

## **Department of Public Health**

### **Department Description**

Columbus Public Health protects, promotes and monitors the health of the public by providing preventive, clinical, environmental, community and home-based services for citizens, establishing policy to address health issues and emerging health threats, and assuring compliance with public health laws and regulations. The department is governed by a five-member Board of Health.

### **Department Mission**

Columbus Public Health is a leader in improving the health and safety of Columbus by monitoring community health status, identifying and addressing public health threats, enforcing laws that protect the public's health, and providing services to prevent and control disease.

## **Strategic Priorities for 2008**

### **From the Columbus Covenant:**

#### **Neighborhoods**

- Continue to provide high quality clinical services for children and families including dental, perinatal, sexual health and immunization services. Staff will continue an emphasis on reducing barriers to service including translation and evening hours. Through the New Americans Initiative, we will reach out to Somali and Latino communities to assist them in accessing public health services. The department will also continue to work with groups such as Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) and others to provide primary care for as many as possible.
- Provide public health services for immigrants and refugees and other vulnerable residents, such as immunizations, prenatal care, tuberculosis testing and other services.
- Collaborate with the Asset Management Section/Facilities Management Division during the construction phase of the West Side Family Health Center.
- Collaborate with residents of the South Side, CNHC, city departments and community partners in consideration of the future permanent facility for a South Side health center.
- Continue to assess the health needs of Columbus, as well as particular neighborhoods, specifically the Near East, West Side and South Side. Staff will also work with community residents to prioritize health issues and provide technical assistance on strategies to address them.
- Maintain staff nurses and social workers in neighborhood pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents. The goal will be to protect their health and

safety primarily by linking them to needed health and social services and through the community-focused public health nursing corps.

- As part of the Get Green Columbus Initiative, implement the healthy places initiative which will expand the development review process to allow for health impact assessments of major development projects, and develop training programs for neighborhood organizations to assess their neighborhoods regarding healthy living and the built environment.

### **Safety**

- Continue departmental and community planning to prepare and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism and a potential pandemic influenza outbreak. Community leadership, public education and staff training will continue in 2008 with an emphasis on providing the highest level of public health protection possible for all Columbus residents.

### **Education**

- Coordinate with other city departments and agencies to enhance the safety of children near and around schools.
- Offer child care providers, parents, and other care givers the opportunity to learn about effective weight management through the “healthy children, healthy weights” initiative.
- Continue school inspection services and collaborative efforts with Columbus City School nurses to respond to children’s pressing health needs.
- Improve health in minority communities, primarily African American and Latino populations, through faith based initiatives.

### **Downtown Development**

- Continue rodent control efforts in the downtown and The Ohio State University areas.

### **Customer Service**

- Plan for the renovation of the south dormitory at 240 Parsons Avenue, to support improved emergency and clinical operations and customer service.
- Continue the community education for Columbus SIGNS, the system to better inform the public of restaurants and other venues inspected by the Environmental Health Division.

### **Peak Performance**

- Expand the email notification system to provide important public health information to subscribers through Columbus Public Health’s website.

- 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.
- Develop and implement an expanded orientation and training process for all new employees.

### **2008 Budget Notes**

- The 2008 budget for the Department of Public Health allows 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.
- Public Health will continue support programs such as communicable disease control, immunizations, mosquito control, water protection, hazardous materials surveillance and response, food safety inspections and emergency preparedness at the same level as 2007.
- Direct care services are also continued, including maternal and child health home visits and prenatal care for low income pregnant women at three clinic sites.
- A total of \$343,954 is provided for translation services for non-English speaking clients attending the tuberculosis clinic, prenatal clinic and dental clinic. Translation is also available as needed for food inspection operations.
- Continued funding for six Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, which provide primary care to individuals who are uninsured or without adequate health care coverage is provided in the amount of \$5.4 million. The city is also funding the construction of a new Westside neighborhood family health center, and, in collaboration with residents and community partners, is working to secure funding and find a permanent location for a new Maloney family health center, which will provide much needed health services for south side families and help spur economic development in that area.
- The department will continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives such as the potential avian influenza outbreak, the infectious disease early warning system and youth violence reduction.
- The department will eliminate the contracts for Poison Control, the Capital Area Humane Society and Access Health Columbus.
- Continuation funding of \$50,000 is provided for a contract with the Columbus AIDS Task Force.

