

To the Residents of LaSalle County:

It is an honor to present to you the LaSalle County Health Department 2015 Annual Report of Services and Finance. The 2015 programs in the LaSalle County Health Department's Administrative, Environmental Health, and Personal Health divisions were offered to ensure that our mission statement to "Promote Health and Prevent Disease" was carried out.

The LaSalle County Health Department is a Certified Local Health Department that provides clinical and environmental services through the operation of various programs, services, and partnerships for the last 29 years. The Health Department touches everyone in some way or another in their daily lives. Programs operated by the Department monitor your drinking water and the food you eat, immunize children and adults to protect them from diseases, provide prenatal case management to reduce the number of infants born with health complications, provide breast and cervical cancer screening services to uninsured women and promote overall wellness of the community.

During 2015, the Health Department has been working with several organizational committees reviewing the many regulations being put forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health in the area of the food, water and septic programs. Fall of 2015 brought our annual flu vaccination clinics to several school locations throughout the County. This allowed children to stay in school, giving convenience to their parents while at the same time protecting their surroundings from the flu virus. We also contracted with private insurance companies as a billing option for immunizations and other nursing services.

This report gives the statistical and financial data for each program. We receive funding from state and federal grants, fees for service and county tax dollars. Despite the challenges brought on by the State of Illinois budget impasse, the LaSalle County Health Department has been able to continue to offer the same public health programs to its citizens. The tremendous dedication and commitment of the staff and the steady support from the Board of Health and the County Board provide a strong foundation which allows important public health services to continue in LaSalle County.

Sincerely,
Julia K. Kerestes, LEHP
Public Health Administrator

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**Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2015
(12/01/14 - 11/30/15)**

Balance on Hand (12/01/145	\$4,977,948
Revenue	
A. Federal & State Grants	\$2,063,462
B. Service Fees	238,561
C. Tax Levy	905,154
D. Interest	23,424
E. Misc. Income	9,889
TOTAL	\$3,240,490
Expenses	
A. Personnel	\$1,357,824
B. Benefits	374,196
C. Program Expenses	1,502,080
TOTAL	\$3,234,100
County Operating Transfers	\$17,835
Ending Balance (11/30/15)	\$4,966,503

A Profile of LaSalle County

Population estimate, 2014*	111,241
Population % change, April 2010 - July 2014*	-2.4
Land Area sq. mi., 2010*	1,135.12
Persons per sq. mi., 2010*	100.4
Second largest geographic county in Illinois	
Percent of cropland***	72
Total Acreage***	734,656
Family Median Income, 2010- 2014*	51,232
Annual Ave. Unemployment Rate, 2015**	7%
Median Age, 2010-2014*****	41.6
Births, 2013****	1,132
Deaths, 2014****	1,350
Hospitals.....	4

Sources:

- *US Bureau of Census
- **US Department of Employment Security
- ***Illinois Project for Natural Resources
- ****Illinois Department of Public Health
- *****American Community Survey 5yr Estimates
- *****US Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Sur-

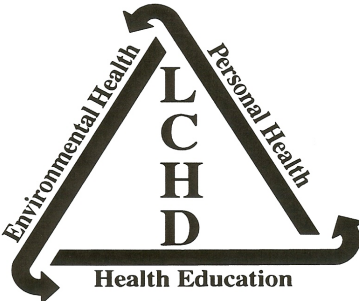
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Administrative Division

Julia K. Kerestes, B.S., L.E.H.P.
Public Health Administrator

Responsibilities include administrative operation, fiscal management, adherence to laws, personnel management, statistical data analysis, and media relations.

Environmental Health Division

Ted Pumo, B.S., L.E.H.P.
Director of Environmental Health

The **Food Sanitation Program** goal is the reduction of food borne illness through education to food service operators and consumers regarding safe food handling practices. All food service establishments are classified into risk categories based upon the type of menu served, the type of population served, the amount of food handling and/or the procedures of food handling being performed.

Food service establishments.....890
Pre-operational inspections.....54
Food complaints received62
Routine food surveys1,257
Follow-up surveys426
Temporary food stand surveys.....216
Food borne illness investigations4
Food safety training participants ...286
Cottage food permits.....10

The **Private Sewage Disposal Program** goals are to minimize the risk of communicable disease transmission and to reduce adverse impacts upon the environment from improperly treated sewage effluent. The Private Sewage Disposal Program requires that all installations and/or repairs of individual sewage disposal systems be permitted and inspected by an Environmental Health Practitioner. Proposed subdivisions are also reviewed to ensure proper disposal of domestic sewage.

Total permits issued 72
Final construction surveys..... 61
Septic tank pumpers inspections..... 20
Sewage complaints.....31
Trainings 189

The **Potable Water Program** goal is to assure water systems are properly located, constructed, and provide water satisfactory for consumption. Prior to construction of a new well, a permit from the Health Department is required to ensure protection of groundwater. Surveys and sampling of water well supplies are conducted upon suspected illness of waterborne diseases. Biennial surveys and routine sampling are performed on non-community public water supplies.

Number of permits73
Final construction surveys.....50
Non-community water supplies
Inspected.....4
Non-community water supplies
monitored.....98
Private water well samples38
Number of water complaints48
Trainings.....65

The reviewing of **Subdivision Plats** goal is to assure that proposed developments are able to install water wells and private sewage disposal systems which meet current code requirements and protect the public's health.

Number of plats submitted..... 1

The **Tanning/Body Art Facility Inspection Program** goal is to assure that the equipment and facilities are maintained. Environmental Health Practitioners conduct annual and if needed follow-up inspections on all licensed tanning beds and body art facilities located within LaSalle County.

