Johnson County Department of Health and Environment

2015 Annual Report

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TEAMNESS is a mindset...a sense of togetherness that is embedded in a belief that we pull together, help each other out, recognize and complement each other’s strengths and weaknesses, and share a belief that we are responsible to each other.

In 2015, the Kansas City Royals showed us that great things happen when people work together as a team. JCDHE and its community partners also demonstrated the importance and value of TEAMNESS this year in addressing community health needs through:

- Partnering with Shawnee Mission Health to conduct a community health assessment. Volunteers gathered data through door-to-door surveys from 538 randomly selected households. The results will be used to establish public health priorities for the county.
- Coordinating with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Olathe School District to test over 400 students and faculty after a confirmed case of tuberculosis (TB) disease was identified. The prompt response helped prevent further cases of TB disease and ensured that those affected received appropriate medical treatment.
- Pursuit of continuous improvement: JCDHE staff embarked on a rigorous analysis of organizational structure and reorganized itself to more closely align programs in order to achieve maximum synergy. You will see some new division names in this report as a result of that work.

The JCDHE team is honored to serve our community and we will be swinging for the fences again in 2016!
The Disease Containment Program works to prevent, contain, and control the transmission of disease, including tuberculosis (TB), through education and investigation of disease patterns in our community. Program staff investigated 2,490 disease reports in 2015 and collaborated with the Public Health Emergency Program in active surveillance for unusual sets of symptoms and events.

The Immunization Program provides adult, childhood, school, and travel immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases and screenings for tuberculosis. The most current information on immunization requirements and recommendations is also provided. In 2015, 23,831 vaccinations were administered to 12,515 individuals.

Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) is responsible for continual readiness related to large-scale disease outbreaks, natural or man-made in Johnson County. PHEP develops, tests, and maintains plans to quickly receive and distribute life-saving medical supplies from the nation’s Strategic National Stockpile following a large-scale public health emergency.

The Prenatal Program is designed to improve pregnancy outcomes for mother and infant, promote early and ongoing prenatal, postpartum and newborn care. Comprehensive services are provided utilizing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Registered Dietitians, and Kansas University OB Physicians. In 2015, 697 clients were served through 5,251 visits.

The Women’s/Men’s Health Program offers the following services: family planning, maternal health, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, colposcopy and employment physicals provided by a multidisciplinary team of APRN’s, Registered Nurses and Social Workers. In 2015, this program had 15,596 client visits.

Laboratory Services supports clinical services at each location providing testing and specimen collection. The laboratories are Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified to meet required quality and proficiency standards. In 2015, the total number of laboratory tests conducted in-house was 15,704, and 20,742 were sent out to reference laboratories.

Program Highlights

- “Berc in the Berbs” poster on the March 2015 tuberculosis investigation was presented at the National TB Conference.
- PHEP launched Dispense Assist App for mobile devices. The app will allow paperless screening during public health emergencies.

Child Care Licensing Division

The Child Care Licensing Division provides health and safety information and educational classes to child care providers and parents. Child Care Surveyors complete initial, annual, and compliance check visits to all licensed child care facilities, and make recommendations regarding licensure to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Child Care Licensing Program. Facility complaints may be investigated solely by the division staff or in collaboration with police and fire departments and/or Department of Children and Families. Kansas requires child care providers to be licensed when caring for more than two children over 20 hours of combined care per week. Unregulated care complaints may involve the District Attorney’s Office as it is a misdemeanor to provide unregulated care in Kansas.

This division also coordinates the annual inspections of all Johnson County schools as required by state statute. The statute applies to all public and private schools offering K-12. All childcare inspections and school inspections are done electronically on site.

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Community Health Division

Barbara D. Mitchell, Director, Public Information Officer
Laura Drake, WIC Program Manager
Carol Winter, WIC Site Supervisor
Dawn Mangan, Outreach Program Manager
Megan Foreman, Community Health Program Manager

The Community Health Division works to promote and educate about healthy behaviors and to prevent illnesses and injuries through:

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction efforts to diminish the incidence of chronic disease through tobacco reduction and promotion of healthy eating and active living habits.

