



Located west of the Big Walnut Park on the city's east side, the Willis Park neighborhood is a predominantly single family residential community consisting of the ranch style homes popular in the 1950s and 1960s.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH

Department Description

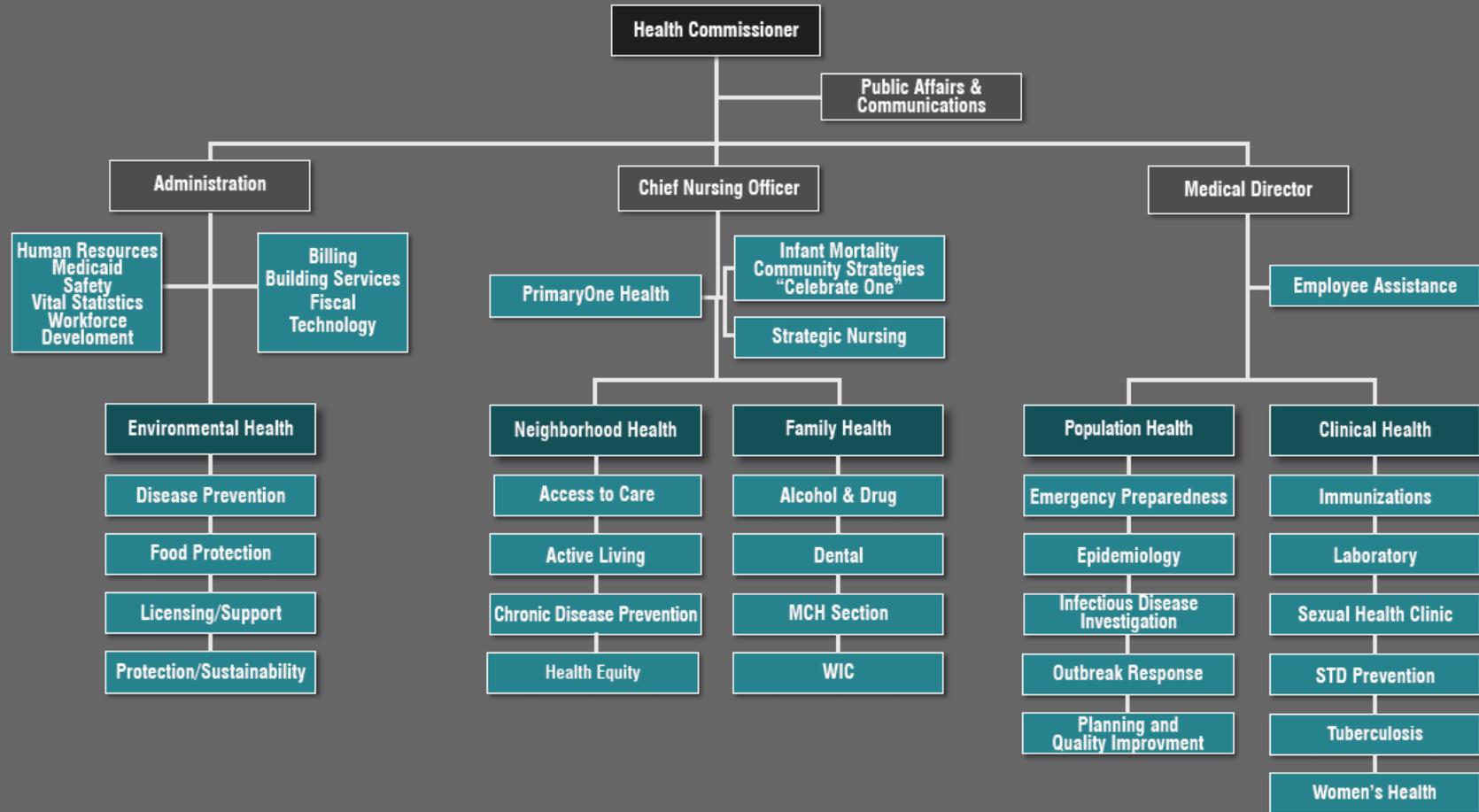
Columbus Public Health (CPH) protects, promotes, and monitors the health of the public by:

- Assuring compliance with public health laws, mandates, and regulations;
- Establishing policy to address health issues and emerging health threats;
- Providing preventative, environmental, community, clinical, and home-based services.

