

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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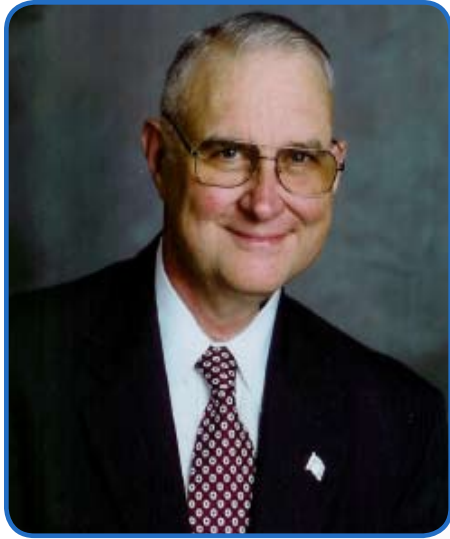
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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER



In early 2011, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department faced three challenges: build a new primary care center, maintain public health services and restore credibility to health department leadership. By the end of fiscal year 2015, each of these objectives had been obtained: HealthFirst Bluegrass, Inc. became a HRSA grantee on February 1, 2015, and their building was under construction; the health department became accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board; and a Board of Health appointed by Mayor

Jim Gray had taken the lead on issues related to the primary care center, expanded food truck service, non-smoking legislation, nicotine vapor devices and Lexington Community Radio.

The health department led a community effort for local hospitals to develop a unified approach to potential Ebola patients and responded to a situation that tested the whole local health system. The health department, in conjunction with Fayette County Public Schools and local pediatric practices, found a way to assure that school children could get their immunizations when a major pediatric provider ceased to operate and administrative changes in the Vaccines for Children Program could have disrupted much-needed immunization services.

The health department, in conjunction with community partners, initiated a planning process to implement the health department opportunities authorized by Senate Bill 192—the so-called “heroin bill.”

The Board of Health approved a pay raise and held a follow-up strategic

planning meeting that identified obesity as a single overriding issue to be addressed.

The health department received the Kentucky Commissioner of Public Health award for Achievement in Public Health and Carla Basanta was recognized as Public Health Nurse of the Year at the Kentucky Public Health Association meeting in April. I became the president of the Lexington Medical Society, the first public health officer to hold that position in the 215-year history of the society.

Discussions related to how to set priorities and allocate funds as state and federal funds continue to decline in response to more pressing state and national issues have been ongoing. The health department initiated an effort to determine how many of the statutory mandates (communicable disease control, surveillance and epidemiology, regulatory and other activities) can be managed by the local public health tax revenue. As the health department moves ahead and further fund reductions occur, this discussion, along with how to manage state health department directives in the absence of adequate funding, will become more important.

The health department has already demonstrated its willingness to share and to collaborate with other agencies in managing public health issues. Continuing and strengthening this kind of teamwork is essential to maintaining the wellbeing of the community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Rice C. Leach MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" at the end being more distinct.

Rice C. Leach, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

We remained dedicated to **continuous quality improvement** by launching new projects to maximize our internal efficiency and collaborating with external partners to maximize community-wide response when addressing public health issues.

We provided nutritious foods, nutrition education and referrals to other services for more than **6,050 low-income women, infants and children up to age 5** through our WIC Program, one of the largest in the state.

We **reduced health inequities** by participating in cultural diversity workshops and community events; hosting youth programs in schools to focus on the risks and consequences of early sexual involvement; conducting immunization audits in daycares, preschools and private schools; and working with a variety of community organizations and coalitions.

We prevented the spread of Tuberculosis (TB) in our community by providing **2,951 TB clinical service visits**.

We improved the opportunity for new babies to be raised in a healthy home, providing **5,689 HANDS home visits** to first-time moms and dads.

We helped protect **1,500 people against the flu**, providing shots at our annual free flu shot clinic.

We controlled the spread of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) by providing **690 HIV tests** through our walk-in testing clinic and community events, and by **investigating 450 cases of syphilis and HIV**.

We advocated for the health, safety and nutrition of children when cared for outside of the home by **providing education and consultation to about 350 licensed certified child care programs** caring for up to 29,030 children in the 12-county Lexington-Fayette district.

