



COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR

COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEALTH

STATE OF OUR HEALTH

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH



All Cancers



Heart Disease



Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease



Accidents



Stroke

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BIRTH & DEATH

24,328 Births registered

11,948 Deaths registered

UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS & BEHAVIORS

HAZARDS

Top Hazards Facing Franklin County:

- Tornadoes
- Dam Failure
- Flooding
- Terrorism
- Infectious Diseases
- Severe Weather
- Hazardous Materials Spill
- Transportation Accident (Aircraft)

Columbus / Franklin County

65%
OVERWEIGHT

Overweight* - Over 65% of adults 18 and older are considered overweight (BMI ≥ 25) (Ohio 67.8%)

10%
DIABETES

Diabetes* - Over 10% have diabetes (Ohio 10.4%)

16%
ASTHMA

Asthma* - Nearly 16% have Asthma (Ohio 14.2%)

26%
DEPRESSION

Depression* - Nearly 26% report depression (Ohio 20.2%)

25%
SMOKING

Smoking* - Nearly 25% current smokers (Ohio 23.4%)

* Indicators are percent of adults ages 18 and older reporting these behaviors and conditions.

Source: Columbus Public Health Office of Epidemiology, December 2014

WELCOME

Dear Friend of Public Health:

At Columbus Public Health, protecting health and improving lives is our mission – and our highest calling.

In 2014, we took a lead role in our community’s efforts to improve the infant mortality rate which remains one of the highest in the nation. As a result, we now have a comprehensive community plan that will reduce infant mortality by nearly 40 percent and cut the racial disparity in half.

We protected the public’s health by investigating and responding to more than 111 infectious disease outbreaks, including syphilis, influenza, measles and the largest mumps outbreak in 35 years. We also led our community in Ebola planning, preparedness and response, and monitored travelers from affected West African countries for 21 days to prevent the spread of Ebola in central Ohio.

We continued our work to promote active living and healthier foods in order to combat obesity and chronic diseases. We supported community gardens and helped develop a new Food Action Plan that will increase residents’ access to nutritious foods.

And, we continued our commitment toward making sure all residents have equal access to good health – now part of everything we do. Our multi-year Health Equity plan helps align our resources to improve the health outcomes of all residents in our community.

On behalf of all my colleagues at Columbus Public Health, I thank you for partnering with us to help all residents live the healthy and safe lives they deserve.

Yours in good health,



Teresa C. Long, MD, MPH
Health Commissioner



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ANIMALS & INSECTS

Quarantined or tested **961 domesticated animals** to prevent exposure to rabies

Sprayed **75 square miles** to control adult mosquito populations

HEALTHY FOODS

Worked with Columbus City Schools to assure that **900+ preschool students** were receiving healthier snacks

Assisted in the development of a District-wide School Travel Plan impacting **51,000 students**

Supported **34 community gardens** and arranged for **8,200 lbs** of produce to go to area pantries

BICYCLING

75 youth earned new bicycles, helmets, and locks through Kids Cycle Columbus

600 riders participated in the Mayor's Twilight Ride.

Created **Columbus Art Rides** bicycle tours

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

19,431 inspections of food service operations and retail food establishments

746 pools and spas inspected and licensed

Inspections of **297 schools** to protect the health and safety of children

HEALTHY LIVING

Access to Fresh Food

Columbus Public Health (CPH) identified 42 city neighborhoods that lack access to healthier food. In some neighborhoods, residents can live as far as two miles away from any healthier food options. CPH partnered with Columbus City Council, Franklin County and Local Matters to secure funding for the Columbus Food Plan to address areas of the city that have limited access to fresh food. The CPH Farmers Markets also serves over 5,000 people involving local farmers, the WIC program, and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance). In 2014, the market increased EBT customers (known as the Ohio Direction Card and formerly Food Stamps) by over 60% in a new initiative that doubles the dollars for EBT.

Columbus Achieves Let's Move! Award

The National League of Cities recognized Columbus as a city that has achieved five gold medals from the Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties during a celebration session in Austin, Texas. Council Member Priscilla Tyson accepted the award on behalf of the City of Columbus. Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative launched by the First Lady in 2010 to solve the problem of obesity within a generation so children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Climate Change Project and Seminar

CPH partnered with The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources in a joint research and community education project about the impact of climate change on public health, to learn what residents believe about the issue and determine what city actions they would support to address it. This research involving over 450 participants will be used to create a climate change action plan for the Mayor's Office of Environmental Stewardship. CPH also developed "A Matter of Dollars and Sense: Climate Change, Carbon Standards and Public Health," a seminar attended by over 100 people.

