



KENDALL COUNTY

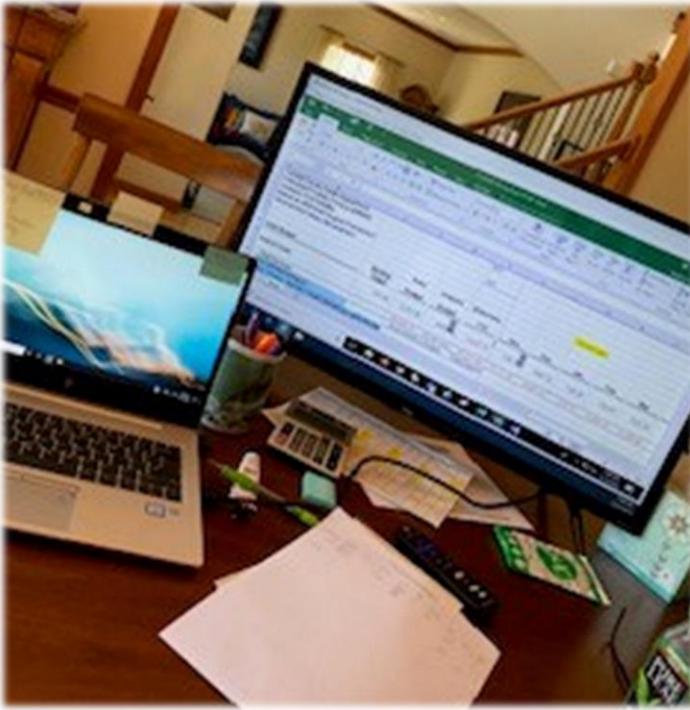
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



2020

Annual Report

The mission of the Kendall County Health Department is to promote physical health, mental health, environmental health, protect the community's health, prevent disease, and promote family economic self-sufficiency through both person based services and population based programs.



2020



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

I hope this Kendall County Health Department 2020 Annual Report finds you and your family well.

By all measures, 2020 has been a year with safety and prevention on everyone's mind. As I reflect on my first 6 months as Executive Director, I cannot help but feel pure gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our staff and local partners. This year has been all about true public health work.

Shortly after the new year, we began to monitor the international spread of COVID-19, informing stakeholders and our community about the propensity for an outbreak. Then, COVID-19 entered the United States and began to spread quickly. By the end of March, the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Kendall County and our staff swiftly transitioned to remote without delaying a service to our community.

As we moved through spring we began case investigation and contact tracing in hopes to minimize transmission of the virus. During the summer, cases continued as we welcome the staff back in to the office in a slow and staggered manner. By fall, we were experiencing substantial community spread throughout the entire county. During the height of infections, we began preparing with partners for the beginning of the end - mass vaccination. Then, the last week in December, vaccine arrived! This year has been nothing short of historic for our health department and our miraculous staff.

Beyond the health crisis that COVID-19 presented was the economic and emotional upheaval which lead to increased unemployment, financial strains on families, and increased mental health concerns.

Throughout the pandemic, we continued to offer our community exceptional support, rooted in the tradition of caring and compassionate service delivery of all programs. You will see throughout this report examples of exceptional community leadership.

As 2020 comes to a close, I am filled with gratitude. Gratitude for partners who have assisted us, gratitude for those that have supported us, and most importantly, gratitude for our passionate, resilient team of public health professionals that work for this department.

Turning the page into 2021, we will continue to pursue these endeavors and relationships with kindness, respect, trust, and cultural humility.

Stay well,



RaeAnn VanGundy
Executive Director
Public Health Administrator



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Kendall County Health Department is led by a volunteer Board of Health who selflessly gives of their time and expertise in providing leadership and direction. The Board of Health represents a high level of dedication and professionalism in the development and advancement of policy, promoting quality services in behavioral health, community health, environmental health, and community action services. The Board of Health commits their time and energy in policymaking, discussion of services, and working with stakeholders in Kendall County.

TEN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Local Health Departments as governmental entities, derive their authority from state law. Accordingly, Local Health Departments exist for the common good and are responsible for demonstrating strong leadership in the promotion of health and wellbeing; including family socioeconomic wellbeing, behavioral health, environmental health, and every aspect of physical health. The programs provided by Local Health Departments to fulfill this responsibility are developed to reflect the diversity of community need. In addition to programs rendered, all local health departments are charged with the following essential services:

- ✓ Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
- ✓ Diagnose and investigate identified health problems and health hazards in the community.
- ✓ Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
- ✓ Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
- ✓ Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- ✓ Enforce laws and regulations that protect and ensure safety.
- ✓ Link people to needed health services and ensure the provision of needed health care.
- ✓ Ensure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
- ✓ Assess effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based services.
- ✓ Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.