We remained **attentive to the health of more than 40,000 public school students** so they could be seen on-site for acute illness, in turn allowing parents to remain at work.

We helped individuals quit using tobacco by offering a series of cessation classes, yielding a **60 percent average graduation rate**, double the national average for similar programs.

We certified **6,760 food handlers and 1,156 food managers** this year to assure you are eating at safe and sanitary establishments when dining out in Fayette County.

We partnered with community agencies to provide education about diabetes prevention by promoting the evidence-based Diabetes Prevention Program that encourages healthy lifestyles to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. Approximately **60 diabetes support group meetings were held and 600 people participated**. A series on **Diabetes Self-Management yielded a 60 percent completion rate**.

We worked to prevent the occurrence and spread of rabies by conducting **756 animal bite inspections** and providing **424 rabies vaccinations** to Lexington pets at our annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic.

We helped prevent and/or stop the spread of infections and communicable diseases by **responding to more than 800 reports of disease and illness** in Fayette County.

We restored the **Family Planning Program and pregnancy testing** services in the Public Health Clinic. Family planning consists of a physical examination, Pap smear testing, breast exam, birth control methods, education and counseling.

We **provided training and technical assistance to 10 child care health consultants** who serve the entire state and its 2,300 programs caring for up to 166,752 children.

We **relocated our Public Health Clinic** from 805 Newtown Circle to our main office at 650 Newtown Pike.

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PUBLIC
HEALTH

CLINICAL SERVICES

We improve the health of our community by providing services and education to control the spread of diseases.

The year brought about many changes in our Public Health Clinic, not only with adapting to the ever-changing health care environment brought about by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) but also with the physical relocation from 805 Newtown Circle to our main office at 650 Newtown Pike.

This year, we added the Family Planning Program and pregnancy testing back to our list of services. Family planning consists of a physical examination, Pap smear testing, breast exam, birth control methods, education and counseling among the extensive list of services. During visits for pregnancy testing, uninsured patients have the option of applying for presumptive eligibility, a temporary medical card that allows them to start receiving pre-natal care.

Our dedicated staff assist with selecting an ACA health insurance plan through our on-site Kynector. Our Kynector assisted over 200 families this past year in selecting a health plan that best fit their needs.

Our Vital Statistics department reviews and edits birth certificates, processes death certificates, declares paternity affidavits and appoints and trains deputy registrars in the area. Last year, more than 12,000 certificates were processed.

We offer services to help safeguard the health of women, infants and children.

Our Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program is one of the largest in the state. We provide nutritious foods, nutrition education and referrals to other services for low-income women, infants and children up to age 5.

The WIC team increased its outreach efforts tremendously this year. The WIC team surpassed its goal of increasing participation by 250 clients within 60 days, adding 305 in that time frame. We took on the new “Face with a Name” initiative. This allowed staff to go out into the community to promote WIC, schedule appointments, and meet potential clients as opposed to clients having to do everything over the phone. This year, 99 percent of all WIC participants were satisfied with the services they received.

Breastfeeding education and support are also essential services of this program. We promote breastfeeding as an optimal way to feed infants for at least the first year of life. Fayette County ranks among the top in percentage of infants who were breastfed for at least the first year of life in Kentucky.

We are committed to making improvements, like working toward an electronic medical records system.

Our Medical Records department is participating with the Kentucky Department for Public Health in preparing for the implementation of electronic health records. A “Road to Better Health” timeline has been developed and workgroups have been formed to ensure a smooth transition within our health department.



We are proud to participate in the Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program. We can improve access to fresh Kentucky-grown fruits and vegetables at local farmers’ markets for WIC participants by issuing redeemable vouchers.

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH
CLINIC VISITS
6,029

2,680
nursing

2,293
STI

402
women’s
health

303
flu shots

267
tuberculosis

84
presumptive
eligibility

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

We are committed to making sure the children of first-time moms and/or dads have the best possible start at life.

Our HANDS Program, or Health Access Nurturing Development Services, is a voluntary home visitation program designed for first-time moms and/or dads with one or more risk factors for drug abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, anger management, housing and employment stability or parent-infant bonding.

