



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.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Neighborhoods

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

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, and tuberculosis control.

Lead the city's ongoing efforts to combat obesity in our community. Programs and initiatives dedicated to these efforts include Healthy Children Healthy Weights, the Institute For Active Living, farmers' markets and community gardens, bike and walking paths, walking maps and art walks, the Creating Healthy Communities Network, Women, Infant and Children (WIC), and Healthier Choices Committee.

Continue to work with the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Health Care Collaborative of Greater Columbus, and other groups to support quality primary care.

Maintain social work staff in Neighborhood Pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents.

Safety

Continue departmental and community planning to prepare for and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism and pandemics.

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

Continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives, including pandemic disease outbreaks, by monitoring outbreaks and promoting infection control.

Education

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

Continue school inspections and efforts with school nurses to respond to children's health needs.

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

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

Customer Service

Continue the SIGNS community education program, which provides information to the public on the safety of restaurants, pools, schools, and other venues inspected by the Environmental Health Division.

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

Continue to provide important public health information through the department's website and social media.

2015 BUDGET NOTES

The 2015 budget for Columbus Public Health allows for continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the priorities contained within the Columbus Covenant, and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential. In addition:



- Increased funding is included in the 2015 budget to address incidences of infant mortality in Columbus and will provide for additional staff and anticipated contractual obligations. New programs focus on implementing recommendations outlined by the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force. The focus is on targeting intervention in high risk neighborhoods, promoting and educating citizens on infant safe sleep habits, and providing safe sleep survival kits to those in need. Statistical analysis of birth and death data will serve to drive program implementation. Prenatal care intake and referral services will also be offered. The city will contract with community partners to coordinate community learning and create a workable plan to achieve Healthy People 2020 goals.
- Continued funding is provided for an effective rodent control program.
- Funding is incorporated for both the Community Gardens program and Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus. The city partners with the Columbus Foundation to provide funding to the Foundation for Active Living through which the Community Gardens program in Central Ohio is managed. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations. This is consistent with the Mayor's goal to encourage healthy and active living and combat obesity through healthy eating in Columbus. The Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus is a non-profit public-private partnership focused on providing citizens with improved healthcare delivery. The primary goal is to build connections and collaborations between healthcare providers, patients and the community.
- Funding continues for licenses and inspection services for food service establishments, pools and spas, schools, and tattoo and body piercing studios.
- The department continues to assist Columbus Public Schools by contracting with them to provide general consultation and input on school health procedures and protocols.
- Increased revenues are projected in swimming pool license fees, certified pool operator training courses, sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, and Medicaid Reimbursement Match receipts. 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. These increases serve to offset expected reductions in food service operations and food establishment license fees due to a reduction in anticipated expenses.

- Funding continues for the Take Care Columbus program, which links patients with clinical preventative services in the community and the GLBT/Latino Health Disparities program, which addresses HIV and syphilis issues in the GLBT community.
- \$4.8 million in funding is included for community neighborhood health centers (CNHC) to address health concerns in the community at multiple health centers. This represents a slight increase over 2014 levels due to reimbursements for increased expenses for the dental clinic.
- Level funding is provided for emergency preparedness training and related programs.



Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Fund	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2014 Projected	2015 Proposed
Special Revenue Fund					
Personnel	\$ 17,627,252	\$ 18,673,509	\$ 20,134,953	\$ 19,239,695	\$ 20,825,147
Materials & Supplies	593,069	728,890	768,152	798,126	796,657
Services	6,933,285	7,412,486	7,315,270	7,795,064	7,100,087
Other	4,205	4,698	3,750	3,750	5,000
Capital	9,999	8,500	-	-	-
Special Revenue Fund Subtotal	25,167,810	26,828,083	28,222,125	27,836,635	28,726,891
CDBG Fund					
Personnel	217,891	167,430	213,735	177,915	212,275
Services	-	19,999	-	35,820	4,000
CDBG Fund Subtotal	217,891	187,429	213,735	213,735	216,275
Department Total	\$ 25,385,701	\$ 27,015,512	\$ 28,435,860	\$ 28,050,370	\$ 28,943,166

Department Personnel Summary					
Fund	FT/PT	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budgeted	2015 Budgeted
Special Revenue Fund					
	FT	189	196	223	228
	PT	41	48	62	62
CDBG Fund					
	FT	3	4	4	4
	PT	0	0	0	0
Total		233	248	289	294

