2010 Annual Report

Our Vision:
Leading the Way to a Healthier Community

Our Mission:
To Prevent Disease and to Protect and
Promote the Health of the Community

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The highlight of 2010 was the completion of our strategic planning process culminating in the development of a Strategic Plan for 2011-2015. Input was gathered from all staff, members of the Board of County Commissioners and County Managers’ Office, 14 county department heads, and representatives of 31 community organizations. Based on all of the feedback gathered, the department settled on three mission-driven initiatives: Community Assessment, Policy Development, and Advocacy and four supporting initiatives: People, Awareness, Infrastructure, and Accreditation.

Through implementation of this Strategic Plan, the department will position itself to respond to current and emerging community health needs, be responsive to health reform opportunities, and provide services to individuals and the community that are of high quality and based on evidence-based practices in partnership with other health systems, and to prioritize resources to the greatest needs.

In between our strategic planning work, we managed to provide services to more than 113,000 individuals.

Our new vision statement, Leading the Way to a Healthier Community, captures the essence of the department’s work plan for the next five years. We will be counting on all of our community partners to help advance that vision!

Lougene Marsh, Director
Disease Containment Division, Nancy Tausz, Director

- Immunization Program, Julie Beach, Program Manager
- Disease Containment & Outreach Nurse Program, Cathy Shemwell, Program Manager
- Public Health Emergency Program, Liz Ticer, Program Manager

The Immunization Program provides adult, childhood, school and travel immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases. The program offers vaccine education and screenings for tuberculosis. This program also serves as a resource to school nurses, daycare providers, and the general public in providing the most up-to-date information on immunization requirements and recommendations. In 2010, the Immunizations Program administered 26,445 routine (childhood, adolescent, adult, travel) vaccinations and added four monthly late evening clinics to better accommodate individuals unable to come in during the day.

The Outreach Nurse Program provides registered nurses who offer screening, assessment, education, resource information, and referral services. The senior adult nurses focus on disease prevention, early identification of health problems, management of chronic illness, and client education related to disease processes. In 2010, 604 senior adult home visits were made. The mother/newborn nurses promote the use of preventive health services and early identification of health problems during the prenatal/postpartum period. In 2010, 1,236 mother/newborn home visits were provided. The Outreach Nurses offer twenty monthly blood pressure screenings as well as educational presentations reaching an additional 3,811 individuals.

The Disease Containment Program works to prevent, contain, and control the transmission of disease, including tuberculosis, through education and investigation of disease patterns in our community. This program also collaborates with the Public Health Emergency Program in active surveillance for unusual sets of symptoms and events.

The Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) is responsible for ongoing readiness related to large-scale disease outbreaks. PHEP collaborates with community partners and other County departments to assess and support responses to natural and man-made disasters. In 2010, PHEP continued to plan for public health emergency response in supporting revisions of the countywide emergency operations plan, and facilitated more than 500 training hours related to emergency response.

Adult and Childcare Facilities Division, Eldonna Chesnut, Director

The Adult Care Facilities Program was significantly reduced in 2010, due to staff reductions. This program continues to provide education and consultation to families, facility staff, and the community and staff is available as a resource on state regulations and adult care facilities. The Kansas Department of Aging monitors adult care facilities for regulation compliance.

Elder Smiles, offers on-site oral hygiene services to seniors, utilizing Extended Care Permit II Hygienists in 14 long-term care facilities in Johnson County. In 2010, 241 seniors received services. The Elder Smiles program received two national awards of excellence, from the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

The Child Care Facilities Program provides health and safety information and education to child care providers and parents. Program staff completes initial, annual, and compliance check visits to licensed child care facilities and recommends licensure to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Complaints on licensed or registered child care facilities are investigated and illegal care issues are resolved in collaboration with the District Attorney’s Office. In 2010, 1,898 initial, annual, complaint, compliance, and illegal care visits were conducted, and the surveyor/facility ratio was 1/125.

The passage of Lexi’s Law in July 2010 improved the quality of child care in Kansas. All child care facilities must now be licensed and subject to more stringent regulations.
Health Education Division, Barbara D. Mitchell, Director

The Health Education Division promotes healthy behaviors and prevention of disease and injury through classes, presentations, programs, screenings, workshops, health fairs, webinars, and professional seminars throughout the community. The primary areas of focus are:

- chronic disease
- senior wellness
- childhood injury prevention
- worksite wellness
- HIV testing & prevention
- Parent & adolescent growth/development programs

This Division coordinates student internships within the Health Department and leads the Community Health Assessment Process that monitors health issues of the overall community. In 2010, 50,026 people received health education services.

Administrative Operations Division

The Administrative Operations Division supports all Health Department Divisions through fiscal monitoring, grants coordination & reporting, budgeting, auditing, accounting, statistics, billing, computer operations, payroll, data entry, appointment scheduling, and medical chart preparation.

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