Department Mission

To protect residents' health and improve lives in our community.

Public Health



Strategic Priorities for 2017

Neighborhoods

Provide services to prevent, investigate, and control infectious diseases, including communicable disease outbreaks, sexually transmitted infections, and food-borne and water-borne illnesses.

Continue to provide high quality clinical services for children and families including sexual health, immunization, dental, women's health, and tuberculosis control. Staff will continue to reduce barriers to service by providing such services as translation and evening hours.

Lead the city's ongoing efforts to combat the current epidemic of obesity by implementing strategies to make Columbus an active and vibrant community. Programming and initiatives dedicated to these efforts include Healthy Children Healthy Weights, the Institute For Active Living, Get Active Columbus, farmers markets and community gardens, bike and walking paths, walking maps and art walks, the Creating Healthy Communities Network, Women Infants and Children (WIC), and Healthier Choices Committee.

Continue to work with PrimaryOne Health, the Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus, and other groups to help support quality primary care for as many as possible.

Maintain social work staff in Neighborhood Pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents. The goal is to protect residents' health and safety, primarily by linking them to needed health and social services and through the community-focused public health nursing corps.

Early Childhood Development and Education

Address the critically high rates of infant mortality in our region by (1) providing leadership and helping implement the recommendations of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force, (2) coordinating and supporting quality pre and post natal care to women and services to support infants, parents, and caregivers, and (3) leading the Ohio Equity Institute effort in our region to address the rates of infant mortality on the south side.

Coordinate with other city departments and agencies to enhance the safety of children in, near and around schools.

Continue school inspection services and collaborative efforts with Columbus City School nurses to respond to children's pressing health needs.

Improve health in minority and lower income communities through neighborhood-based Health Advisory committees and partnership initiatives.

Strategic Priorities for 2017 (cont.)

Operational Efficiencies

Expand quality improvement, safety, and workplace training efforts in order to maintain public health accreditation status.

Continue to provide important public health information through Columbus Public Health's website and social media.

Continue to enhance technology in the vital statistics area to allow for computer scanning and storage of birth and death certificates and regular access to data reports, including real time analysis of Franklin County residents.

Continue the SIGNS community education program for Columbus residents. This program provides information to the public on the safety of restaurants, pools, schools and other venues inspected by the Environmental Health Division. The transition to enhanced mobile web technologies will improve efficiency.

Continue CPH facility renovations and enhancements to assure safety of visitors and staff.

Safety

Continue departmental and community planning to prepare for and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism. Community leadership, public education, and staff training will continue with an emphasis on providing the highest level of public health protection possible for all Columbus residents.

Maintain a year round seasonal influenza initiative to better protect Columbus residents and workplaces.

2017 BUDGET NOTES

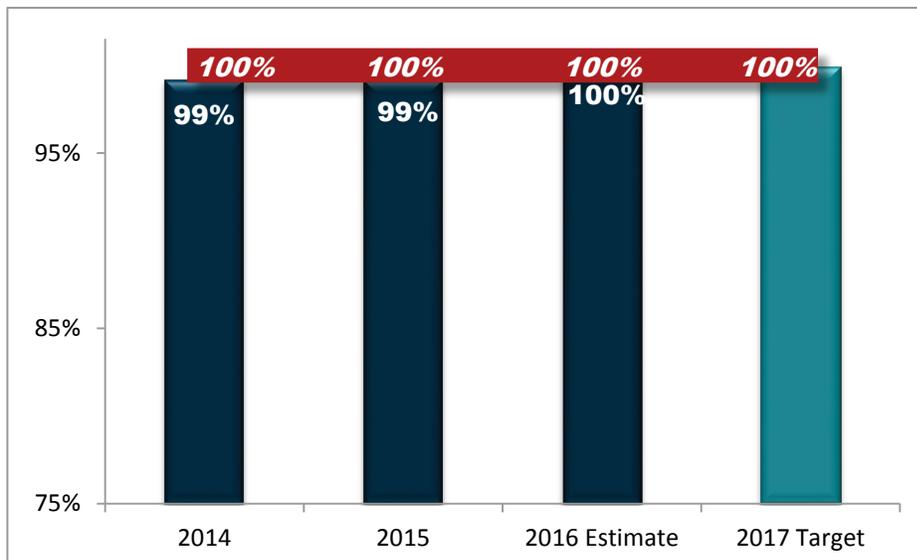
The 2017 budget for Columbus Public Health allows for continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the Mayor's priorities, and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential. In addition:

