

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph

Community Health Agency



“Your Community Partner in Public Health”

Annual Report

2002

To provide for
the benefits of
public health
protection,
prevention, and
promotion.

Our Mission

Letter to the Community

As Health Officer for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, I am pleased and honored to present the Annual Report highlighting our accomplishments for the Fiscal Year 2001/2002.

The Community Health Agency's continued success in providing for the benefits of public health protection, prevention, and health promotion is a reflection of the outstanding work of the Agency's welltrained and experienced staff and the strong support from the County Commissioners of each County.

During Fiscal Year 2001/2002 we were challenged by the amount of necessary work that needed to be done to prepare for possible bioterrorism. We actively participated locally and regionally in the design and development of comprehensive and well-coordinated emergency management response systems to a bioterrorist threat.

During Fiscal year 2001/2002 we were able to continue and improve our top-notch public health programming despite receiving several damaging budget cuts from the State. We continued to be recognized as a local public health leader statewide by retaining our Fully Accredited Status through the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program. This process once again identified and commended the Agency for its strong public health infrastructure.

The future is unknown and will challenge all of us. However, we look forward to the many opportunities the future will present to us. These opportunities will reinvigorate us toward fulfilling our mission and responsibilities to you, our community.

Sincerely,



Duke Anderson, MPH, MBA
Health Officer/Administrator

Our Values

- ▶ Place the customers of our services at the center of our operations
- ▶ Maintain and improve the quality of services for the benefit of our customers
- ▶ Improve communication and coordination of services within the agency
- ▶ Coordinate services with other locally based organizations to reduce duplication of effort and improve customer access to appropriate services
- ▶ Provide our services in the most financially responsible manner
- ▶ Provide a positive, rewarding, and challenging atmosphere for all employees

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Administrative Staff

Health Officer/Administrator **NOEL WILEY, RS, MPH**

Medical Director **JAMES E. PHILLIPS, MD**

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Prevention Services Director **JENNIE SHOLLY, RN, MA**

Health Coordination & Promotion Director **DOUG McCOMAS, MS**

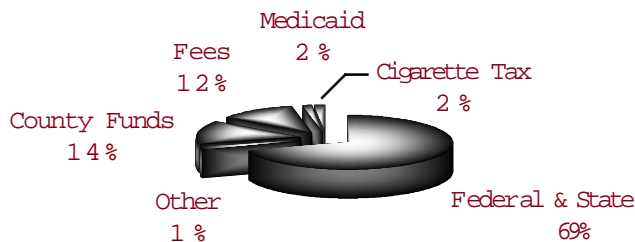
Finance & Information Director **DONNA COWDEN**

Director of Human Resources **MAUREEN PETZKO, BA**

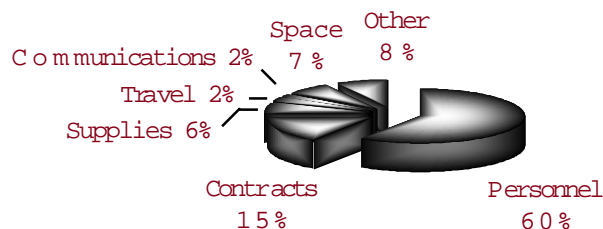
Agency Budget

Total Budget - 5,854,232

Revenue



Expenses



Our Vision

To plan for and deliver a wide range of services according to community needs and collaborate with other community agencies towards the completion of our mission.

On-Site Sewage

This program reviews sites proposed for sewage disposal, issuance and/or denial of permits, sewage disposal evaluations and inspection, plan review, review of proposals for alternative disposal systems, investigations, and enforcement.

Well/Septic Evaluations	84	244	69	397
Construction Permits Issued	259	382	387	1028
Septic Systems Inspected	265	309	464	1038
Vacant Land Evaluations	18	59	35	112

Private and Public Water Supply

These programs are design to assure both the proper installation of individual water wells and the monitoring and regulating of Type II water supplies to assure safe, usable groundwater.

Well Construction Permits Issued	284	393	387	1064
Well Permits Inspected	244	330	527	1101
Non-community Water Supply Surveys	12	25	20	57

Food protection

This program is the systematic approach to minimize the risk of foodborne illness and to ensure that food meets consumer expectations through application of statewide standards for all establishments where food is prepared and/or served to the public.

Establishments Inspected	323	330	450	1103
Plan Reviews	9	2	11	22
Vending Location Inspections	26	32	30	88
Temporary Establishment Inspections	71	86	154	311

Health Promotion & Coordination Services

Responsibilities include the following: provide community presentations regarding various health awareness and safety issues; internal staff support and training including orientation, Blood Borne Pathogens, and coordination of satellite broadcasts; media awareness materials and publications; data analysis; community outreach activities; parenting programs that assist families in developing and maintaining safe and healthy lifestyles; Children's Special Health Care Services support resources for families; and hearing and vision screening programs for school aged children.