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Sam Tessitore, Community Action Services
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INTERN PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES

Northern Illinois University
Benedictine University
University of Illinois Chicago
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FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 1, 2019 – NOVEMBER 30, 2020

REVENUE:

Levy & General Revenues

Operational Reserve	\$59,131	(a)
Public Health Property Tax Levy	1,451,685	
Interest Income	2,530	
Miscellaneous Income	70,349	
Public Health - Health Protection	148,620	
Total Levy & General Revenues	\$1,732,315	

Mental Health Services

Mental Health Counseling Fees	\$206,643	
708 Mental Health	774,418	
Mental Health Grants	173,462	(b)
Senior Citizens Fund Transfer	55,517	
Area Agency on Aging – Title III E Caregivers	6,818	
Dept. of Public Health Tobacco	22,445	
DHS Substance Abuse Prevention	68,333	
US Probation – Substance Abuse	3,981	
Total Mental Health Services	\$1,311,617	

Environmental Health Services

Septic Inspection Fees	\$19,965	
Public Health - Restaurant Inspection	184,500	
Public Health -Tanning and Body Art	1,225	
Kendall Co. Well Permit Fee	14,675	
Solid Waste	1,450	
Public Health - West Nile Virus	23,011	
Public Health Non-Community Well	1,725	
Climate Change	11,413	
IEMA- Radon	10,271	
Total Environmental Health Services	\$268,235	

Community Health Services

Youth Immunization	\$7,626	
Adult/Travel Immunization	2,420	
Human Services - Family Case Mgmt.	92,498	
Healthcare & Family Services Immunization	314	
Human Services - Women, Infant and Children	206,433	
TB Board Contract	14,648	
Public Health - Lead	4,900	
Fox Valley United Way	4,735	
Public Health - Emergency Response	99,847	
Human Services - Health Works	32,937	
Public Health - COVID-19 Response	278,243	
Total Community Health Services	\$744,601	

Community Action Services

Community Action Grants	\$2,524,414	(c)
Total Community Action Services	\$2,524,414	

Total Revenues **\$6,581,182**

EXPENDITURE:

Personnel

Program Support	\$625,645
Community Action Services	469,104
Mental Health Services	700,928
Environmental Health Services	364,767
Community Health Services	746,187
Total Personnel	\$2,906,631

Contractual & Client Assistance

Dues/Subscriptions	\$19,612
Conferences & Training	12,366
Contractual Services	123,582
Printing & Publications	5,927
Telephone	20,754
Advertising	1,690
Direct Client Assistance	2,206,781
Total Contractual & Client Assistance	\$2,390,712

Other

Postage	\$3,059
Mileage	10,630
Non-Medical Supplies	28,727
Medical Supplies	8,048
Vehicle Maintenance	3,109
Refunds	32,833
Rent	145,814
Fringe Benefits	1,002,798
Adult/Travel Vaccine	5,178
Miscellaneous Expense	8,409
Total Other	\$1,248,605

Capital Expenditures

Capital Expenditures	\$33,484
Total Capital Expenditures	\$33,484

Total Expenditures **\$6,579,432**

Revenues over Expenditures **\$1,750**



- (a) Operational Reserve is dedicated to the operational sustainability of health and human services.
- (b) Includes \$28,101 for Healthcare & Family Services, \$21,522 for Substance Use Prevention & Recovery, \$86,936 for Caregiver Connections, \$36,553 for Outpatient Fitness Restoration, and other small grants.
- (c) Includes \$1,669,950 for energy assistance, \$277,738 for home weatherization, \$173,933 client assistance, \$335,487 CARES Act funding and \$51,724 for homeless prevention assistance.

Funding provided by Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Health Care & Family Services, Fox Valley United Way, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Public Health, Northern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Chaddock, 708 Mental Health Board, and local property tax levies set by the Kendall County Board.

CONNECT WITH US



354,644

People Reached
on Social Media

Be the first to know about:

- Public Health Alerts
- Services Available
- Health and Wellbeing Tips



138%

increase in social
media followers



527,735

Website
Page Views

Visit us on the web at

<http://www.kendallhealth.org>



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COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICES

Helping the Most Vulnerable in Our Community Who Were Facing Homelessness

When the Kendall County PADS shelter closed in March of 2020, while working remotely, we stepped up to assist the guests of the shelter. In partnership with Kendall County PADS, we located all the PADS guests and gave them temporary shelter at a local hotel with the goal of helping them find permanent housing. In all, we had thirteen families including five children staying at the local hotels. During their stay, we provided additional assistance with case management, gas cards, food vouchers, and supportive services. We utilized our local partnerships to help us, including the Continuum of Care and the Kendall County Housing Authority. By July, eleven of our families were no longer staying in the hotels. These eleven families were able to obtain permanent housing. Some families were able to get jobs and save money for their own place while others were able to participate in programs with the Kendall Housing Authority. We assisted these families with security deposits and relocation/stabilization services so that they had an easier transition with their new homes.