- Continued funding is included in the 2017 budget to address incidences of infant mortality in Columbus. Funding will continue for CelebrateOne, promoting and educating citizens on infant safe sleep habits, and providing safe sleep survival kits to those in need. Programs continue to focus on recommendations outlined by the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force. Statistical analysis of birth and death data will serve to drive program implementation. More information on CelebrateOne can be found in the Community Profile section of this document.
 - Funding is also provided to continue the community wide comprehensive harm reduction program to address heroin and opiate use. Columbus has been plagued by opiate use with devastating, and sometimes deadly, consequences. Resources are provided for counseling services, and program development, coordination, and implementation. An additional \$50,000 has been allocated to improve access to treatment, and to provide infectious disease screenings and linkage to care.
 - A clear connection of safety, education, and well-being of Columbus City School children in vulnerable neighborhoods is being addressed by allocating funds for a full-time program manager to coordinate a Safe Routes to School program to create and improve safe passages for elementary and middle school students.
 - A part-time epidemiologist position is included to study and establish a local violence related public health data set to better understand violence (specifically gun violence) in Columbus neighborhoods.
 - Support for PrimaryOne, formerly known as the Community Neighborhood Health Centers (CNHC), in the amount of \$4.5 million is included to address health concerns at multiple health centers.
 - Continued funding is provided for an effective rodent control program, licenses, and inspection services for food service establishments, pools, spas, and tattoo and body piercing studios.
 - The department continues to assist Columbus Public Schools by contracting with the district to provide general consultation and input on school health procedures and protocols.
 - Grant funding continues for the Pregnancy Support Program, AIDS Housing Program, and the Sexual Health Awareness Program.
 - Increased revenues are projected in clinical fees, third party clinical billings, food license fees and Medicaid administrative claims. In addition, the department continues to contract with and receive revenue from the City of Worthington to provide public health consultation and assistance in matters of public health.
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Compliant Food Facilities

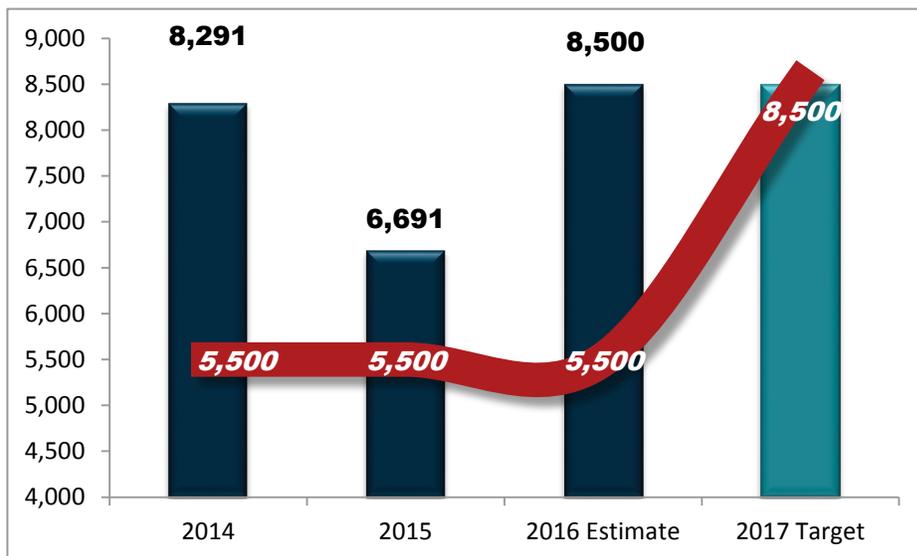
Percent of licensed food facilities in compliance with public health standards



Over the past two years, through vigilant inspection practices, Columbus Public Health has maintained 99 percent of licensed food facilities' compliance with public health standards. In concert with its mission to protect residents' health, the department continually strives to have 100 percent of food facilities compliant.

