

# **WOODFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

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To the Citizens of Woodford County:

This Annual Report presents the summary of work accomplished in 2012 by the Woodford County Health Department, with the help of their community partners. The IPLAN Community completed the community health assessment process in 2012. Approved by the Board of Health, this plan identified Obesity, Access to Mental Health Services and Drug and Alcohol use as the three top priorities in Woodford County. Dental Health Services and Safety/Distracted Driving were also concerns of the IPLAN committee. A committee structure was formed to address each of the three IPLAN priorities, and work continues to address those health concerns.

The University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood's Foundation announced in March, 2012, as part of their County Health Ranking Project, that Woodford County had risen from third in 2010 and 2011 to second best in Illinois for health outcomes and to second, from fifth place in 2010 and 2011, in health indicators in Illinois. The data related to the health of citizens was evaluated in each county within Illinois and the counties were then ranked for these two health categories.

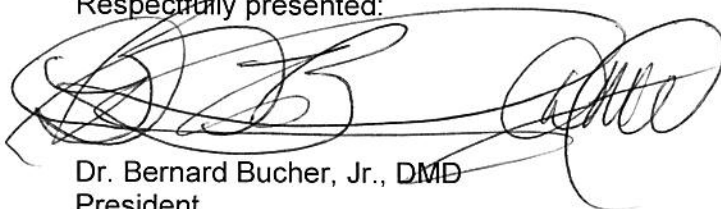
Woodford County, however, is experiencing the same type of problems that have been seen nationally related to mental health concerns. Suicides in Woodford County have risen to four in 2011 and are expected to meet or exceed that number when the 2012 data is released. While at all levels, policy makers and legislators grapple with the issues of gun control, we continue to encourage them to consider mental health access as well. The severe lack of services and the difficulty experienced in accessing the services that are available are critical problems both locally as well as regionally.

The ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) members of Woodford County were awarded the Public Health Award for 2012. The contributions of this group to emergency communication throughout Woodford County are invaluable. We are grateful for the time and expertise they donate.

While the fiscal crisis has impacted programs, the significant changes in Medicaid services are expected to impact the public health system in 2013. WCHD will continue to advocate for the needed services of our residents.

We hope you find the information in the report useful. You can find this report, as well as our IPLAN report, on our website: [www.woodfordhealth.org](http://www.woodfordhealth.org).

Respectfully presented:



Dr. Bernard Bucher, Jr., DMD  
President  
Board of Health



Laurie Schierer  
Administrator

## Woodford County Board of Health

The Health Department is governed by the Board of Health. These members are appointed by the County Board for a three year term. Health Department Board Members serve without compensation and are empowered with general and specific duties and responsibilities as outlined in Chapter III 1/2 of the Illinois Statutes.

Bernard Bucher, Jr., DMD	President	Term Ending
Susan Cole, MD	Vice-President	11/30/13
Tom Evans	County Board Representative	11/30/14
Gary Schaer		11/30/12
Mary Jean Peterson, RN, MSN	Secretary	11/30/14
James Fyke		11/30/14
Lynn Manning, RN		11/30/13

## Health Department Staff

Laurie Schierer, MS	Administrator
Eric Lane, BS, LEHP	Director of Environmental Health
Lynda McKeown, RN, CHP	Director of Nursing
	WIC Coordinator
	Communicable Disease Coordinator
Hillary Aggertt, BS	Health Educator
Tricia Gillespie, BS	Bookkeeper/Grants Manager
Erin Luckey	Receptionist
Crystal Remmert, RN, CHP	MCH Nurse
Lee Ann Hasselbacher, RN	MCH Nurse
Paul Wilkins, BA	Environmental Health Inspector,
	Tobacco Grant Coordinator
Dustin Schulz, BS	Emergency Planner

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Woodford County Health Department is to improve the health and well-being of our community through health education, health promotion, and preventive health services.

# Environmental Health

## **Food Protection Program:**

The Woodford County Health Department Food Sanitation Program promotes food safety through education. The Health Department offers a variety of educational opportunities through free in-service programs, IL Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification courses, consultations, and informational quarterly newsletters. The Woodford County Health Department also provides specialized training and plan design consulting for new establishments. In addition, the Health Department regularly inspects/monitors food activities in Woodford County food establishments. There are on average 194 retail foodservice establishments licensed & operating in Woodford County.

