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A Message from the Administrative Health Officer



To the Citizens of Kent County:

Meeting the needs of the public has become more challenging in the economic environment of the past decade. The many nurses, clinicians and support staff at the Kent County Health Department are meeting those challenges every day.

Fiscal Year 2010 was a year of adversity for the Kent County Health Department. In 2009, Kent County saw 78 deaths from influenza or pneumonia; 80 percent of these deaths occurred in the population 65 years of age and older. Influenza/pneumonia was the 8th most common cause of death in Kent County that year. In October 2009, President Obama declared H1N1 Influenza a 'State of Emergency.' Dedicated staff at KCHD jumped into action, implementing a community vaccination program that provided vaccinations to over 20,000 residents at two of the Department's clinic locations, and working with local media to educate the public on the threat. All Health Department employees helped KCHD achieve its goal of successfully reducing the spread of H1N1 through the use of an effective vaccination program. The educational campaign, coupled with vaccinations, led to nearly 32% fewer cases of Influenza and flu-like illnesses reported in Kent County during the late 2010/early 2011 flu season.

KCHD continues to provide quality public health services, even as the State of Michigan was unable to, once again, totally fund mandated public health services. Despite budget shortfalls from the state, KCHD continues to service the needs of the community while maintaining and renewing our accreditation. 2010 concluded with the County adopting a voluntary retirement incentive program, which resulted in close to 25 employee retirements from the Health Department. This included two Division Directors and many other critical staff positions. Our staff stepped up to the challenge and our services to the community remained strong.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Raevksy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cathy Raevksy
Administrative Health Officer



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MISSION

The Kent County Health Department shall be responsive to the community health needs of the citizens of Kent County by continually and diligently endeavoring to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health.

OVERVIEW

The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) is responsible for continually assessing the health of the community and ensuring that mandated services are accessible for all residents. KCHD investigates the causes of disease, epidemics, morbidity and mortality, and environmental health hazards. The department plans and implements public education and enforces public health laws. KCHD assures provision of the following programs: vision and hearing screening, public water supplies, private and Type II groundwater supplies, food service sanitation, immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, on-site sewage disposal management, and general communicable disease control.

KCHD Leadership

Health Officer

Cathy Raevsky

Medical Director

Mark Hall, M.D.,

Deputy Health Officer

Bill Anstey

Community Clinical Services Director

Roberta Peacock, R.N., B.S.N.

Community Nursing Director

Sandra Walls R.N., M.S.N.

Environmental Health Director

David Kraker, R.E.H.S./R.S.

Finance Director

Gail Brink, C.P.A.

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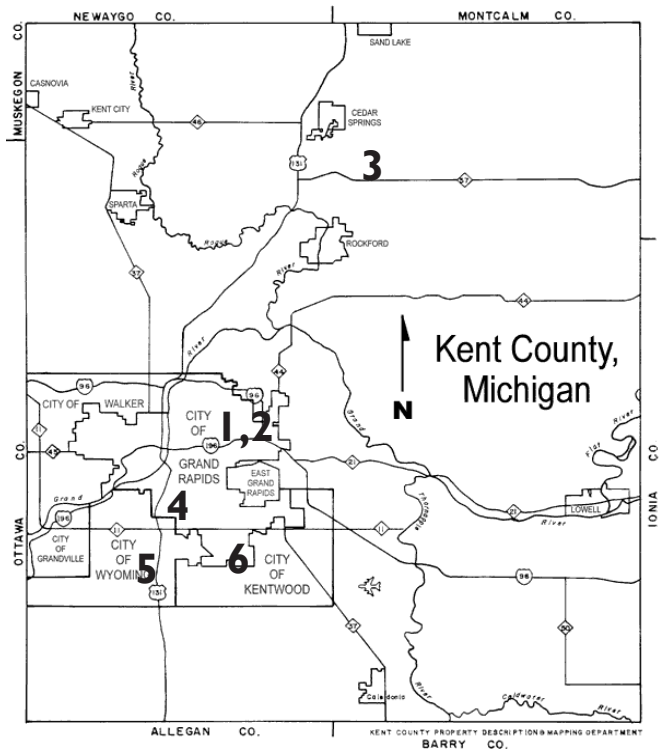
KCHD's Main Clinic and Administrative Offices are located at 700 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. This location, centrally-located in Kent County near I-196, is headquarters for dozens of nurses, sanitarians, outreach workers, and educators, many who spend most of their days travelling throughout the county. On the same campus, you will find our state-of-the-art animal shelter, which is operated by the Health Department. Four satellite clinics (Rockford, Grand Rapids SE, Wyoming and Kentwood) provide easy access to many clinical services to residents.