Our HANDS home visitors meet with families on a weekly basis beginning in early pregnancy and continuing until the child reaches two years of age. We work with families to link them to early prenatal care and support them in parenting, child development, parent-infant bonding, stress and anger management, discipline and limit-setting with toddlers, and in reaching small and large successes in parenting. The four main goals of the program are positive pregnancy outcomes, safe and healthy homes, family self-sufficiency and optimal child growth and development.

Through a March of Dimes Prenatal Oral Health Grant, HANDS collaborated with the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and Polk-Dalton Centering Program to offer an OB-GYN Grand Rounds on prenatal dental health. With the support of a Maternal-Child Health Grant, family support workers distributed Pac 'N Play cribs, pamphlets and DVDs on safe sleeping and provided education.

HANDS exceeded their goals for the fiscal year. We increased the up-to-date immunization rate in HANDS infants from 31 percent to 91.3 percent. We also increased the breastfeeding rate for HANDS moms in the birth-6 month timeframe from 76 percent to 81.6 percent.



HANDS partnered with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky to display pinwheels in front of LFCHD for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

THE STUDENTS IN THIS CLASS ARE PRE-SERVICE HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHERS AND PARTICIPATION IN TEACHING THIS CURRICULUM PROVIDES VERY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THEM. THE STUDENTS ROUTINELY EVALUATE THIS EXPERIENCE AS THE BEST THING IN THE CLASS AND THEY ALWAYS COMMENT ON HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY IT. THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN EMPLOYEE LIKE ELAYNE HOLLINGER [PSI HEALTH EDUCATOR] AS A REPRESENTATIVE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT SHE HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON HEALTH EDUCATION IN FAYETTE COUNTY, AND IN TURN, SHE HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN.

-DR. MELODY NOLAND, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, MADE UP OF COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY AND EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY NURSING, FOCUSES ON GENERATING PARTNERSHIPS TO EXTEND OUR REACH IN LEXINGTON IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH.

We value maintaining a strong presence in the community in order to eliminate health inequities.

Our Community Health Equity and Education (CHEE) team offers and participates in cultural diversity workshops, health fairs, events and community partnerships to raise awareness for and eliminate health inequities.

We continue to maintain and build relationships with our wonderful community partners like the Lexington Division of Parks and Recreation, the Health Equity Network, Sisters Fighting BACC (Breast and Cervical Cancer), Kentucky CancerLink, Race Community Child Welfare and the Lexington Pride Festival to host and co-sponsor events throughout the community.

Our Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) and Reducing the Risk (RTR) programs reach out to youth in schools to focus on the risks and consequences of early sexual involvement and provide lessons about birth control, STIs, HIV/AIDS and refusal skills building. Together, these programs reach more than 6,500 students.

Our Daycare Immunization Auditor Program audits nearly 200 daycares, preschools and private schools to ensure children have valid immunization certificates on file.

We can help individuals prevent and manage diabetes.

We aim to reduce new cases of diabetes and encourage behavior changes for those living with pre-diabetes or diabetes. We partner with community agencies to get the message out about diabetes prevention by promoting the evidence-based Diabetes Prevention Program that encourages healthy lifestyles to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes.

The diabetes team touched a wide variety of people in the community by offering five different Diabetes Health Chats support groups throughout the community. The support groups provided information about basic diabetes care needs and focus topics. We held meetings at the Senior Support Group at the University of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky Polk-Dalton Clinic, Nathaniel Mission, Refugee Clinic and the Bluegrass Community Health Center where a Latino support group was held. Approximately 60 meetings were held and 600 people participated.

A series on Diabetes Self-Management was held in October 2014, February 2015 and May 2015 with at least 60 percent completing the class. These series focus on all aspects of diabetes self-management, including healthy eating, exercise, monitoring blood sugars and targets, medications, problem solving, healthy coping and reducing the risk of complications.

We work to improve the nutrition of adults and children in Fayette County.

In partnership with Girls Scouts of the Bluegrass, we taught a Live Healthy, Lead Healthy curriculum at Breckenridge Elementary for a 5th grade afterschool girls' class. The staff tracked physical activity by having each girl jump rope for 60 seconds and counting their jumps. After eight weeks, the girls increased their jumps by 145 percent. As a result from the pre- and post-surveys, the girls reported a 44 percent increase in learning about healthy choices for their life by the end of the class.