Home Visits

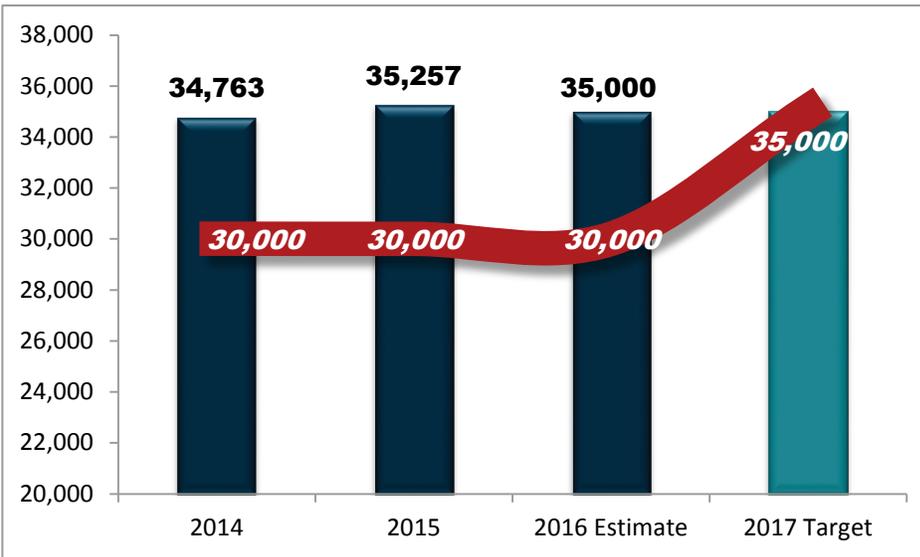
Number of prenatal, newborn, and child home visits completed



The number of prenatal, newborn, and child home visits completed is projected to increase. This is just one element of a major initiative to reduce the infant mortality and low birth rate for newborns in the city. The goal of 5,500 was surpassed in 2015 and through allocating the appropriate resources to address this continuing health threat, the target for 2017 is set at 8,500.

Immunizations

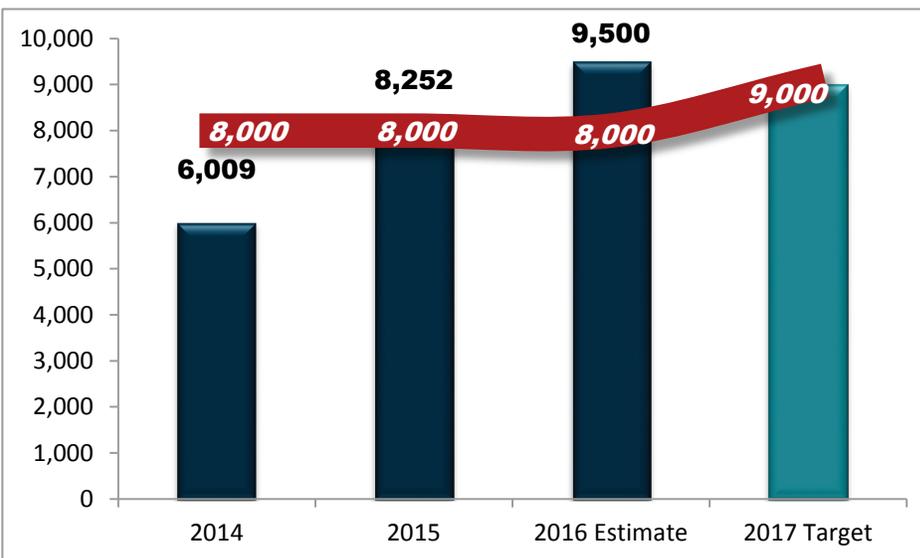
Number of immunizations provided to Columbus adults and children



Providing immunizations to adults and children is a top priority in protecting the health of residents and improving lives in our community. The health department surpassed the goal of 30,000 immunizations in 2014 and 2015. A total of 35,000 immunizations are projected for 2016, thus increasing the target for 2017.