Tanning/Body Art facilities inspected ...
..... 23

The **Emergency Preparedness Program** allows the Health Department to take an all-hazards approach in preventing, preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against all types of emergencies.

The **Nuisance Control** program goal is to minimize possible injury associated with a potential public health nuisance condition. Upon citizen request, situations are investigated and corrective action is initiated when a nuisance condition ap-

pears to be a public health hazard.
Complaints received 53

The **Vector Control Program** is a grant funded program which allows the collection/testing of dead birds for West Nile virus, and mosquitoes for West Nile virus. Additionally, large quantities of mosquito larvicide are purchased with the funding and distributed to licensed mosquito control applicators from local municipalities and villages throughout the county. Larvicide is used to treat potential mosquito breeding sites. An annual educational campaign focuses on prevention and identifying potential breeding sites throughout the County. Identified sites are monitored and Oas needed remediated. Presentations about mosquitoes and the potentially life threatening diseases they can carry are given to students throughout the county.

Onsite surveys36
Vector presentation participants473

Communicable Disease Control

Infectious diseases continue to pose a significant threat to public health and mortality. The communicable disease program strives to decrease the spread of infectious diseases through surveillance, investigation, screening, education and follow-up.

Communicable Diseases Reported

HIV Positive (Newly Identified).....2
Bacterial Meningitis.....0
Chicken Pox (Varicella).....15
Chlamydia.....271
Cyclosporiasis.....1
Gonorrhea.....25
Haemaphilus Influenzae.....2
Hepatitis A.....0
Hepatitis B Acute.....1
Hepatitis B Chronic.....9
Hepatitis C Confirmed.....72
Histoplasmosis.....2
Influenza A &/OR B.....9
Legionnaires' Disease.....2
Lyme Disease.....6
Mumps.....1
Pertussis.....0
Rabies (Potential) Exposure.....3
Shigella.....2
Salmonella.....8
Staph inf. <Age 61 Days.....2
Strep Invasive Group A.....2

West Nile Virus..... 2

The **Smoke-Free Illinois Act**. The law prohibits smoking in all indoor public places and places of employment. The law is designed to protect employees and the public from secondhand smoke. Complaints must be registered by calling a toll-free complaint line at 1-866-973-4646 or by going on-line to the Smoke-Free Illinois website at www.smoke-free.illinois.gov. These complaints will be handled by the Illinois Department of Public Health, local health departments, and local law enforcement agencies. According to the law, these agencies have been identified as enforcement agencies.

Complaints received.....11
Citations issued.....1
(Per IDPH Complaint System)

Personal Health Division

Cathy Larsen, R.N.
Director of Personal Health

The **Family Case Management (FCM) Program** offers case management services for pregnant women and children. The staff provides the following services: pregnancy testing, Emergency Medical Cards, monitoring of pregnancies and child development, management of high risk pregnancies and infants, referrals, home visits and Genetics screening with referral when indicated.

Average caseload per month.....841
Court Ordered Paternity Testing171
Pregnancy tests 94
Temp. Medical Cards Issued..... 160
Maternal visits 1
Infant visits37
Child visits 24
APORS.....248
Face to face contacts.....4,657

The **Healthworks Program** provides medical case management for foster children. This program ensures that children receive medical attention within the first 24 hours of becoming a ward, a Comprehensive Health Evaluation within the first 21 days of custody and ongoing medical care.

Average number of foster children
served (per month).....79

The **Genetics Program** is a screening service for potential genetic disorders. Disease specific educational materials are provided to clients wishing to learn more about their potential disorder. Referrals to a Genetics Clinic are made for clients needing further follow-up.

Clients screened219
Clients with a positive indicator..... 124

HIV testing is available at the Health Department by appointment, free of charge, for at risk individuals. Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) evaluation and treatment are provided through medical referral facilities throughout the county for minimal cost.

Number of tests administered 201

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a supplemental nutrition program that provides a health visit, counseling and education to eligible women, infants and children. The goal of WIC is to reduce low birth weight babies and infant mortality/morbidity while improving the health and nutrition of all participants.

Participants certified 2,984
Participants in nutrition/education
classes 3,933
Ave. monthly WIC participants ... 2,095

Immunizations - Low cost childhood and adult immunizations are offered during scheduled clinics or by appointment.

Adult Immunizations 408
Childhood Immunizations 457
Total immunizations provided 1,571
Flu Vaccines administered 1,468

Tuberculosis Skin Testing - Low cost Tuberculin (TB) skin tests are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Number of clients tested..... 496
Active TB cases.....1
Positive reactors.....23
Reactors on TB medications1

International Travel Recommendation
Foreign travel reports are available for anyone traveling outside the United

States. Reports are customized based on travel agenda, and include recommend vaccinations for international travel.

Travel recommendations.....44

The **Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program** focuses on hypertension control. Blood pressure screenings are offered daily at the Health Department.

Blood Pressure checks 30

The **Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program** provides education regarding risk factors and how to conduct a self breast exam. Mammograms, pap tests and diagnostic screenings are provided to all women ages 35-64, who are uninsured or underinsured.

Clients enrolled in IBCCP 3,115
Vouchers issued 2015 179
Abnormal breast results..... 25
Breast cancer diagnosed.....5
Abnormal pap smears..... 4
Cervical Cancer diagnosed 0

Health Promotion Presentations

Health Fairs (participated in) 10
Personal hygiene/hand washing.... 270
Summer safety 72

The **Dental Sealant Grant Program** provides dental exams and sealants at no charge to low-income, non-Medicaid students on the free and reduced lunch program at contracted schools in LaSalle County.

Dental Exams.....69
Sealants applied.....241