Eat, Move, Lose Weight is a weight-loss support group that meets monthly to assist participants in weight loss. Participants learn about nutrition and physical activity. During fiscal year 2015, 63 percent of Eat, Move, Lose Weight participants lost weight.

We advocate for the health, safety and nutrition of children in child care.

In the spring of 2015, the Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC) worked with the Kentucky Department for Public Health to form an Infant Safe Sleep Task Force. The task force began working on a statewide safe sleep campaign to be launched in the fall of 2015. The purpose of the Safe Sleep Kentucky campaign was to prevent infant deaths by educating the public. The campaign informed new and experienced parents, grandparents and caregivers on the importance of safe sleep for babies. The campaign also promoted safe sleep through medical experts and professionals within the healthcare community.

We provided training and technical assistance to 10 child care health consultants who serve the entire state and its 2,300 programs caring for up to 166,752 children.

We advocated for the health, safety and nutrition of children when cared for outside of the home by providing education and consultation to approximately 350 licensed certified child care programs caring for up to 29,030 children in the 12-county Lexington-Fayette district.



We provided about 40 diabetes risk tests at the Lexington Pride Festival. We identified 22 people as being at risk for diabetes. From there, we identified two people with pre-diabetes and two who were in the diabetes range. We followed up with those people to encourage them to contact their health care provider or directed them to one.



We partnered with Kentucky CancerLink and Kentucky Cancer Program to host a Colon Cancer Prevention Fair held at the Lyric Theater in March 2015. The evening featured health information about colon cancer designed to raise awareness and encourage screening for early detection. A total of 12 free at-home test kits were given out to at-risk visitors to the event.



Carla Basanta, an employee for 22 years, received the Outstanding Public Health Nurse Award given each year by the Kentucky Public Health Association. It is given annually to honor an outstanding nurse in Kentucky. She was nominated by her peers for her involvement with the Public Health Clinic, immunizations, well child exams, family planning and direct nursing care. The nominations also highlighted her more recent work developing and maintaining a Quality Assurance program for the health department and organizing annual community flu shot events at senior residential centers.

We educate on the dangers of tobacco use and help individuals stop using tobacco.

The Tobacco Program received \$20,000 for the Thirdhand Smoke Education and Childcare Policy Change Initiative. Two large child care centers in Fayette County changed tobacco policies immediately after receiving trainings about thirdhand smoke.

We presented a poster, "What's Thirdhand Smoke? Assessment of a Community's Readiness for 100% Smoke-Free, Scent-Free Child Care Center Policy," at the American Public Health Association in Chicago.

Our school nurses have developed an innovative model to care for sick students in public schools.

Our school nurses care for students throughout Fayette County Public Schools, in turn, allowing parents to remain at work. Nurses are able to provide medical attention to students with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma, allergies and seizures, and train school staff to administer medications. They also collaborate with other internal programs to distribute important health education materials to students and parents, especially when there are disease outbreaks in our community.

In addition, our nurses monitor school attendance, assist with communicable disease outbreak investigation, monitor immunization compliance and provide a team to assist in emergency preparedness.



Our worksite wellness program offers incentives to employees, including time off, the option to redeem wellness points for a variety of gift cards and the ability to receive discounts on utility bills. We also host walking and weight loss challenges, offering prizes like a Fitbit or gift cards.

We are there to assist our employees in achieving their personal wellness goals.

Our Wellness Committee, for the third year in a row, received the Bluegrass Wellness at Work Healthiest Places to Work Platinum Award. This award was for our new wellness initiative to provide wellness points as an incentive for employees who are breastfeeding who pumped breastmilk while at work. Organizations awarded at this level are engaged in at least four worksite wellness initiatives in various categories (physical fitness, culture, health and nutrition) and are recognized as the very best of the best.