1. Main Clinic - (616) 632-7100
700 Fuller Avenue, Grand Rapids



2. Animal Shelter - (616-632-7300
740 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids



Satellite Clinics



3. Westside Clinic
653 Stocking NW, Grand Rapids



4. North County Clinic
4388 14 Mile Rd NE, Rockford



5. Sheldon Clinic
121 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids

Contact Us:
(616) 632-7100
accesskent.com/health



6. Wyoming Clinic
852 47th Street SW, Wyoming

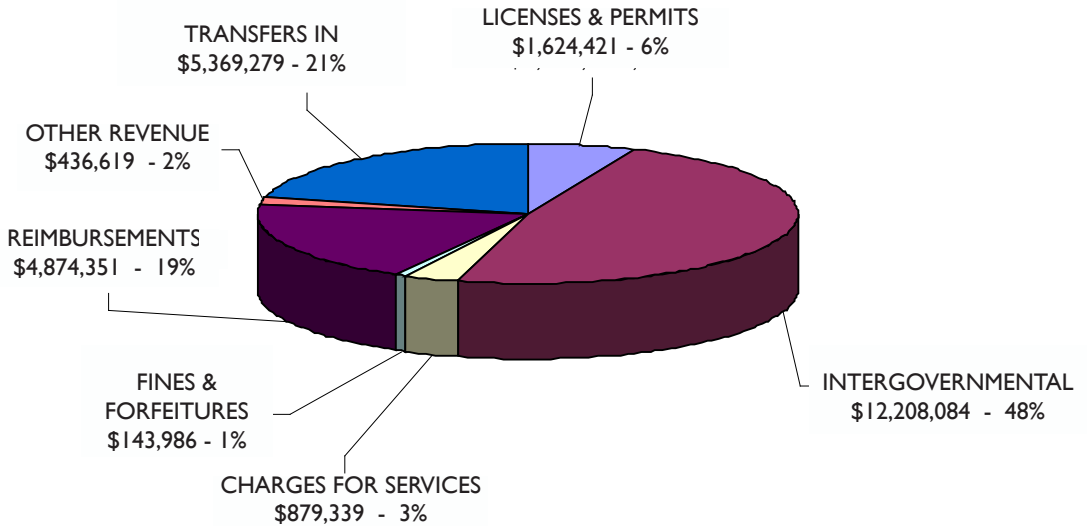


7. Kentwood Clinic
1620 44th St SE, Kentwood

2010 KCHD REVENUES

\$25,536,079

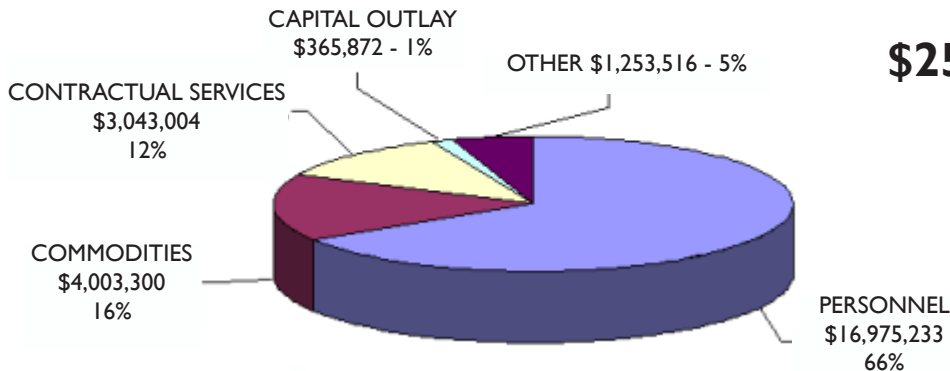
Budget



Revenues and Expenses in 2010 were up less than 5% each over 2009.

2010 KCHD EXPENSES

\$25,640,925



The Kent County Health Department consists of four divisions. Each division provides different services with the common goal of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting the health of the community.

Programs

Administration	Community Clinical Services	Community Nursing	Environmental Health
Administration of Department	School Immunization Reporting	Maternal-Infant Health Program	Animal Shelter
Central Supply	Immunization Nurse Educator Inservices	Nurse-Family Partnership	Campground Inspection
Cholesterol Screenings	Immunization Services	Children's Special Health Care Services	Children's Environmental Health Initiative
Community Nutrition	Public Health Clinics	Vision & Hearing Screening	Child Care/Adult Foster Care Facility Inspections
Dog Bite Prevention	Lead Screening	Infant & Child Death Counseling	Food Service Sanitation
Emergency Preparedness	Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV Clinic	Lead Poisoning Prevention	Housing Program
Epidemiology and Communicable Disease	Tuberculosis Control and Prevention	Refugee Health	Laboratory Services
Finance	Vaccine For Children Program	Healthy Start	Land Development (Subdivisions and Site Condominiums)
Healthy Kent 2020	WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	Medicaid Enrollment and Coordination	Nuisance Control Program
HIV Provider Education	Travel Immunizations	Strong Beginnings	Private Water Supply
Information Systems			Public Swimming Pools
Kent County Infant Health Initiative - Interconception Care			Public Water Supply
Life Skills			Radon Testing
Obesity Initiative			Sanitary Facility Evaluation
