

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Dickinson-Iron District Health Department



2008 Mass Vaccination Clinic Photos



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Serving the Community in
Environmental Health,
Personal Health Services
and
Chronic Disease Prevention

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To the Residents and Our Community Partners in Dickinson and Iron Counties:

I am pleased to offer you the Dickinson Iron District Health Department's Annual Report for 2008. It highlights some of the department's efforts to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the health of our residents. Our success in these endeavors is the direct result of the efforts of highly professional Health Department staff, dedicated community partners and the ongoing support of the Board of Health.

In January 2008 the new, increased millage for the Department was strongly supported by the voters of Dickinson and Iron Counties. This vote is significant not only for the financial support it provides but equally important is the support that it clearly demonstrates for the activities and programs of the Health Department. All of us at the Health Department greatly appreciate this vote of confidence for our department and for public health.

This year has been marked by changes in key leadership positions primarily due to retirements. Our part time Medical Director, Dr. Randall Johnson, retired at the end of June after serving the Department for 11 years. We were very fortunate to be able to enter into an agreement with the Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department to share the services of a full time, highly qualified Public Health physician. Teresa Frankovich, M.D., M.P.H., a pediatrician with many years of experience in community settings, began her time with us in July. Her enthusiasm for public health and her commitment to serving the needs of our communities is exciting to see. Ron Matonich, our Environmental Health (EH) Director for over 40 years, also retired in June. Daren Deyaert, a 14 year veteran with the Department, was then appointed EH Director. Sheila McNulty, our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) for the last 6 years, accepted a position in the Department as a Registered Sanitarian, in December. In January of 2009 we were fortunate to be able to hire Kristen Meske, a registered nurse, to fill the role of EPC.

Within these pages many of the activities and programs of the department are outlined. What is harder to convey is the caring and expertise that comes into play in the provision of these services. I am very proud to be a part of this agency, and deeply appreciate the commitment and dedication of the staff to the service of our communities. I encourage your review of the following report and invite your comments or suggestions. We are all partners in promoting and improving the health of Dickinson and Iron Counties.

Sincerely,

Linda Piper

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Director/ Health Officer



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Our Mission:

“To assure the highest possible level of health for the people of the communities we serve.”

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Environmental Health Division

Food Protection

- 234 licensed food service establishments which include all fixed, mobile, school, special transitory units, and vending machine locations.
- 42 temporary food service licenses were issued, each preceded by a site inspection.
- 6 plan reviews were conducted for new/remodeled food service establishments.
- 17 complaints were received and investigated as to their validity. Some of these complaints pertained to suspect food borne illnesses.
- 540 food service inspections (including follow-ups) were conducted by staff of the Environmental Health Division.

The focus of the food program is to assure a safe, clean food product for the public through regular inspections and education. Efforts in this program are key elements in assuring the meals we consume outside of the home are safe.

One of the most important methods of preventing the spread of disease and viral infection is the proper treatment of human wastewater. These programs provide guidance and oversight for on-site sewage disposal.

On-Site Sewage Disposal Management

- 155 construction permits were issued for residential and nonresidential facilities.
- 155 site evaluations were conducted prior to the issuance of the permits.
- 139 final inspections were performed either during or after completion of the system.
- 262 field consultation activities were conducted.

Private & Non-Community Water

- 102 private water supply permits were issued.
- Zero Type II non-community water supply permits were issued.
- 11 final inspections were completed and system approvals granted.
- 19 water samples were obtained from 12 residences in Dickinson County as part of our contaminated site groundwater monitoring program.



A fundamental objective of public health met by these programs is the protection of our lakes, streams and the water we drink.

Community Health and Safety

Assuring a good quality of life where we live and play is a key component of these programs.

- 14 annual inspections of public swimming pools and/or spas.
- 23 annual campground inspections.
- 82 animal bites reported that were capable of transmitting rabies.
- 5 potential rabies specimens were processed and submitted to the state laboratory for testing.



Daren Deyaert, EH Director

Other environmental health activities include the following: Home Loan Evaluations (private water and systems sewage), Subdivision Plan Reviews, Septage Disposal Site Evaluations, Adult/Child Care Evaluations, Tattoo Parlor Inspections and Licensing, Nuisance Complaints, dispensing radon information, selling kits, interpreting their results and assisting clients with potential correction measures.



Community Health Services Division

TB Tests 336

Reportable Diseases

- Chronic Hepatitis C 15
- Hepatitis C - Unknown 8
- Varicella 14
- Campylobacter 7
- Salmonella 3
- Giardia 1
- Cryptosporidiosis 3
- Meningitis - Aseptic 2
- Histoplasmosis 1
- Kowasoski 1
- Lymes 1
- Mumps 1
- Strep Pneumonia 3
- Blastomycosis 4
- Influenza 5
- Active TB 1
- Escherichia Coli 1



Joyce Ziegler,
Community Health Services Director

Immunizations

- Clients 4,241
- Doses 9,047

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control

- Clients received HIV/AIDS testing and counseling 77
- STD testing/education 171
- STD positive results 30
- STD's reported from community for follow-up 44

Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program

- Clients enrolled 283
- Mammograms 268
- Cervical abnormalities referred 9
- Breast abnormalities referred 29