We also won the agency activity challenge for the Bluegrass Wellness at Work Program, a competition for agencies in Fayette County that tracked employees' physical activity.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE

91.2%

KINDERGARTEN

76.2%

6TH GRADE

26,036

TOTAL STUDENT AND STAFF VISITS

78

DAILY TREATMENTS
(DIABETES AND CATHETERIZATIONS)

22,395

TOTAL SCHOOL NURSING HOURS

1,256

TRAINED SCHOOL STAFF
(AS MEDICATION ADMINISTRATORS)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UNIT MONITORS, PREVENTS, INVESTIGATES AND CONTROLS INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN FAYETTE COUNTY. THESE DISEASES CAN BE TRANSMITTED FROM PERSON TO PERSON OR ANIMAL TO HUMAN BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS, INGESTING CONTAMINATED FOOD OR WATER, INHALATION OF CONTAMINATED AIR OR THE BITE OF AN INFECTED INSECT.

We work diligently to enhance our ability to prevent the further spread of disease.

Our Epidemiology Unit cultivates new and maintains existing relationships with area healthcare providers to maximize public health information sharing. For instance, using a database of local physician practices, we can quickly distribute disease-related information so physicians are equipped with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations on topics such as laboratory testing, treatment and isolation. We also work internally with our other health department programs year-round to distribute prevention information throughout the community.

This year, we responded to more than 800 reports of disease and illness in Fayette County like Salmonella, a Shigellosis outbreak and multiple other gastrointestinal outbreaks.

In collaboration with the Kentucky Department for Public Health and the CDC, we rapidly and efficiently responded to suspected cases of meningitis and a suspected allergic reaction to the Yellow Fever vaccine. When our team was investigating one of the suspected cases of meningitis, the mother of the patient thanked us:

"WE OWE YOU THE THANKS! WE ARE SO THANKFUL THAT YOU ARE TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF MY SON."

In Kentucky, health care providers and laboratories are required by law to report infectious and communicable diseases to the local or state health department. Each reported disease requires an investigation by the unit to determine a source of infection, whether additional individuals need to be contacted, and to provide education to the patient regarding their illness.

We screen, evaluate and treat individuals in order to control the prevalence of Tuberculosis (TB) in our community.

Our TB Control & Prevention Program identifies members of our community at greatest risk of developing TB and takes the appropriate measures to prevent and control the spread of the disease.

We provide a six-to-nine-month course of treatment for TB infection. In a case where, beyond our greatest efforts, a community member develops TB, one of our TB Control & Prevention Program nurses will meet with that person to observe them taking their medication throughout their course of treatment.

A young man was referred to us because other providers were unable to diagnose him and he was continually getting sicker. We evaluated and diagnosed him with extrapulmonary TB. He is currently undergoing treatment for TB disease.

"I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER AND I AM SO GRATEFUL TO THE CLINIC AND THE NURSES FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR ME." -TB PATIENT



Our loyal team delivered medications to three TB directly observed therapy (DOT) patients during the 2015 winter storm.



690
TOTAL HIV TESTS

We attended the annual Lexington Pride Festival in June. The Targeted Prevention team, in partnership with AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) tested 36 people for HIV, passed out 2,220 condoms and provided 17 bleach kits.

We're committed to controlling the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV/AIDS in our community by tracking and investigating infected individuals and their contacts, and by providing public education.

Our Targeted Prevention team's primary focus this year was to take a more active role in locating high-risk populations and identifying where they congregate. Our staff became very innovative and conducted numerous field tests with high-risk individuals through mobile applications and internet sites used to solicit anonymous sex. We also collaborated with several HIV advocacy agencies, including AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) and the Hope Center. We continue to develop relationships with "gatekeepers" who distribute condoms and spread prevention messages in the community.

The primary goal of our program is to intervene and investigate the spread of STIs. We investigate cases of syphilis, HIV, gonorrhea and chlamydia within Fayette County and 62 other counties in northern, southern, eastern and central Kentucky. We ensure proper diagnosis, testing, adequate treatment and partner notification. Additionally, we provide information regarding STIs to individuals, schools, drug rehabilitation facilities and other agencies throughout Lexington who request our services. We network with hospitals and clinics to provide superior patient care.

The HIV program promotes prevention through free rapid HIV testing, condom distribution and community education. We performed a total of 690 HIV tests through our walk-in testing clinic and through community events this year.



