Child Care Licensing Division

Licensure of Child Care Facilities
This work is as an agent of Kansas Department of Health and Environment through a contractual arrangement. Initial licensure and annual renewal visits are completed along with compliance check visits and investigation of complaints. Classes are provided to child care facility staff for initial licensing as well as to meet annual continuing education requirements. In 2018, 1,964 visits were completed to insure the safety and quality of out-of-home care for approximately 30,000 children. SFY 2019 funding to support this work was $502,698 augmented by fees of $260,819 and county tax support.

School Inspections
All public and private schools are inspected for environmental and health concerns on an annual basis as required by K.S.A. 65-202. This activity, although statutorily mandated, is not financially supported by the State and all costs are covered through county tax support. There is not a dedicated FTE for this work, and through the use of Child Care Surveyors and Environmental Health Specialists, JCDHE expends approximately $57,000 of county tax support to perform this service.

Community Health Division

Chronic Disease Prevention
This work is designed to diminish the incidence of chronic disease through tobacco cessation and promotion of good nutrition practices and active living habits. Included in this work is the Diabetes Prevention Program, which focuses on individuals at high risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes and guiding them to life-style changes to prevent the disease. There are a variety of funding sources to support this work: Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant, of $100,000 for SFY 2019; CDC funding of $165,000 for FFY 2019; and county tax support.

Nurse Family Partnership
In 2018 JCDHE nurses conducted 1,394 visits with the low-income, first-time pregnant and parenting women in this program in order to enhance pregnancy outcomes and child health and development. This strong evidence-based program is supported through county tax dollars.

Outreach Nurse Program
This program includes screenings, assessments, education, resource information and referral services to seniors and new mothers (those not eligible and receiving services from Nurse Family Partnership).

Targeted Case Management
Case management services are provided to pregnant and parenting teens who are on Medicaid and under the age of 21. Funding for this program is provided through Kansas Department of
Health and Environment (KDHE) from Medicaid matching funds. In 2018 there were 291 visits conducted.

**Safe Kids Johnson County**
This program works to prevent unintentional childhood injuries through activities, events and education and is supported through county tax dollars.

**Sexual Violence Prevention**
The Sexual Violence Prevention grant will continue the work started in 2018. Using the information gathered in the community assessment around risk and protective factors, the coalition will develop a work plan with strategies identified to reduce sexual violence in Johnson County. The amount awarded in 2019 was $35,078.

**WIC**
The Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program prevents or corrects nutrition-related health issues through education and counseling, health screenings and providing the means to buy nutritious foods. In 2018, 8,892 clients were served. All funding for WIC comes from the federal government and is channeled through Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

**The Johnson County Food Policy Council**
The Council is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Council’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of individuals, the community and our environment through a just, equitable and sustainable food system in Johnson County. Through policy recommendations, education and collaborations, the Council strives to increase access to healthful food that is locally produced when available.

**Health Services**

**Disease Containment**
The responsibilities of this program are statutorily required and the disease investigators and nurses work to prevent, contain, and control the transmission of disease, including tuberculosis (TB), through education and investigation of disease patterns in our community. In 2018 there were nearly 9,000 disease reports reviewed and of those, 2,980 cases were investigated. Also, 85 TB cases and 244 Latent Tuberculosis Infections were investigated. This program manages an average of 12 active TB cases annually.

**Immunizations**
This program provides adult, childhood, school and travel immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases. In 2018 over 23,000 vaccinations were administered. Services are financed through a state grant, fee for service and county tax support.
Women’s/Men’s Health
This program offers family planning, maternal health, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, colposcopy and employment physicals. In 2018, there were 15,529 visits. Services are financed through a state grant (federal funds routed through KDHE), fee for service and county tax support.

Prenatal
Services are designed to improve pregnancy outcomes for mother and infant, promote early and ongoing prenatal, postpartum and newborn care. In 2018, 714 clients were served in 5,658 visits. Services are financed through a state grant (federal funds routed through KDHE), fee for service and county tax support.

Laboratory
The laboratory supports clinical services by providing specimen collection and testing. In 2018 there were 13,498 in-house tests with 20,294 specimens sent to outside labs. Services are financed through a state grant (federal funds routed through KDHE), fee for service and county tax support.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
Funded by federal dollars routed through KDHE, this program works toward continual readiness related to large-scale disease outbreaks, natural or man-made in Johnson County. Staff work closely with Johnson County Emergency Management and preparedness programs supported by MARC as well as with other counties included in a Preparedness Region and through the Cities Readiness Initiative.

Environmental Health
Air Quality Program
Through federal funding routed through and under contract with KDHE, this program conducts inspections and ensures compliance with federal/state air quality regulations. County tax support provides matching funds for this program.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
This program allows County residents to bring in their unwanted hazardous materials, at no charge, for safe disposal, recycling or reuse. In 2018, 6,581 drop-offs were managed at the site and nearly 10,000 gallons of blended latex paint were sold. This program is financed through county tax support and some revenue generated through paint sales.

On-Site Wastewater Treatment
This program protects groundwater and streams by ensuring that on-site septic systems are properly designed and operated as well as inspecting pumper trucks. Funding comes through fees for service and county tax support.

Pool Program
This program is responsible for licensing commercially-operated swimming pools and pool operators, ensuring adherence to the Environmental Sanitary Code. In 2018 there were 445 inspections, 364 pool permits issued and 107 operator permits issued. Funding is provided through permit fees and county tax support.

Solid Waste Program
Activities of this program include inspection, monitoring, issuance of permits and oversight activities pertaining to all County solid waste management facilities and solid waste haulers. Funding is provided through permit fees as well as county tax support.

Medical Examiner/Coroner
This office investigates death that occur in the county, including deaths due to violent means, those that are unattended or suspicious, in-custody deaths, instances where identity is an issue and deaths of individuals without a physician available and willing to sign the death certificate. Investigations may include medical record review, external examination, radiography, toxicology and/or autopsy. Following investigation, the Medical Examiner/Coroner determines the cause and manner of death and certifies the death certificate. In 2018 all of this work was conducted by a contracted provider under the oversight of the County Coroner. Beginning in 2019 the County’s first Chief Medical Examiner/Coroner began to assume the death investigation responsibilities with external examination, radiography, toxicology and/or autopsy still provided by a contracted provider. All of the activities will be assumed by the Medical Examiner Office once the facility is completed, staffed, and ready for operation. Revenue to support this work comes through cremation permit fees, reimbursement of child autopsy fees and county tax support.

Strategic Planning
This division supports the entire department through epidemiology, accreditation activities, quality improvement, and workforce development. DHE epidemiologists are building relationships with community partners to provide services for data analysis and reporting. As a few examples, they are currently working with United Community Services to provide data about emergency room visits by our homeless population. They are partnering with Johnson County Mental Health and the Johnson County Medical Examiner to develop an Infant Death Review Board. The Population Health Epidemiologist is planning to partner with KU School of Preventive Medicine and Public Health as an adjunct professor. While the basis of funding is provided in our overall county departmental budget, other supportive funds are pursued. A grant for Air Quality has been utilized to provide partial payment for statistical software. Scholarships
and grant funds have been utilized to attend applied data analytic training. Additional grants were awarded to purchase mySidewalk software to better track, analyze and communicate data points about our community.

**Business Operations**

This division supports the entire department through personnel/payroll work, accounting, billing, purchasing, accounts receivable, grant management, fleet management, information technology, and many other administrative functions to ensure that resources are available and efficiently managed.