Presentations			Sewage Disposal System Regulation
Sexual Violence Prevention			Toxic Substance Control
Substance Abuse Prevention			Vacant Land Evaluation
School Illness Reporting			
Teen Pregnancy Prevention			
Womens Health Network			



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Administration

Administration is responsible for oversight and planning for the Kent County Health Department. Staff working in this division range from finance professionals to educators to epidemiologists. With its varied functions, Administration sets the tone for the overall direction and vision of the organization and manages business operations for the department.

In 2010, Administration...



...delivered substance abuse prevention trainings to students in 30 Kent County schools, making more than 22,000 contacts with students.

...coordinated more than 2,200 breast and cervical cancer screenings for women in Kent County through its Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program. Most participants were living at or below the poverty level.

...held blood pressure and cholesterol screenings at various KCHD locations, serving more than 500 residents.

...worked with youth to produce videos about the importance of preventing sexual violence, and spread the word through social media.

...investigated a large-scale waterborne illness outbreak in which more than 100 people became ill after attending the same beach, and confirmed norovirus as the cause.

WHAT WE DO...

The Kent County Health Department investigates the causes of disease, epidemics, morbidity and mortality, and environmental health hazards using vital and health statistics for epidemiological studies.

KCHD also plans and implements public education and enforces public health laws.

The Health Department is responsible for assuring the provision of certain core programs in the following areas: vision and hearing screening, public water supplies, private and Type II groundwater supplies, food service sanitation, immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, on-site sewage disposal management, and general communicable disease control.

KCHD offers several other services beyond these core programs.

The Health Department operates five public health clinics throughout the county that offer immunizations and the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC).