We are a vital part of the Heroin Task Force, where discussions concerning heroin and needle use in the community were initiated. This year, we comprised a team of employees, including some of the Targeted Prevention team, who worked on a planning committee to implement the Needle Exchange Program (NEP).

EXAMPLES OF INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Tuberculosis

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

West Nile Virus

Legionnaires disease

Bacterial meningitis

Brucellosis

Salmonellosis (Salmonella)

E. coli

We make it a priority to re-educate individuals and their contacts about safe practices and explore the dangers of high-risk behaviors.

We investigated 450 cases of syphilis and HIV this year. Many of these cases were found to be co-infected with other STIs. We continue to see a rise with co-infections. We implemented a new approach for all previously infected clients identified in a new case to receive re-counseling as a part of our efforts to make a bigger impact to decrease the spread of STIs in the community.

We continue to provide support for clients who request or are court-ordered to have HIV testing at the Fayette County Detention Center. We continue to collaborate with the detention center to pick up, order and ship client specimens for evaluation.

This year, we provided 690 HIV tests through our walk-in clinic and community events and investigated 450 cases of syphilis and HIV. We also distributed approximately 45,000 condoms throughout the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (EH) ADDRESSES THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY ENFORCING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND INFORM, EMPOWER AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT PERSONNEL TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

We enforce regulations within public food service establishments to ensure safe and sanitary work practices are followed and facilities are well-maintained.

During food establishment inspections we look for:

- correct food storage and preparation;
- employee work practices and cleanliness;
- proper operation of equipment; and
- general cleanliness and maintenance of the facility.

Each food service establishment in Lexington must be inspected by our staff at least twice each year. Establishments must post their inspection scores in a place visible to patrons. Scores of 85 or higher with no three-, four- or five-point violations will be posted with a numeric value in green, while scores of 84 or lower or those with three-, four- or five-point violations will be posted in red.

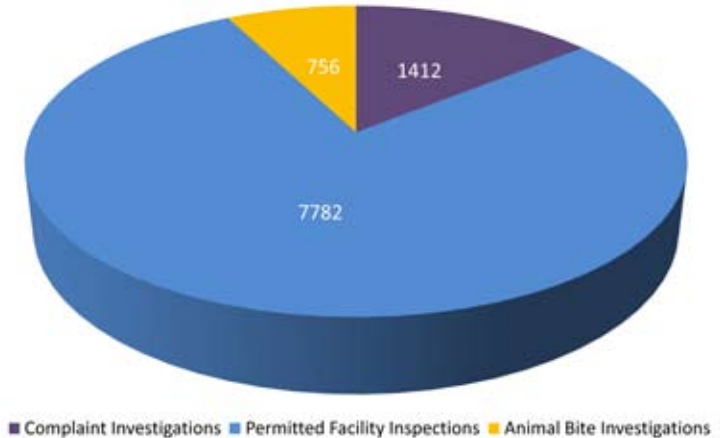
This year, we were heavily involved in a proposed Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government ordinance change to allow mobile foodservice vendors to operate in public areas. The current ordinances only allow for vendors to setup for business on public property if they meet certain criteria, such as during city-organized events. The new ordinance would allow for the vendors to operate in the public properties of downtown Lexington with few restrictions. We served as members of a city task force to discuss and create the new ordinance that is in a trial phase.



Photo by Matt Goins

We partnered with Imani Family Life Center, a local church, to hold our annual free flu shot clinic in October 2014 and helped protect more than 1,500 community members against the flu.

FY 2015 FIELD SERVICES



We are available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week whenever the public has concerns regarding situations they feel might be adverse to their health.

Our team responds to concerns or complaints about rodent infestations, indoor air quality, mosquitoes, sewage, food-borne illnesses, odors, pest infestations and more. Upon receiving these complaints, we investigate each to verify if a health concern exists and then take enforcement actions to assure that the health concern is remediated. We have programs that raise awareness about bed bugs and radon. We also conduct mosquito-spraying activities throughout Fayette County to help control mosquitoes each summer.

