

2009 Annual Report

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From Doctor Hoddinott...

2009 has been the toughest year in my nine years as your Logan County Health Commissioner. Just as the agency and employees were trying to adjust to a 40% decrease in tax revenues (and the 33% cut in staff) as a result of the loss of our levy, H1N1 hit North America. I received my emergency cell phone call from the CDC at 11:30 pm on the Friday night of the day when the spreading disease was initially identified in Mexico. We are proud that Logan County was the first county in Ohio to hold an information meeting for community leaders on the following Tuesday.



Director of Nursing gives H1N1 vaccine.

Since late April our resources have been consumed by planning, studying information as more was learned about the disease, educating health care providers and the community, and answering phone calls and questions from the public. As an organization and as individuals we had to rapidly learn to prioritize our tasks, time, money, and energy.

The consequences to the community of this all-consuming task were that many jobs, mandates, and duties were put on hold. For that we apologize. The consequences to the Health District staff were more personal as we lost sleep, worked long hours, and sacrificed family time. I want to thank all the employees for their sacrifices.

I am proud that we answered the call, in some cases even ahead of some well-known federal and state agencies. We only succeeded through the dedication of our staff, through the use of an enthusiastic corps of volunteers, and because of significant one-time grant funding from the federal government. We would have suffered a \$200,000 hit to our cash reserve without that grant. We have demonstrated that we are trained and ready to respond to any public health emergency.

Public Health Nursing Update

As Dr. Hoddinott has already mentioned many changes occurred at LCHD over the past year. A decrease in staff would have been enough for everyone to adjust to, including the public, but then H1N1 came to the U.S. in April. Since then our lives have revolved around our local response to this public health threat. We offered 7 H1N1 vaccination clinics in Logan County. Our staff, small though the number may be, pulled together without any hesitation to provide these clinics in a very organized, professional and polite manner, and always with a sense of humor. Throughout this response many volunteers and community partners came to our rescue including the Logan County Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Team, Logan County schools, Mary Rutan Hospital, Logan County District Library, Camp Wesley, Logan County Emergency Management Agency, Logan County Sheriff and Bellefontaine Police Departments. And you the community helped with this effort by showing your patience and understanding during the vaccination process.

Regardless of the demands of emergency response to H1N1, daily life in public health continued....

- seasonal flu clinics were organized and offered,
- Home Health saw an increase in caseloads in the face of changing legislation, increasing program requirements, and decreasing reimbursements,
- regular child and adult immunization clinics took place,
- the Women, Infants & Children program served an average of 1100 clients per month,
- cases for the Ohio Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps were maintained,
- school nursing functions were provided, although in a greatly reduced capacity,
- and infection disease cases were managed.

The Health District never really got a chance to adjust to the decreased staffing levels before H1N1 hit. Even so, the camaraderie that occurred among this agency's staff enabled us to meet the myriad challenges of the past year.

Women, Infants & Children

The main event for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's WIC program was the introduction of a new food package in 2009. The food package that participants now receive better reflects nutritionists' recommendations for

healthier food choices. Foods such as raw fruits and vegetables and whole grains are included, with a reduced amount of fruit juice and the removal of cheese from the package. It was a major adjustment for both participants and health

professionals as these changes were implemented. However, the Women, Infants & Children program made these program modifications in an effort to realize its goal of helping reduce childhood obesity in our communities.

Home Health Agency News

Logan County Home Health continues to provide skilled nursing services to patients in their home. During 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) made major regulatory changes developing new quality measurements for home health care across a variety of processes. These changes required an increased level of documentation and many changes to our internal process and software to meet

CMS's comprehensive assessment mandate.