<b>Statistics</b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Retail Food Establishments active at fiscal year end	194	193	193
Total food establishment permits issued for year	200	202	199
Routine Inspections	256	224	263
Re-inspections	5	2	6
Pre-Operational Inspections	27	25	15
New Establishments	15	18	10
Temporary Food Establishment Inspections	158	145	134
Food Sanitation Classes	3	3	3
HACCP Trained Operators	41	34	29
Consultations	830	729	832
Complaint Investigations	15	17	19
Number of Compliance Proceedings	1	0	0
Number of Holds/Embargoes Placed	0	0	0

## **Tanning Facilities Inspections**

	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Indoor Tanning Facilities Inspections	8	9	11

**Septic and Water Well Programs:**

The sewage disposal and drinking water programs work together to protect the drinking water supplies for residents outside city water treatment areas and to prevent pollution by overseeing standards for proper on-site sewage disposal. Services include: permitting and inspection of all newly constructed or renovated wells and sewage disposal systems; inspection of well and sewage systems during real estate transactions; interpret and report water sample results; oversee safe drinking water systems for all non-community wells from which more than 25 persons are served; investigation and resolution of complaints; and provide educational materials/presentations upon request.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
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**SEWAGE:****Sewage Permits Issued:**

New:	26	54	49	50
Renovated:	52	46	50	66

**Sewage Systems Inspected:**

New:	52	37	52	47
Renovated:	60	46	52	56

<b>Sewage Complaints:</b>	7	12	4	9
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**WELL:**

Well Permits Issued:	54	53	36	56
Wells Inspected:	57	43	40	50
Real Estate Inspections:	61	76	64	51
Non-Community Wells:	14	16	14	12
Water Sample Results:	402	423	412	544 (flood)
Water Complaints:	3	2	4	1

**Body Art Program:**

All establishments providing body art services such as tattooing, piercing, branding or scarification are required to be registered with the Department. Upon receipt of a completed application, an inspection is conducted to monitor compliance with the program.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Number of Body Art Establishments:	0	1	1

**Vector Program:**

**West Nile Virus is a major public health concern. In 2012, WNV impacted Illinois with 278 human cases and 10 deaths. Woodford County had no human cases. No birds or mosquito pools tested positive for the West Nile Virus. St. Louis Encephalitis is also a mosquito-borne infection of the brain caused by the SLE Virus. Woodford County reported no cases of St. Louis Encephalitis.**

**The Vector Program for WNV included surveillance and education. Below is a summary of the surveillance and education activity.**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
WNV educational events/displays at community events:	1	2	3	4
Number of bird Specimens collected and tested	9	6	10	9
Number of bird specimens positive for WNV:	0	0	0	0
Mosquito traps set to test mosquitoes for WNV:	42	25	43	35
Number of Mosquito pools positive for WNV:	0	0	0	0
Number of humans positive for WNV:	0	0	0	0
Number of used tires collections:	1	1	1	0

**Radon Program:**

**The Woodford County Health Department encourages residents to check the radon levels of their homes. The best time to check for radon is during cold weather when windows and doors are closed. Test kits are available through the Health Department for \$10.00. The cost includes: short-term charcoal envelope, laboratory analysis, and shipping.**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Radon test kits sold:	73	86	38	40

# Community Health

## Tobacco Prevention & Cessation

The WCHD offers tobacco prevention education, cessation support, and monitors compliance with the Smoke Free Illinois Act through funds received from the IL Department of Public Health and the IL Tobacco Free Communities Grant. WCHD distributed over 50 quit-smoking bags which contained materials to assist county residents in their efforts to quit smoking. WCHD also promoted use of the IL Tobacco Quitline, a toll-free service that provides counseling and assistance to smokers while they are in the process of quitting. The WCHD collaborates with the IL Tobacco Quitline to provide nicotine replacement therapy to those who need assistance. The “Break the Habit” program provides this assistance at no cost so that is affordable for those without adequate insurance coverage.