We issue operating permits and conduct safety and sanitation inspections of food service establishments, retail food establishments, public swimming pools, hotels/motels, public and private schools, tattoo studios, ear and body piercing studios, bed and breakfasts and mobile home and recreational vehicle parks. We also conduct animal bite investigations and respond to any public health-related complaints we receive.

209

swimming pool
operator certifications

424

animals
vaccinated

1,156

food manager
certifications

6,760

food handler
certificationsENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH
SERVICES

Our staff works to prevent the occurrence and spread of rabies within the human and animal population in Fayette County.

We respond to reports from medical providers who have treated patients who have been bitten by animals. These reports prompt an investigation and EH staff serves notices of quarantines to the animal owners. After a determined period of quarantine, staff examines the animals for symptoms of rabies.



We hosted our annual rabies clinic in May 2015 at Douglass Park. During this clinic, the public had their pets vaccinated against rabies for a minimal fee. We partnered with the Lexington Humane Society, Lexington Parks and Recreation, the Lexington Police Department and many local veterinarians.

Public education is a crucial part of what we do.

We require all food industry workers with jobs that involve food handling or preparation to obtain food handler certifications. Each food service facility is also required to have at least one certified food manager on staff. Hand washing and personal hygiene issues are stressed within these courses due to these factors being the leading cause of the spread of food-borne illness.

We also provide swimming pool operator certification courses. These courses teach personnel who work at public swimming facilities to safely operate and maintain swimming pools in ways that are not potentially detrimental to the health and welfare of patrons.

Our Preparedness Team ensures that if an emergency occurs, we will be prepared to meet the mandated and immediate health concerns of our residents.

We collaborate with internal and external partners to protect the health of the Fayette County community in emergencies. In addition to establishing standard readiness guidelines and procedures, our team often participates in national and local incident command and incident management exercises to practice these procedures and measure effectiveness at the conclusion of each activity. This allows us to adjust future responses and continue improving our readiness. Our staff also leads the local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), which recruits community members to help in response efforts. We had more than 154 MRC volunteers this year.

This year, we conducted a Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) training seminar for each work unit to discuss our ability of implementing these plans and procedures. We also updated our Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) plan. The COOP and SNS plans create strategies and processes for us to continue mandated programs and unique mission essential functions during an emergency event and address how to handle arrival of SNS materials in terms of staffing, receipt, storage and distribution. We continually identify possible point-of-dispensing (POD) sites in our community, such as churches, schools and businesses.

The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) continues to provide needed equipment, training and opportunities to exercise preparedness plans for its regional Health Care Organization partners. In October 2014, we coordinated a regional table-top exercise for all emergency and medical staff in region 15 for response to symptomatic Ebola patients.

AUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Total current assets	\$6,763,285
Capital assets, net	2,602,125
Receivable - HealthFirst Bluegrass, Inc	<u>2,029,503</u>
Total assets	11,394,913
Deferred outflows	3,433,792
Total assests & deferred outflows	<u><u>\$14,828,705</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Total current liabilities	\$1,227,794
Total long-term liabilities	<u>62,007,851</u>
Total liabilities	63,235,645
Total deferred inflows	629,600
Total net position	<u>(49,036,540)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows & net position	<u><u>\$14,828,705</u></u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOW

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$2,013,421
Net cash provided by (used in) capital & related financing activities	<u>71,628</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,113
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,086,162</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u><u>4,492,998</u></u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$6,579,160</u></u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

OPERATING REVENUES

State grants	\$2,987,892
Federal pass-thru grants	3,075,769
Tax appropriations	7,637,686
Donations	4,000
Medicare service fees	9,631
Medicaid service fees	1,450,418
School board contract	1,478,216
Fees and contracts	342,704
Insurance	71,459
Other fees and contracts	<u>86,031</u>
Total operating revenues	<u><u>\$17,143,806</u></u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Personnel	\$11,833,277
Operating	4,316,643
Depreciation	<u>321,861</u>
Total operating expenses	<u><u>\$16,471,781</u></u>

OPERATING INCOME	\$672,025
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TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	(58,093)
Changes in net position	<u>613,932</u>

NET POSITION	(49,665,512)
Prior year grant activity as restated	<u>15,040</u>

NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>(\$49,036,540)</u></u>
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mission: the lexington-fayette county health department will improve the health of the community.