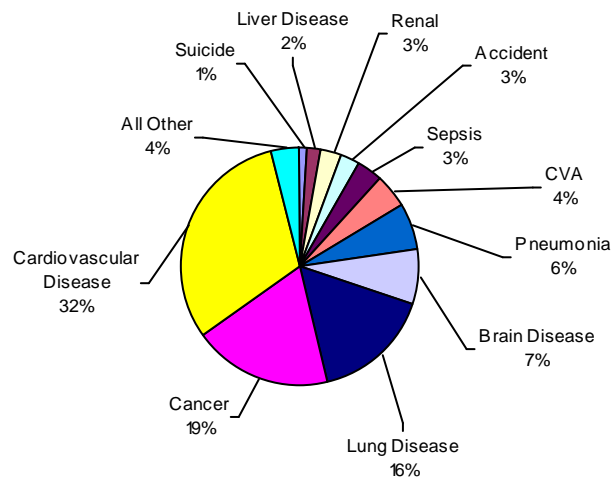
In addition to regulatory changes, CMS has also developed a survey to evaluate and understand the quality of care provided by home health agencies, including client's perceptions of the care they received. All CMS approved agencies must meet these new quality requirements, which are ultimately intended to allow consumers to make an informed choice about their home health care.

These changes along with provider reimbursement changes continue to present daily challenges to our home health care agency. Our focus on cost containment, education, electronic billing and effective utilization of staff has helped us to meet the overwhelming challenges of participating in the current home health care climate. We continue to stay informed and prepared as we move ahead into 2010. Our vision is to continue to promote an informed, healthy community.

Vital Statistics Update

Vital Records Report	
Birth Certificates Issued	1,981
Births Recorded	419
Hospital Births	400
Home Births	19
Females	206
Males	213
Sets of Twins	6
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Death Certificates Issued	1,678
Deaths Recorded	400
Females	203
Males	197
Age 100+	3
Oldest	103
Youngest	7 mos

Leading Causes of Death in Logan County - 2009



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Environmental Health News

The Logan County Health District's Environmental Health Division was approved by the Ohio Manufactured Home Commission to inspect manufactured home placements within the county's manufactured home parks. An agreement was also reached recognizing the Logan County Building Authority's right to require building permits for construction in both manufactured home parks and recreational vehicle parks. These events allowed LCHD to create a digital photo record of each lot and campsite to aid in answering future construction and spacing questions.

The recessed economy was again reflected in the activities of our water and wastewater programs. New water well permits dropped from 195 in 2008 to 113. Home sewage permits also continued to trend downward with only 39 issued, compared to 47 in 2008 and from as high as 167 in 2006.

In a change brought on by the financial hardships facing many of Ohio's school systems, the recently expanded school safety standards, formerly known as Jarod's Law, were rescinded requiring a return to the previous inspection guidelines.

The Ohio Department of Health also approved a basic food handler certification for managers in all food services beginning in March 2010.

Financial Report

The financial report reflects that we must maintain 3 months of expenses as a cash balance. In 2009, the Health District received a one-time infusion of grant monies for H1N1 response which contributes about a third to the cash balance. We also took a very conservative approach to spending which contributed to an overall reduction in expenses for the year.

REVENUE	%	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF.
Levy (2008 collections in 2009)	7%	161,557	-0-	161,557
Service Fees	40%	918,661	751,100	167,561
Grants	20%	456,665	343,313	113,352
Licenses, Permits & Registrations	10%	236,200	215,475	20,725
Local (Inside Millage)	22%	500,000	500,000	-0-
State	1%	13,175	13,000	175
Other	1%	18,417	79,335	(60,918)
Total Revenue	100%	2,304,675	1,902,223	402,452
EXPENSES				
EXPENSES	%	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF.
Wages & Benefits	70%	1,394,608	1,554,510	(149,902)
Contracts	10%	189,502	268,000	(78,498)
Refunds/Remittances to State	7%	145,062	164,323	(19,261)
Operating	5%	104,807	155,247	(50,440)
Supplies	4%	84,191	88,323	(4,132)
Building	2%	45,536	45,960	(424)
Equipment	1%	11,086	11,465	(379)
Education & Training	0%	8,352	10,000	(1,648)
Total Expenses	100%	1,983,144	2,287,828	(304,684)
Cash Reserve Savings / (Use)	---	321,531	(385,605)	707,136