**1-866 QUIT-YES**  
*Where Quitters Always Win!*  
TDD 1-800-501-1068

The Woodford County Tobacco Coalition is part of a larger group known as Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA). Coalition meetings are held once a month.

The American Lung Association “Teens Against Tobacco Use” program was presented at one local school in the county this past fiscal year. The program is designed specifically for teens as a peer-mentoring program and youth empowerment program. T.A.T.U. teens serve as role models for younger students, teaching them that smoking cigarettes or using spit tobacco is “un-cool” behavior. T.A.T.U. members present their message to younger students in the classroom. In Woodford County that translated into eleven teen peers presented five programs to 275 middle school students.

The Smoke Free Illinois Act was monitored by complaints received from residents who observed customers smoking in county establishments. Follow-up with those establishments occurred either by letter or in person to facilitate compliance with the law. Two citations were issued to either a county establishment or an individual this past fiscal year.





## **Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention**

The "Strategic Prevention Framework, State Incentive Grant" (SPF/SIG) was awarded to the Woodford County Health Department (WCHD) and Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA) Coalition in 2008. Each fiscal year, action is taken to produce a successful partnership between the coalition and the community. Creating environmental change within the county is also a focus of the Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant. We are continuing the SPF/SIG process through the PFS grant.

Responsible Beverage Service Training (RBS) was the first of the environmental strategies offered in 2009 through WCHD and CASA. RBS training was offered in August and November of the 2012 fiscal year. The first training had nine participants attend and the second training had eleven participants. This class will continue to be offered twice a year in correlation with routine compliance checks that are conducted by the Woodford County Sheriff's Department.

The second strategy implemented in 2012 was the CASA Communication Campaign. This is a media campaign which carries alcohol prevention messages throughout Woodford County. The campaign has two main target populations: teens and parents of teens. Each message in the media is based on results of the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) conducted in the schools every two years. The students see the billboards more than the parents, and the parents see the commercials more frequently than the students. The media for Positive Peer Pressure campaign was designed to target teens through the usage of billboards. The teen billboards read "Positive Peer Pressure, 70% of Woodford County H.S. Students Have NOT Drank Alcohol in the past month" with a picture of the teens in each of the three communities. Billboards were displayed in Eureka, Germantown Hills and Washburn for eight weeks. The second media campaign to youth was a radio announcement created to encourage the teen to say no and how the effects can be harmful. The commercial encouraged parents to know what their child is doing during the Prom events. The media campaign commercial targeted parents to keep their child safe and know where their child is. The commercial ran on cable and network television for six weeks.

CASA has also been working to promote the Drunkstopper.com website and hotline through the Illinois State Police. Drunkstopper allows people to anonymously report underage drinking parties or establishments that are selling alcohol to youth. CASA provides magnets, posters and information on underage drinking parties in this county, as well as, many other communities in surrounding areas.

CASA has been actively seeking members for the youth coalition. CASA is an organization offered through the six high schools in the county. The individual schools have formed their own CASA Youth coalitions. The purpose of the youth coalition is to help students build positive relationships with their peers concerning underage drinking and substance abuse. Four of the six schools have CASA sponsors to help the project coordinator with related tasks to the grants.

The CASA coalition is attempting to pass a social hosting ordinance in each individual municipality. The State of Illinois updated their social hosting ordinance and this has created resistance with passing the ordinance within Roanoke and El Paso. The coalition will continue the efforts to stop adults from providing alcohol to minors.



# Maternal and Child Health

## Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a federally funded, supplemental food program that provides nutritional information and free foods to help mothers, infants, and children get the nutrients they need for proper growth and development. The Woodford County WIC clinic is conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday by appointment.