## Budget and Performance Measures Summary

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Original Appropriation	2007 Estimated Expenditures	2008 Proposed
Health	\$ 23,972,152	\$ 26,390,545	\$ 28,055,149	\$ 28,375,056	\$ 25,905,544
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,972,152</b>	<b>\$ 26,390,545</b>	<b>\$ 28,055,149</b>	<b>\$ 28,375,056</b>	<b>\$ 25,905,544</b>

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**DIVISION SUMMARY BY CHARACTER**

<b>HEALTH SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES SUMMARY</b>	<b>2005 Actual</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>2007 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>
Personnel	\$ 13,734,378	\$ 15,540,991	\$ 16,565,953	\$ 16,898,888	\$ 17,112,011
Materials & Supplies	528,615	531,187	530,530	523,997	635,325
Services	9,241,641	9,786,323	10,413,766	10,201,771	7,602,308
Other Disbursements	9,293	14,433	8,900	24,400	19,900
Capital	-	34,268	-	-	-
Transfers	180,000	180,000	180,000	370,000	180,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,693,927</b>	<b>\$ 26,087,202</b>	<b>\$ 27,699,149</b>	<b>\$ 28,019,056</b>	<b>\$ 25,549,544</b>
<b>CDBG EXPENDITURES SUMMARY</b>	<b>2005 Actual</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>2007 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>
Personnel	\$ 278,900	\$ 303,343	\$ 350,228	\$ 350,228	\$ 350,078
Services	(675)	-	5,772	5,772	5,922
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 278,225</b>	<b>\$ 303,343</b>	<b>\$ 356,000</b>	<b>\$ 356,000</b>	<b>\$ 356,000</b>

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY BY FUND					
<b>FUND SUMMARY</b>	<b>2005 Actual</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>2007 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>
Health Special Revenue	\$ 23,693,927	\$ 26,087,202	\$ 27,699,149	\$ 28,019,056	\$ 25,549,544
Community Dev. Block Grant	278,225	303,343	356,000	356,000	356,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,972,152</b>	<b>\$ 26,390,545</b>	<b>\$ 28,055,149</b>	<b>\$ 28,375,056</b>	<b>\$ 25,905,544</b>

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SUMMARY					
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>FT/PT*</b>	<b>2005 Actual</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Budgeted</b>	<b>2008 Budgeted</b>
Health	FT	201	216	232	217
	PT	39	44	61	50
Community Dev. Block Grant	FT	5	6	6	5
	PT	0	3	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>275</b>

\*FT=Full-Time PT=Part-Time

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Program	Mission	<u>Financial History by Program</u>				<u>Personnel by Program</u>			
		2005 Budget	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Proposed	2005 FTEs	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs
Community Dental Services	To provide basic and preventive services to Franklin county families who are unable to access dental service due to cost.	\$554,582	\$567,569	\$621,244	\$754,649	6	6	6	7
Dental Sealants	To prevent tooth decay in children in low income families in Columbus.	201,035	219,911	238,989	196,217	1	1	2	1
Food Safety	To reduce the number of food borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County.	1,547,443	1,427,916	1,680,252	1,893,248	21	21	24	25

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		2005 Budget	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Proposed	2005 FTEs	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs
Perinatal Program	To provide comprehensive perinatal services to improve the health of pregnant and post-partum women and their infants.	1,243,150	1,184,664	1,263,454	1,278,936	17	13	14	14
Public Health Standards	To provide direction for the monitoring and documenting of department and community health status regarding state and national public health standards.	174,284	196,498	211,246	300,543	2	2	2	3
Vital Statistics	To register all births and deaths in Franklin County; to issue certified copies of birth and death certificates, to issue burial permits, and to process requests for birth and death certificates.	714,971	773,269	799,477	752,615	11	11	11	10
Healthy Schools	To protect the health and safety of community school children through elimination of environmental hazards in school facilities.	128,396	121,175	133,123	138,403	2	2	2	2