Adult Screening

- Clients enrolled 134
- Medical referrals 24

Family Planning

- Clients enrolled 808
- Services provided 1,573

Hearing School Age

- Hearing screenings 895
- Audiograms 115
- Medical referrals 21

Hearing Preschool

- Hearing screenings 255
- Medical referrals 0

Vision School Age

- Acuity/muscle screenings 2,176
- Medical referrals 105

Vision Preschool

- Vision screenings 291
- Medical referrals 12

Tobacco Prevention

- Vendor/retailer visits 24
- Probate Court referrals 6

Worksite Heart Health Screenings

74

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

- Clients enrolled 1,253
- Client visits with CPA 2,163
- Coupon pick-up and self-directed nutrition education visits 1,993
- Nutrition education classes 48
- Clients attending nutrition education classes 306
- Client visits with Registered Dietician 209

Maternal Infant Health Program (Maternal Support)

- Families served 179
- Professional home & office visits 904

Children's Special Health Care Services

- Children enrolled 110

Maternal Infant Health Program (Infant Support)

- Families served 199
- Professional home visits 1,085

Early On

- Families served 98
- Professional home & office visits 265

Impetus

- Families served 132
- Professional home & office visits 769

Great Parents, Great Start

- Families served 30
- Professional home visits 105

Strong Families, Safe Children

- Families served 16
- Professional home visits 111



Emergency Preparedness

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department continues to receive funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Centers for Disease Control to enhance preparedness for response to public health emergencies which include pandemic influenza.

Listed below are the following preparedness activities that were conducted in 2008:

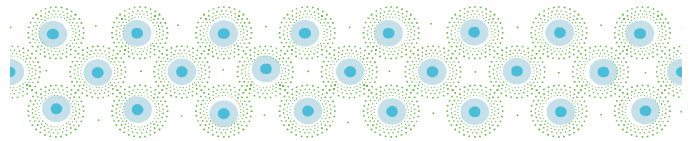
- * Participation with our local partners in a second school table-top exercise in April; a mass fatalities table-top exercise with our border Wisconsin counties, Florence and Marinette in September; and a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) exercise in September.
- * Initiated a Food Resource Committee for vulnerable populations with participants representing the local food pantries, school food service and meal programs. The purpose is to sustain food resources for individuals and families that find it difficult to stockpile emergency food.
- * Continued with participation in 800 Mega Hertz

statewide system tests. These radios help the Health Department communicate with local, regional, and State emergency responders. The radios are tested monthly and quarterly.



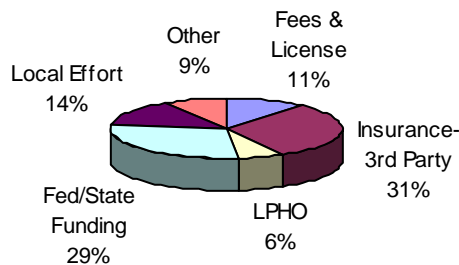
Kristen Meske, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

- * Each Health Department submitted their Strategic National Stockpile plan to the State for review. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department was 1 of 3 Health Departments to receive a grade of 100% for their plan.
- * Continued collaboration with local and regional emergency response partners along with the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin response partners.



Steve Markham, Finance Director

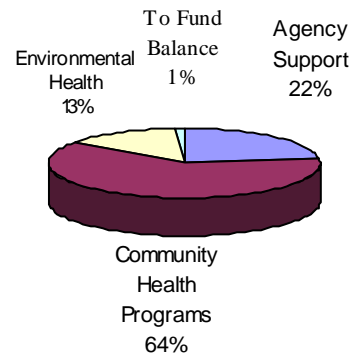
2008 Revenue By Source



2008 Revenues by Source:

Fees & License	\$272,389
Insurance-3rd Party	\$724,408
LPHO	\$150,880
Fed/State Funding	\$683,590
Local Effort	\$327,536
Other	\$211,667
Total	\$2,370,470

2008 Expenses By Division



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Agency Support	\$531,916
Community Health Program	\$1,491,826
Environmental Health	\$318,781
To Fund Balance	\$27,947
Total	\$2,370,470



Community Outreach and Partnerships

LOCAL:

Thirteen of Kingsford High School's FCCLA and SADD students went through a "Teens Against Tobacco Use" (TATU) training taught by our Health Educator. The funding was provided by a Blue Cross Blue Shield grant to help educate younger students that it's not cool to use tobacco products. Approximately 375 6th - 8th graders were reached.



Dickinson-Iron District Health Department was notified on June 2, 2008 from the Michigan Children's Trust Fund that our application to provide 0-3 Secondary Prevention services was approved. This grant (also known as IMPE-TUS) will cover a three year period if state funding remains stable. The health department will continue its 11th year providing home visiting services through this grant. This program offers primary prevention that will lead to the reduction of child abuse and neglect. Home visits are provided by Registered nurses, Social Workers, and Registered Dietician. The home visiting program

provides prevention and teaching to about 100 families in Dickinson and Iron counties. Our family programs continue to change in ways that will improve services to families. Our three Social Workers (Vicki West, Cherie Fila, Justine Metras) completed their Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health endorsement. This will help meet a gap in infant and family support in the areas of mental and social needs. Two Registered Nurses (Marie Pera and Claire Denecke) completed the Certified Lactation Specialist Program this year. This offers support for breastfeeding mothers in our WIC and home visiting programs in each county.

REGIONAL:

Dr. Greg Holzman, Medical Director for the Michigan Department of Community Health made a U.P. Tour in February. He conducted a "Cessation to Physicians" training for area healthcare professionals to help patients quit smoking.



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