	<u>2012</u>
Clients Certified	789
Clients Attending Nutrition Education including Internet Education	958

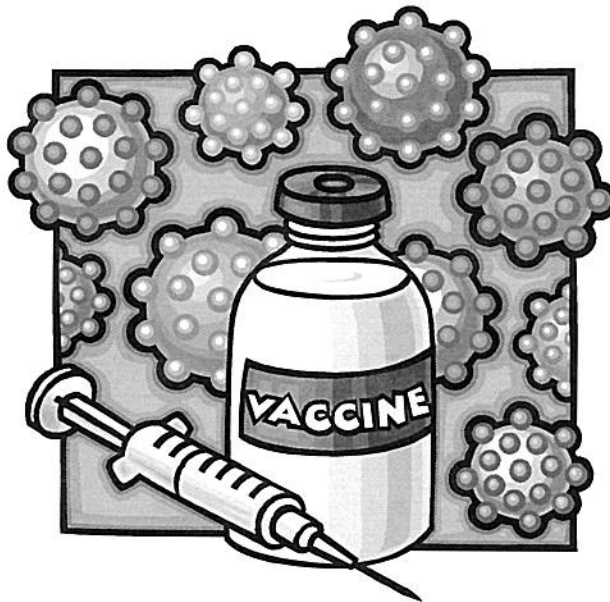
## Lead Poisoning Program

Clients Screened at WCHD	197
Woodford County with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	5

## Immunizations

The immunization clinic is open each Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., as well as other days by appointment. Clinic services are available to children and adults. Minimal administrative fees are assessed. Services are not denied, however, due to lack of payment.

	<u>2012</u>
Adult Immunization Doses Administered	210
Childhood Immunization Doses Administered	1350
Seasonal Influenza Adult Doses Administered	206
Seasonal Influenza Infant/Child Doses Administered	81



## **Communicable Disease**

The Communicable Disease, Sexually Transmitted Disease, and HIV/AIDS Coordinator is available Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This department's services help to control the spread of specific communicable diseases as determined by the Rules and Regulations for Control of Communicable Disease. The Coordinator investigates reports of cases of disease and educates those involved in control measures to prevent the spread of the disease, reviews the case for appropriate treatment, and is a resource to the physician for care and treatment measures. Annually this department participates in surveillance in the community for influenza. The department also serves as a resource to the community, day cares, schools, nursing homes, etc.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Chlamydia	62	56
Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease	2	0
Cryptosporidiosis	4	1
Giardiasis	7	1
Gonorrhea	3	8
Haemophilus influenza	2	1
Hepatitis B (chronic)	2	5
Hepatitis C Virus Infection Chronic or Resolved	8	4
Lyme Disease	2	0
MRSA in infant less than 61 days	1	0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	1
Salmonella	2	3
Shigellosis	3	2
Strep A Invasive Disease	6	3
Syphilis	0	1
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	6	1
Yersiniosis	1	0

The WCHD offers Tuberculosis (TB) testing on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 11:30.

Woodford County had no active cases of TB and 5 cases of Latent TB Infection in 2012. We administered 247 TB tests.

## Health Department Fiscal Report

### Revenues

Property Taxes	\$142,493.37	Tanning Facility Inspect Fees	\$1,100.00
Water & Septic Fees	\$27,540.00	Illinois Tobacco Free Grant	\$20,000.00
Food operation permits	\$28,761.00	Childhood Lead Grant	\$1,1344.00
Immunizations – State of IL	\$360.00	Water Grant	\$1,162.5
Immunizations – Health Dept	\$29,320.00	Medicaid	\$30,090.14
Radon Kits	\$740.00	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant	\$43,268.96
Health Dept – Lead	\$175.00	Medicare	\$450.00
Health Dept – TB	\$2,815.00	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant	\$43,793.00
Health Dept – Smoke Free Illinois Citation	\$1,800.00	NACCHO – Medical Reserve Corp Grant	\$5,000.00
Health Dept – Plat Fees	\$1,400.00	Partnerships for Success Grant	\$67,500.00
WIC Program	\$48,169.00	Food Facilities Inspections	\$150.00
Vector Control Grant	\$4,424.00	TIF Settlements	\$198.30
Health Protection Grant	\$62,569.00	Other Revenue	\$55.00
		Interest Income	\$2,144.68
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>\$566,822.95</b>

### Expenditures

Department Head Salary	\$63,485.56
Full Time	\$267,288.27
Part Time	\$19,672.39
New Equipment	\$6,040.42
TB Services	\$3,601.49
Contract	\$180,207.21
PTO	\$1,658.15

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$541,953.49</b>
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Fund Balance	11/30/2012	<b>\$556,275.68</b>
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