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		2005 Budget	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Proposed	2005 FTEs	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs
Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers	To provide financial support in the form of a contract to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) for the delivery of primary care services to citizens of Columbus, and to monitor and review the performance of CNHC, Inc. to ensure compliance with contract provisions.	5,585,329	5,659,582	5,540,990	5,394,473	2	1	1	1
Occupational Health and Safety	To identify workplace hazards in city divisions and facilities, evaluate the identified hazards and implement strategies to control them, and develop employee exposure monitoring requirements and written programs for specified OSHA standards.	352,260	371,444	347,379	263,131	3	3	3	2
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.	4,666,431	5,317,491	5,518,161	3,350,019	35	40	40	37
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 topic	344,120	364,690	378,868	401,829	5	5	5	5

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Community Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the community health division and to provide staff development services department-wide.	785,069	637,299	647,401	653,118	12	8	8	8
Community Health	To assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.	1,089,435	1,124,515	1,106,523	1,169,092	15	15	14	14
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	To provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and EAP referred clients in a clinic setting, and to provide education and prevention services to students in public schools.	391,531	417,274	397,590	366,571	3	4	3	2
MCH Home Visiting	To provide interdisciplinary home visits (public health, social worker, paraprofessional) for the assessment of health status, home environment, parenting skills and social support; to provide education and training to families; and to make linkages with community resources.	650,378	672,483	655,963	695,588	9	8	8	8

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Program	Mission	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
		Budget	Budget	Budget	Proposed	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
Injury Prevention	To attempt to reduce death and preventable injuries to children 14 and under by developing public awareness and education programs, and to advocate for more comprehensive public policy regarding safety issues.	74,276	70,176	84,280	93,747	1	1	1	1
Infectious Disease Administration	To provide the administration and clerical support for the infectious disease division.	110,434	125,756	501,496	466,629	1	1	6	5
Sexual Health	To provide same-day comprehensive sexual medical care through clinic and neighborhood locations, to provide prevention, education, testing, diagnosis and treatment, and to perform HIV and STD planning, surveillance, research and community collaborations.	1,859,014	1,780,783	1,920,068	1,966,340	25	22	23	21
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, to provide prevention/control services through investigation and testing.	995,679	1,052,605	1,079,035	1,077,694	12	12	12	10

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		2005 Budget	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Proposed	2005 FTEs	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs
Laboratory Services	To provide laboratory services for the department.	498,843	512,598	495,508	601,617	4	4	3	3
Planning and Preparedness Administration	To provide administrative and clerical support for the division.	107,043	248,938	276,103	184,794	1	3	3	2
Health Promotion	To facilitate requests from the media, other agencies and individuals, to research and prepare reports, presentations and other written materials and to provide education, individual assessment and opportunities to participate in physical activity classes.	32,021	42,722	121,491	84,490	-	1	1	1
Epidemiology	To conduct population-based assessments, surveillance and investigations of general or specific health-related issues through the collection or tabulation of a variety of data, and to analyze data using appropriate epidemiological and statistical techniques to determine the possible cause, nature, and consequences of health problems.	147,833	240,890	251,537	271,749	2	3	3	3

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		Budget	Budget	Budget	Proposed	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
Minority Health	To create, implement and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communication between CHD 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.	374,459	747,742	481,796	480,259	2	8	3	2
Environmental Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the division.	546,475	619,032	832,024	857,396	7	8	10	10
Vector Control	To monitor and control mosquito populations in Columbus through counts, treatment and environmental control.	169,734	201,731	185,802	184,376	1	1	1	1
Dangerous Animal and Rabies	To conduct animal investigations for all bites and dangerous animals, and to conduct seven rabies clinics annually.	171,957	439,057	474,233	358,254	2	7	7	3

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		2005 Budget	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Proposed	2005 FTEs	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs
Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards	To provide inspections for hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, etc., 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.	534,899	559,524	425,057	400,970	6	6	4	5
Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air	To evaluate and reduce lead poisoning among Columbus children aged 6 months to 6 years through screening, inspection, and public information.	577,824	601,734	673,159	560,854	8	8	9	7
Environmental Health Promotion	To provide community environmental education and outreach efforts.	314,575	431,162	321,851	353,553	5	5	4	4
Water Protection	To inspect all licensed swimming pools and spas, respond to citizens' complaints, and conduct surveys and seminars for pool operators as needed.	289,513	298,655	340,519	298,646	4	4	4	4

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Program	Mission	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
		Budget	Budget	Budget	Proposed	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
AIDS Housing	To provide community project sponsors with the 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.	49,961	54,504	50,530	55,744	-	-	1	1
		<b>\$25,282,954</b>	<b>\$27,083,389</b>	<b>\$28,055,149</b>	<b>\$25,905,544</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>222</b>

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Some program data will not match department summary data due to differences in data being reported (i.e., budgeted versus actual). This is compounded in cases of departmental reorganizations during the timeframe.