The WIC program prevents or corrects nutrition-related health issues through education and counseling, health screenings and the means to buy nutritious foods. WIC delivers nutrition-related services to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, and infants and children under age five, who are at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. In 2015, WIC served 10,716 clients.

Coordinating the newly formed Johnson County Food Policy Council.

Offering Targeted Case Management services to pregnant and parenting teens. In 2015 approximately 300 clients received assistance with setting and reaching goals.

Program Highlights

- Introduced “Live Well Johnson County,” initiatives and activities designed to reduce chronic disease, specifically pre-diabetes and pre-hypertension.
- Doubled the produce harvested at the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) garden to 3,175 pounds of food with an estimated retail value of $9,500.
- Launched the Lift Assist Program in partnership with the Outreach Nurse program, MedAct and the Human Services Department to offer additional services to seniors.
- Worked with schools, cities and businesses to establish e-cigarette policies.
- Assisted in the coordination of and participated in a metro event at Bartle Hall to promote public health careers to high school students.

Coordinating Safe Kids Johnson County, a coalition dedicated to childhood injury prevention. In 2015, more than 25,000 people received safety information.

Providing “Making A Difference” and “Let’s Get Growing,” parent/adolescent growth and development classes. In 2015, more than 400 parents and children attended classes.

Delivering current, timely public information, communications and press releases.

LEAP
Leadership Empowers All People

Leadership is a responsibility shared by all. We trust and empower each other to do the right thing for the right reason for the public good. Committed to our shared values, we provide excellent public service, seeking always to improve ourselves and our organization. Together we will leave our community better than we found it.

- Johnson County Government, High Performing Organization

From Me to We

We are, first and foremost, public servants committed to the public good and dedicated to leaving the community better than we found it.
Johnson County government is made up of many different departments/agencies providing very different services, yet we consider ourselves one organization.
We are one organization because we are:
People, working together, for a common purpose.

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The Air Quality Program contracts with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment to conduct inspections and ensure compliance with federal/state air quality regulations. The County’s internal Ozone Reduction Campaign encourages employees to reduce driving and car engine idling and use alternative transportation during the summer ozone season.

The Household Hazardous Waste Program allows County residents to bring their unwanted hazardous materials, at no charge, for safe disposal, recycling, or reuse to the Philip J. Wittek Hazardous Materials Collection Facility (HHW). The facility is open year-round by appointment only. HHW served 7,458 customers (residents and businesses), recycled 14,950 gallons of latex paint and processed over 500,000 pounds of material in 2015.

The On-Site Wastewater Treatment Program ensures that on-site septic systems are properly designed and operated. Inspections of new residential and commercial systems and existing commercial/residential systems subject to property transactions are completed, as well as investigation of complaints about malfunctioning on-site septic systems. 2015 was a record year, with 323 resale inspections completed.

The Pool Program licenses commercially-operated swimming pools and operators, ensuring adherence to the Environmental Sanitary Code. Water quality is ensured through a rigorous inspection program, constant and consistent operator education and collaboration with community partners.

The Solid Waste Program inspects, monitors, permits and conducts oversight activities pertaining to all County solid waste management facilities. It assures investigation and proper cleanup of illegal solid waste dumps and serves as staff support to the Solid Waste Management Committee. The Solid Waste Program promotes recycling, composting and waste reduction.

This year, a paint can crusher was added to the Household Hazardous Waste site which allows the County to reduce waste by recycling approximately 4.7 tons of metal cans per year.
Business Operations Division

Richard Brewington, Director
Mary Taylor, Operations and Compliance Manager

The Business Operations Division supports all divisions through fiscal and inventory monitoring, grant coordination/reporting, budgeting, auditing, accounting, billing, data entry, operations/fleet management and payroll.

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Our Locations

11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061 (Environmental & Child Care)

11875 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061 (Health Clinic site)

6000 Lamar Avenue, Mission, KS 66202 (Health Clinic site)

Highlights:

- Private insurance revenue increased by 16.5% over the previous year.
- Received an Affordable Care Act Grant for Health Navigators to assist people with insurance enrollment.