Pesticide Applications

Number of pesticide applications made to stagnant water sites to control the mosquito population



The number of pesticide applications made to stagnant water sites has steadily increased over the years as the threat of infection to residents from infected mosquitos has increased. A total of 9,500 pesticide applications are projected for 2016 and this is expected to continue, having a direct impact on keeping the Columbus community healthy.

Public Health

Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Fund	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Projected	2017 Proposed
Health Operating Fund					
Personnel	\$ 19,388,838	\$ 20,435,495	\$ 22,020,215	\$ 22,031,234	\$ 23,393,219
Materials & Supplies	797,806	831,350	926,536	930,688	1,011,386
Services	7,887,772	7,169,894	7,625,915	7,560,833	7,257,608
Other	2,445	4,856	3,750	7,067	5,000
Capital	-	182,000	-	-	-
Health Operating Fund Subtotal	28,076,861	28,623,595	30,576,416	30,529,822	31,667,213
CDBG Fund					
Personnel	177,518	208,673	200,396	190,396	182,594
Services	31,066	4,000	-	10,000	-
CDBG Fund Subtotal	208,584	212,673	200,396	200,396	182,594
Department Total	\$ 28,285,445	\$ 28,836,268	\$ 30,776,812	\$ 30,730,218	\$ 31,849,807

Department Personnel Summary					
Fund	FT/PT	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Budgeted	2017 Budgeted
Health Operating Fund					
	FT	208	210	240	245
	PT	43	39	44	50
CDBG Fund					
	FT	4	3	4	4
Total		255	252	288	299

Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2016 Budget	2016 FTEs	2017 Proposed	2017 FTEs	
Health Administration	\$ 7,277,309	56	\$ 11,451,427	61	
Fiscal	538,869	4	469,219	4	
Human Resources	799,546	7	777,735	7	
Internal Services	-	0	419,395	0	
Neighborhood Health	7,338,144	23	2,854,419	25	
Clinical Health	5,174,462	47	5,224,404	47	
Population Health	1,591,314	15	2,240,709	20	
Environmental Health	5,359,860	57	5,615,632	58	
Family Health	2,697,308	35	2,796,867	27	
Department Total	\$ 30,776,812	244	\$ 31,849,807	249	

For additional financial information related to the Health Department, please refer to the health operating fund contained within the Special Revenue section. Program descriptions begin on the following page.



2017 PROGRAM GUIDE

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

To provide leadership and direction for the department, administrative and support services in the areas of information systems and facilities management, to monitor and document the department and community status regarding state and national public health standards, and to implement recommendations of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force through CelebrateOne.

FISCAL

To provide administrative and support services in the area of fiscal management.

HUMAN RESOURCES

To provide administrative and support services in the area of human resource management.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH

To create, implement, and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communications between staff and customers with limited English proficiency, to assess data collection within the department in regard to racial and ethnic minorities, providing input in the development of policies to address health disparities, to facilitate and support a community health improvement initiative which focuses on improving health and reducing disparities, assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.

CLINICAL HEALTH

To provide clinical services to the public including immunization services to residents of all ages, reproductive health and wellness services, family planning and postpartum services, sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention, education, and referrals to people in need of sexual health services to avoid complications and transmission of STIs.

POPULATION HEALTH

To prevent and/or reduce morbidity and mortality associated with public health threats by analyzing health indicators, investigating infectious diseases, and implementing public health interventions.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

To reduce the number of food-borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County, inspect and license swimming pools, spas, and water systems, provide inspections for hazardous waste and underground storage tanks, conduct animal bite investigations, monitor and control mosquito and rodent populations, and to evaluate and reduce lead poisoning in the community.

FAMILY HEALTH

To provide public health nursing and social work home visiting services to residents in need of social support linkages with community resources, to reduce death and preventable injuries to children aged 14 and under, provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and clients referred through the employee assistance program, to provide basic and preventive dental clinical services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental service due to cost, and to prevent tooth decay through a mobile dental sealant program for low income families in Columbus.