These programs prevent disease and ensure adequate nutrition for moms and babies from pregnancy to childhood. KCHD also operates a Personal Health Services (PHS) clinic, and a Health Annex for tuberculosis (TB). Through testing and direct observed therapy, the staff of the TB clinic aggressively treats cases of TB to eradicate the disease from Kent County. PHS offers testing, counseling, and in some cases, treatment of HIV, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and Chlamydia. As part of its work, the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology units of KCHD work with local health care providers to track disease, investigate outbreaks, and report County-wide case numbers for these diseases and approximately 75 other illnesses ranging from influenza to salmonella. KCHD has a state-of-the-art laboratory to test virus cultures, water samples, and more.

Community Clinical Services

The Kent County Health Department sees thousands of clients every year for a variety of programs designed to prevent disease and promote good health. Community Clinical Services provides immunizations, breastfeeding education, nutrition education, sexually-transmitted infection (STI) testing, and much more.

In 2010, Community Clinical Services...



Immunizations:

- ...provided 20,787 client visits
- ...administered 31,292 H1N1 Influenza vaccines, and 47,886 doses of other vaccines.
- ...efforts for vaccinations of school-aged children helped 285 schools achieve 99% reporting compliance, and 234 childcare/preschools reach 98% reporting compliance.

WIC

- ...average monthly enrollment was 22,837.
- ...handled 81,989 client visits.
- ...\$9,880 dollars went back into the community from locally grown fruit and vegetable purchases made by participants at local farmers market's through the WIC Project FRESH Program
- ...\$12,673,671 dollars went back into the community from food purchases made by WIC participants.

STI/HIV:

- ...advised 7,778 clients and conducted 4,669 HIV tests (5% first time testers).
- ...each client received pre-test counseling, post-test counseling, results, and a personalized risk reduction plan.

Community Nursing at the Health Department helps build healthy foundations for youth and families in Kent County. Our caring staff gives parents and children the tools they need to be successful. From grief counseling for parents who have lost a child to administered health care assessments and screenings for refugees, the clerks, nurses, dieticians, social workers, community health workers, and vision and hearing technicians provide services to a broad and diverse population in Kent County.

Community Nursing in 2010...

...completed nearly 85,000 hearing and vision screenings for children; 663 were referred for medical follow up for hearing, and 4,393 were referred to an eye care provider.

...served more than 2200 children/youth with special health care needs, through the Children's Special Health Care Services program.

...worked with more than 150 women who had previous adverse pregnancy outcomes in the Interconception Care Program, leading to healthy outcomes in subsequent pregnancies.

...provided case management for lead-poisoned children.



Environmental Health

Environmental Health (EH) is about so much more than its name suggests. If you live in Kent County and own a dog, eat at restaurants, drink water from a well or swim in public pools, you've been impacted by Environmental Health. The EH division focuses on health, safety and education through activities such as restaurant inspections, swimming pool inspections, and well and septic inspections. This division also oversees a laboratory, and the Kent County Animal Shelter, along with animal control operations for the entire county.

Environmental Health...



...conducted a total of 4,930 routine, follow-up and temporary food service inspections to ensure the health and safety of Kent County residents.

...processed 38,693 samples ranging from water tests to tests for sexually-transmitted infections in the Kent County Regional Laboratory.

...conducted 357 swimming pool inspections.

...processed 487 well permit applications and septic permit applications.

...took in 7,241 animals at the Kent County Animal Shelter.

The Kent County Animal Shelter (KCAS) is the public safety and law enforcement agency responsible for animal control in the county. Effective animal control protects the domestic animal population from abuse and other health risks associated with humans, and protects the human population from disease and injury associated with animals.

The Animal Shelter provides a variety of enforcement, educational and animal disposition services including dog licensing, cruelty and complaint investigation, pet care presentations, and animal adoption.

The Animal Shelter is Kent County's animal control authority and an excellent source of information about animal care, animal control regulations, and other animal-related community resources. KCAS staff can also answer your questions about exotic pets, rabies in non-domestic animals, or refer you to agencies that deal with livestock, wild animals, and breeding.

Call the Animal Shelter at (616) 632-7300.





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