood Immunizations	146
Communicable Disease Cases	19
STD Reports	29
TB Skin Test	75





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.



2018 Outcomes

- WIC had an average of 251 clients enrolled per month for 2018. The state required caseload was 287.
- Family Case Management had an average of 125 clients enrolled per month for the year. The required caseload was 135 .



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.

2018 Outcomes

- 15 wells and 25 septic tanks were inspected throughout the county.
- 60 water samples were tested for the year.
- 221 food inspections and 14 re-inspections were done at establishments in Ford County.
- There were 87 temporary and 24 seasonal food permits issued in 2018.
- The health department gave 67 radon kits out to residents in Ford County and 14 of these tests came back with levels higher than 4.0 pCi/L.
- 5 birds were submitted to the state lab for West Nile Virus testing and 1 was reported positive.
- The agency received 1 tobacco complaint and 11 violations noted out of the 219 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.



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.

2018 Outcomes

- The agency had 8 caregiver clients and 2 grandparents raising grandchildren clients.
- There were 132 nursing home pre-screens done in 2018.
- Our community care program had an average of 86 active clients.
- 934 SIS contacts were made throughout the year.
- FCPHD received 17 Adult Protective Service reports.





Administration

The financial report below represents both revenues and expenses from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. The agency added two new staff members in 2018.

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Salaries	\$364,336.00	\$313,894.83	\$50,441.17
Fringes	\$72,000.00	\$44,223.22	\$27,776.78
General Operating Expenses	\$107,782.00	\$76,674.74	\$31,107.26
Outside Contracts	\$263,116.00	\$170,606.17	\$92,509.83
TOTAL	\$807,234.00	\$605,398.96	\$201,835.04

Revenues	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Property Tax	\$210,000.00	\$209,506.31	(\$493.69)
Interest Income	\$150.00	\$1,219.29	\$1069.29
Misc. Income	\$1,700.00	\$3,042.25	\$1,342.25
Grant Income/Contracts	\$603,169.00	\$448,634.50	(\$154,534.50)
TOTAL	\$815,019.00	\$670,784.68	(\$152,616.65)