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**Performance History by Program**

Program	Measure	2007 2008			
		2005	2006	Mid-Year	Target
Employee Assistance Program	Number of active EAP clients	446	452	252	400
	Number of supervisory coaching/consultations provided	n/a	n/a	260	120
	Percentage of clients reporting counseling was beneficial	n/a	n/a	100.0%	80.0%
Child Fatality Review	Annualized child fatality rate per 100,000 people (under 18 yrs)	74	n/a	n/a	<74
	Number of preventable child fatalities	16	n/a	n/a	<16
Public Health Standards	Percentage of internal customers rating quality improvement/performance measurement process as good or excellent	90.0%	n/a	n/a	96.0%
Vital Statistics	Number of certificates issued per FTE	11,097	11,125	5,896	15,000
	City expenditure per certificate provided	\$5.86	\$6.32	\$6.16	\$6.50
Healthy Children, Healthy Weights	Percentage of centers who finish all four components of the program	n/a	80.0%	85.0%	100.0%
	Percentage of care centers using ideas on follow-up	n/a	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Percentage of children in CCS classified as overweight	40.0%	40.0%	n/a	30.0%
Food Safety	Number of food safety inspections per FTE	720.3	509.4	186.4	600.0
Healthy Schools	Number of schools and institutions inspected per FTE	154.5	173	153	160
	Percentage of schools inspected in compliance with environmental health and safety standards	n/a	n/a	24.0%	25.0%

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Program	Measure	Performance History by Program			
		2005	2006	2007 Mid-Year	2008 Target
Rat Control	Percentage of designated areas free of rat signs	n/a	96.9%	95.7%	98.0%
Vector Control Program (June-Sept)	Number of mosquito pools testing positive for disease	n/a	60	126	<126
Rabies and Dangerous Animals	Number of zoonotic diseases reported	0	0	0	0
CEPAC	Number of consultations provided	441	954	339	450
Asthma/Smoke Free Compliance	Number of facilities receiving warning letter	n/a	n/a	0	45
	Number of facilities receiving fine letter	n/a	n/a	0	8
Chemical and Physical Hazards	Percentage of environmental health complaints investigated/referred	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Infectious Waste	Percentage of infectious waste treatment facilities inspected per year	34.60%	54.40%	27.80%	60%
Body Art	Percentage body art establishments free of critical violations	95.0%	99.8%	100.0%	>95%
Childhood Lead Screening and Prevention	Number of children with Elevated Blood Lead (EBL) levels	n/a	48	25	<49

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Program	Measure	Performance History by Program			
		2005	2006	2007 Mid-Year	2008 Target
Dental Clinic	Percentage of eligible patients receiving preventative care	n/a	n/a	28.0%	30.0%
Dental Sealants	Percentage of dental sealants retained after one year	84.8%	87.0%	n/a	87.0%
Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment	Percentage of clients rating services as good or excellent	91.0%	94.0%	93.0%	97.0%
	Percentage of treatment clients demonstrating abstinence of substance abuse for 60 continuous days	n/a	n/a	35.0%	38.0%
	Percentage of children exhibiting new coping skills	n/a	53.0%	51.0%	77.0%
	Percentage of customers demonstrating knowledge and intention to follow low risk guidelines for alcohol/drug use	n/a	n/a	67.0%	67.5%
Injury Prevention	Percentage of trainees reporting increased knowledge after a car seat class	n/a	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
	Number of injury related child fatalities (ages 0-15)	5	3	3	<5
Women's Health	Number of early stage cervical cancers detected	n/a	n/a	106	200
	Number of unduplicated perinatal clients	1,144	1,400	991	1,500
Sexual Health	Number of new cases of syphilis and HIV	n/a	258	170	<227
Communicable Disease Prevention	Percentage patients under 3 years old up-to-date on immunizations	38.0%	78.0%	80.0%	83.0%