Highlights

- ▶ Tobacco Reduction Action Coalitions received over \$17,000 in grant funds to display educational billboards and provide youth education programs.
- ▶ Received \$15,000 in community grants to support SAFE KIDS activities, plus in-kind donations.
- ▶ Completed over 29,000 hearing and vision screenings in the tri-county area.
- ▶ Presented WIC (Women, Infants & Children) perspectives at the state MALPH Data Conference
- ▶ Distributed 3,600 Project Fresh and CHA fresh produce coupons to targeted clients through funding provided by Michigan Department of Community Health.

Tobacco Reduction Coalitions

Smoke Free Home Pledges	3,100
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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Events/ Presentations	32
Participants	675

Human Sexuality

Events/Presentations	48
Participants	1,000

SAFE KIDS Chapter

Car Seat Checkup Events	9
Smoke Detectors/Safety Items Distributed	350

Outreach

Child Safety Seats Distributed	240
Baby Bags Distributed - Hillsdale County	420

Healthy Beginnings Program - Hillsdale County

Families Screened	132
Home Based Services Provided	81

Healthy Families Nurturing Communities

Families Served	88
Home Based Services Provided	220

Children's Special Health Care Services

Families Enrolled	900
Assessments	400

Totals

Health Promotion

Highlights

- ▶ Established Bioterrorism Preparedness Agenda and Coordinator to partner with community, state, and CDC planning and to increase Health Protection Training.
- ▶ Promotion of health provider use of Michigan Children's Immunization Registry and attention to increasing the percent of children fully immunized.
- ▶ In coordination with Health Promotion, implemented CHA Newsletter publication to be distributed twice yearly to health providers and community partners to share updates.

Communicable Disease Prevention & Control

Provides Public Health Code compliance regarding prevention, investigation, and control of defined communicable diseases. Includes tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases (STD), HIV/AIDS, animal bites and many other infectious diseases.

Infectious Diseases Reported	Total	9433
STD Testing		1557
HIV/AIDS Testing		888

Family Planning

Services provided to assist clients in voluntary choices of spacing children and controlling fertility through reproductive education, health assessment, and contraceptive services. Also provides the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

Individuals Served	3800
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Immunizations

Services that provide immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases for children, adults and international travelers. Includes collaboration and assistance with health providers in the Vaccine for Children Program and use of the Michigan Children's Immunization Registry.

Children	Total	5292
Adults		3876
Travelers		276

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

A Federal nutritional program directed toward increasing health outcomes for pregnant, breast-feeding and post-partum women. Serves infants and children up to 5 years of age from low to middle income families. Includes breast feeding consultations, support, Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) bereavement counseling, and follow-up on elevated blood lead levels.

Individuals Served	67535
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Diabetes Outreach Network

Administrative role for an autonomous network office that provides multiple activities and education programs that reduce the financial and medical burden of diabetes to the individual, community, and health care provider.

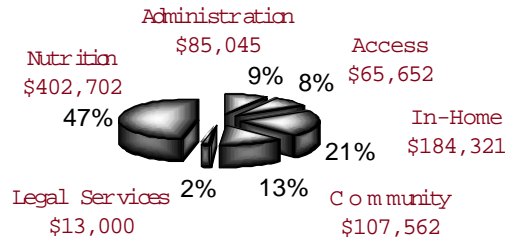
Individuals Served	68439
Events	181

Highlights

- ▶ Expanded National Family Caregiver Support Program funded programs:
 - ▶ Caregiver resource libraries in each county
 - ▶ Transportation & support group activities
 - ▶ Addressed unique family caregiver needs, including the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren/kinship caregivers
 - ▶ St. Joseph County Caregiver Seminar
 - ▶ Comprehensive resource directories for older adults & caregivers

Total Expenditures

(Includes federal, state, and local funding)



Population Served

African American	143	Non-Minority	10,136
Native American	22	Rural	10,361
Hispanic	22	Under Poverty Level	1,000
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	Minority Poverty	59
Multiracial	30		

Note: Estimated unduplicated counts of clients served under Title III, as reported by providers using the National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS).

Service Units Provided by Type of Service

Type of Service	Branch County	St. Joseph County
Congregate Meals	41,577	17,471
Home Delivered Meals	36,808	55,039
Home Care Assistance (# of hours)	8702	6047
Chore (# of hours)	467	297
Respite (# of hours)	1005	474
Friendly Reassurance (# of contacts)	N/A	3010
Case Coordination & Support (# of hours)	1089	860
Information & Assistance (# of contacts)	10710	N/A
Transportation (# of rides)	6881	2910
Senior Center Staffing (# of hours)	1858	5131
Legal Services (# of hours)	303	56
In-Home Repair (# jobs completed)	N/A	28
Adult Day Services (# of hours)	5798	1582
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion	N/A	1497
National Family Caregiver Support Program	8521	5413

Office Locations

COLDWATER



570 Marshall Rd
Coldwater, MI 49036
517-279-9561

HILLSDALE



20 Care Drive
Hillsdale, MI 49242
517-437-7395

THREE RIVERS



1110 Hill Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093
269-273-2161

STURGIS



600 S. Lakeview Ave.
Sturgis, MI 49091
269-659-4013

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Organizational Chart