Saunders Park Investigation

CPH worked with city, state and federal partners on the health of residents in the Saunders Park Neighborhood. Our team led a health survey of residents and provided consultation to the City Recreation and Parks Department on remediation options. CPH continues to support efforts to assist residents in the area.

Safe Food for Residents and Visitors

The Food Protection Program provides education on safe food facility operation in an effort to prevent injury and foodborne illness. In 2014 alone, over 1,300 food workers were trained through these classes.



OUTBREAKS & CASES
Responded to **111 outbreaks** and investigated **4,125 cases of diseases** reported locally

SEXUAL HEALTH
8,525 people received STI (sexually transmitted infections) testing and services
Education and referral for medical care for **200 newly diagnosed HIV** positive clients
Opened **Take Care Down There Clinic** to expand fast, free, anonymous STI testing

IMMUNIZATIONS
Over **5,000 school flu and Tdap immunizations** provided to grade school children
Nearly **30,000 immunizations** given for vaccine preventable diseases

DISEASES & OUTBREAKS

Ebola Response at the Local Level

CPH responded to the threat of Ebola from the outbreak in West Africa using the Incident Command structure to organize our work. Staff created new relationships with the African, and particularly the West African, communities, holding 12 community forums on Ebola and health related concerns. CPH staff have monitored the situation, provided information to the public and worked closely with local hospital systems, healthcare providers, and first responders to ensure the needed systems are in place to protect the public. Additionally, the health of all travelers coming from the affected countries is monitored for 21 days, seven days a week. Over 180 people have been monitored since October 2014.

Behind the Scenes – You Won’t Believe This Number

CPH has its own lab to process tests for our clinics and sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests performed at other places around the community. The CPH Lab completed over 150,000 labs in 2014 for tests done at CPH and other community sites.

Support for Residents Facing HIV

CPH provides support for residents who have HIV and are faced with managing complicated medical care and other challenges. Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Ryan White Part A Program served 2,361 clients in 2014. Services that support getting care and maintaining health can make the difference. Staff are able to help these residents find the HIV medical care and mental health services they need, arrange for transportation, support housing needs, get medication filled, and other services.

Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll

CPH was placed on the 2014 Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll by the Immunization Action Coalition. This affiliate of the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) provides immunization education to healthcare providers and the public and recognizes health care organizations which have effectively taken the lead in assuring vaccination within their organization or institution.

Mumps Outbreak

Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health declared a community-wide outbreak of mumps in March 2014. Later expanding to Delaware and Madison Counties, the outbreak lasted through September 2014. The total number of 484 mumps cases -- exceeded the total number of cases (438) reported in the United States in 2013. The central Ohio number also represented the highest incidence in Columbus, Delaware, Franklin, and Madison counties combined since 1979.



CHILD SAFETY

420 car seats provided to protect children ages 0-8 years of age

179 portable cribs provided to caregivers of infants to give them a safe sleep surface

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Over **3,138 individuals** attended minority health events

186 community sites received social work services for residents

Over **5,422 residents** received health screenings

Participated in over **118 health events**

DENTAL HEALTH

Dental screenings for 4,982 and **dental sealants for 3,672** Columbus-area children

3,913 dental visits at PrimaryOne Health's Dental Clinic located at CPH

FAMILY WELLNESS

Almost **40,000 residents** were served by WIC through over **180,000 clinic visits**

2,169 families got prenatal and/or postnatal assessments and education

Over **2,800 adults** and **3,600 children** received alcohol & drug prevention and treatment services

BABIES & FAMILIES

CPH Leads Efforts to Reduce Infant Mortality

Our community's infant mortality rate is among the worst in the nation. Every year in Franklin County, approximately 150 babies die before their first birthday. Black babies are 2.5 times more likely to die than white babies – and the gap is getting worse. Infant mortality affects our entire community, but rates vary significantly by neighborhood. Columbus City Council charged CPH to help lead the development of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force to address this crisis. After a year of working with area leaders and key stakeholders, the task force delivered an infant mortality plan including eight key recommendations– now being implemented under the new name Celebrate One.