Operating Budget by Program				
Program	2014 Budget	2014 FTEs	2015 Proposed	2015 FTEs
Community Dental Sealants	\$ 485,998	4	\$ 409,264	4
Dental Sealants	168,964	1	164,491	1
Food Safety	2,319,348	28	2,346,860	28
Perinatal Program	1,045,055	11	920,413	11
Public Health Standards	351,897	3	437,948	4
Vital Statistics	815,163	10	756,402	10
Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers	4,994,260	0	4,864,110	0
Health Administration	4,481,737	40	4,348,572	40
Employee Assistance Program	454,206	5	471,507	5
Neighborhood Health Administration	159,668	1	185,582	1
Strategic Nursing Team	803,848	8	823,877	8
Healthy Neighborhoods	563,841	6	635,383	6
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	384,431	4	345,669	4
MCH Home Visiting	1,077,210	9	1,757,005	13
Injury Prevention	51,844	0	96,138	0
Clinical Health Administration	375,464	3	351,778	3
Laboratory Services	647,391	4	621,546	4
Sexual Health	1,870,124	19	2,032,498	19
Immunization and Communicable Disease	1,099,712	10	986,655	10
Chronic Disease Prevention	652,682	6	725,567	6
Epidemiology, Preparedness and Response	1,462,415	14	1,532,549	14
Minority Health	875,865	7	799,587	7
Environmental Health Administration	725,013	8	745,558	8
Vector Control	223,618	1	228,993	1
Dangerous Animals and Rabies	376,112	4	372,568	4
Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards	519,484	5	417,072	5
Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air	584,413	6	646,703	6
Water Protection	479,615	5	432,579	5
AIDS Housing	18,179	1	18,179	1
Child Fatality Review	35,018	0	37,750	0
Take Care Columbus	158,475	2	159,704	2
Family Health Administration	174,810	2	270,659	2
Department Total	\$ 28,435,860	227	\$ 28,943,166	232

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.



2015 PROGRAM GUIDE

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES

To provide basic and preventative services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental service due to cost.

DENTAL SEALANTS

To prevent tooth decay in children from low income families in Columbus.

FOOD SAFETY

To reduce the number of food borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County.

PERINATAL PROGRAM

To provide comprehensive perinatal services to improve the health of pregnant and post-partum women and their infants.

PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

To monitor and document the department and community status regarding state and national public health standards.

VITAL STATISTICS

To register, correct, and provide birth and death information to the general public, funeral homes, and other agencies in compliance with Ohio laws so timely and accurate documents and information are available to obtain other vital services.

COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS

To provide financial support in the form of a contract to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers (CNHC) for the delivery of primary care services to the citizens of Columbus, and to monitor and review the performance of CNHC to ensure compliance with contract provisions.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	To provide leadership and direction for the department and to provide related administrative and clerical functions in the areas of fiscal, human resources, information systems, and facilities management.
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	To provide voluntary, confidential, professional, and short-term counseling to city employees and their families experiencing personal problems that affect their job performance; to make referrals to community resources if appropriate, and to provide education and training on related topics.
NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the Neighborhood Health Division.
STRATEGIC NURSING TEAM	To assist in disaster response, provide school immunizations, assist in communicable disease outbreaks, and conduct community health screenings at various sites.
HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS	To assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE	To provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and clients referred through the employee assistance program in a clinic setting and to provide education and prevention services to students in public schools.
MCH HOME VISITING	To provide interdisciplinary home visits, such as from public health staff, social workers, and paraprofessionals, for the assessment of health status, home environment, parenting skills, and social support; to provide education and training to families; to make linkages with community resources.
INJURY PREVENTION	To attempt to reduce death and preventable injuries to children ages 14 and under by developing public awareness and education programs and to advocate for more comprehensive public policy regarding safety issues.
CLINICAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the Clinical Health division.
LABORATORY SERVICES	To provide laboratory services for the department.

SEXUAL HEALTH	To provide sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis, treatment, prevention, education, and referrals to people in need of sexual health services to avoid complications and transmission of STIs.
IMMUNIZATION AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	To provide immunization services to residents of all ages, to provide outreach services and educate providers and parents, to immunize against preventable disease, and to provide prevention/control services through investigation and testing.
CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION	To reduce the incidence of obesity, heart disease, lung disease, and other chronic diseases by promoting healthy lifestyles.
CENTER FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE	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.
MINORITY HEALTH	To create, implement, and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communication between CPH staff and customers with limited English proficiency or hearing impairments, and to assess data collection within the department in regard to racial and ethnic minorities, providing input on their needs in the development of policies, programs, and allocation of resources.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	To provide administrative and clerical support functions for the division.
VECTOR CONTROL	To monitor and control mosquito populations in Columbus through counts, treatment, and environmental control.
DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND RABIES	To conduct animal investigations for all bites and dangerous animals and to conduct seven rabies clinics annually.
HAZARDOUS WASTE/CHEMICAL HAZARDS	To provide inspections for hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks, to monitor compliance with various rules and regulations, and to act as a clearinghouse for information about chemical hazards to be used by various organizations such as the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.

LEAD POISONING AND INDOOR AIR	To evaluate and reduce lead poisoning among Columbus children aged six months to six years through screening, inspection, and public information.
WATER PROTECTION	To inspect all licensed swimming pools and spas, respond to citizen complaints, and conduct surveys and seminars for pool operators, as needed.
AIDS HOUSING	To provide community project sponsors with resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the array of housing needs of low income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and related diseases.
CHILD FATALITY REVIEW	To review deaths of children up to age 17 to help prevent future child deaths in Franklin County.
TAKE CARE COLUMBUS	To facilitate and support a community health improvement initiative, which focuses on improving health and reducing disparities.
FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	To provide administrative and clerical support functions for the Family Health Division.