Celebrate One

Celebrate One was selected to serve as a reminder of our goal to reduce the infant mortality rate and celebrate the first birthdays of more children in our community. It's meant to invite everyone in our community, because it will take all of us working together to meet our ambitious goals. The candle in its logo, in addition to serving as a symbol of hope and celebration, also offers us an opportunity to remember and honor the babies we've lost.

RECOGNITIONS

Accreditation

CPH became one of the first public health departments in the country to become nationally accredited with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This was a rigorous two-year assessment process to ensure that CPH was meeting or exceeding a set of quality standards and measures for public health. And it doesn't stop there. CPH will report annually on its progress and reapply every five years.

Campaign Earns National Award

The National Public Health Information Coalition and the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia awarded CPH the 2014 Gold Medal (top prize) for the "We are PHABulous Campaign." This is CPH's second year to receive this prestigious public health communication award.

CPH Recognized As Leader In Healthcare Equality

CPH has been recognized as a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation -- the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization. The findings were part of HRC Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index 2014, an annual survey that recognizes healthcare institutions that are providing equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families.

Columbus Is Ready

Columbus is one of 72 cities across the country chosen to participate in the Cities Readiness Initiative, a program that encourages planning for the distribution of medicine and medical supplies to the entire population during a public health emergency. Columbus passed CDC's assessment of the program with a perfect score for 2014.

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH



OUR BOARD

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, President, Ex-Officio

Pictured on previous page, listed in order from left to right:

Mary Ellen Wewers, PhD, MPH, RN, Professor & Director, Faculty Development, College of Public Health, The Ohio State University

Augustus G. Parker III, MD, President and founder of Columbus Women’s Care, Inc. and Physician Executive Director of Diversity and Health Equity of Mt. Carmel Health Systems

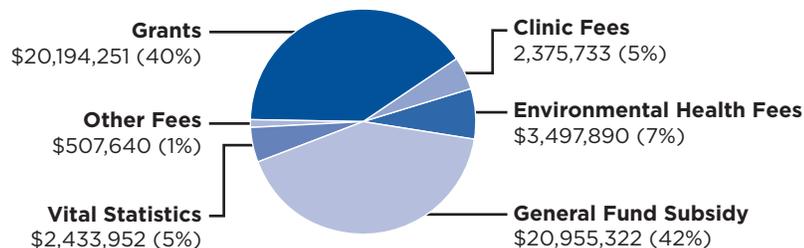
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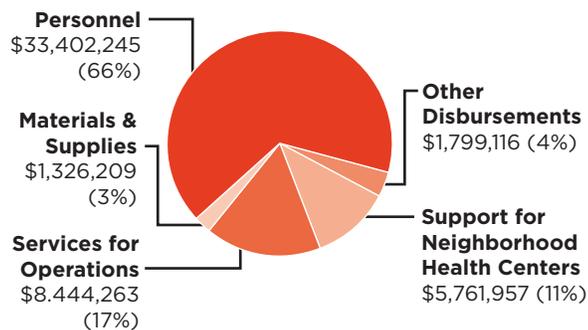
Karen S. Days, MBA, President, The Center for Family Safety and Healing

OUR BUDGET

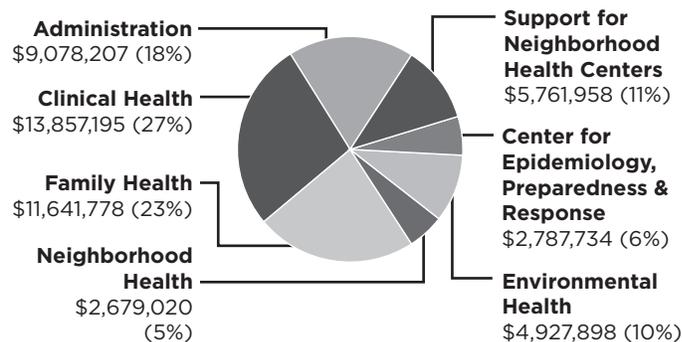
2014 TOTAL RECEIPTS BY SOURCE - \$49,964,788



2014 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY - \$50,733,790



2014 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION - \$50,733,790





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