The Increased Need for Energy Assistance During the Covid-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic created an increase need for energy assistance. At the height of the pandemic, which resulted in many businesses having to shut down to decrease the spread of the virus, unemployment rates in Kendall and Grundy County began to surge. In May of 2019, the unemployment rate for Kendall County was 3.1 percent while Grundy County was at 4.1 percent. For May of 2020, the unemployment rate for both Kendall and Grundy County was 13.8 percent. That is almost a ten percent increase in the unemployment rate. Unemployment numbers like that have not been seen in our community since the Great recession of 2008. Many families were beginning to struggle to pay their utility bills for the first time and Community Action was there to help. Because of this increased need, the energy assistance programs were offered during the summer months, which is not the norm. The income eligibility requirements were also increased from 150% below the federal poverty level to 200% below the federal poverty level. This led to a 122 percent increase in families finding themselves eligible for our energy assistance programs. We saw an increase in participation with their energy assistance programs comparatively from the previous year jump by 69 percent. These increases in requests for services and assisting families in need occurred without any additional staff increases and with staff working remotely during the stay-at-home order. Applicants for the energy assistance program were completed over the phone this year and staff worked hard to not only take on more applicants than ever before but to also get used to the new normal of working remotely and taking care of our most vulnerable in a whole new way.

Helping People

Changing Lives

Kendall

\$1235

Average rent for a two bedroom apartment

\$23.75

Housing wage

24%

Children in free lunch program

7.63%

Households receiving SNAP

Grundy

\$1123

Average rent for a two bedroom apartment

\$21.60

Housing wage

24%

Children in free lunch program

10.45%

Households receiving SNAP

Kendall County has the highest foreclosure rate in Illinois and is number 21 in the nation.

Both county community partners have expressed the need for more permanent full time living wage jobs

Our Programs offer access to:

- Home energy assistance and energy conservation education to help households lower and afford their home energy costs
- Academic scholarships that help families afford high cost of post-high school education
- Employment supports intended to assist the newly employed with job-related equipment and expenses
- Eyeglasses for children and dental expense assistance for adults
- Help obtaining transportation to and from work

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

We proudly served over 600 families with supplemental nutritious foods and infant formula, health care referrals, and nutrition education. Our team adapted our provision of services with their clients' safety in mind through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our program participants; low income pregnant women, infants and children up to the age of 5, were provided services via curbside pick-up, phone and Zoom. In addition, we launched the EBT debit card system (Electronic Benefits Transfer) was introduced making nutritious-foods shopping more convenient and accessible to today's family lifestyles.

Family Case Management

Our Family Case Management (FCM) program can be provided in conjunction with WIC or done separately, depending on the needs of the infant. We provide comprehensive service coordination to improve the health, social, education, and developmental needs of pregnant women, and infants (0-2 years of age) from low-income families in the communities of Illinois. Using adapted services such as phone devices and Zoom, our staff were still able to serve 36 plus families in 2020.

Health Works of Illinois

We served 67 foster infants/children from birth to 6 years of age with compassionate case management care, comprehensive quality health care and services-such as dental, personal safety, medical and vision checks. Supporting the entire family and setting realistic goals and stepping stones for building a strong healthy safe future in the family setting.

Childhood Lead Prevention Program

Dedicated to addressing and preventing childhood lead poisoning, we promote and provide blood lead-level testing and reporting, conduct lead poisoning surveillance, and link exposed children ages Birth -6 years of age to recommended health services and targeted population-based interventions. We actively monitored and provided resources to 44 families.

Immunizations

Through our Vaccines for Children Program and Adult Immunization program we provided 756 immunizations to 565 families. Due to the pandemic we adjusted our provision of vaccines but were still able to hold 26 extra back to school clinics. We managed to maintain a safe COVID environment by adding health surveys prior to visits, allowing only the patient and a parent in during the visit, and having patients call in upon arrival for their scheduled appointment.

Communicable Diseases

Our team reported 331 infectious diseases including - 2 Active TB cases and 28 Latent TB Cases. Additionally, from March of 2020 until December 31, 2020 we reported 8,633 COVID-19 cases. Communicable, or infectious diseases, are caused by microorganisms including bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi that can spread, directly or indirectly, from one person to another; some transmitted through bites from insects, others caused by ingesting contaminated food or water. Many infectious diseases can have lasting effects on one's health, even causing death.



WIC Debit Cards have replaced the paper ticket! A major undertaking in 2020.

Connecting our Community To Nutritious Foods

595 Families served!

Kendall County Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program provided the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program to our WIC participants. The program expanded this year with several new farmers signing on to be vendors. This state funded program allows us to provide additional funds to active WIC participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for their families at local Farmer's Markets within the county. The Oswego Country Market, Keller's Farm Stand in Oswego and the Plainfield Farmer's Market all participated in the program this year.



Heart Healthy



The food packages offer greater selections: such as fresh fruits, vegetables, tofu, yogurt and more. Participants can go online prior to shopping to look at product availability. Shopping is now easier, quick and enjoyable!



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Food Inspections

We implemented a new inspection assignment procedure that focused on providing short term, bi-weekly inspection goals to inspectors. This new inspection assignment method provided sanitarians with biweekly inspection lists. This allowed them to focus on inspections week by week rather than through quarterly or annual time frames. This also allowed, through carefully inspection planning, for all inspections to be completed on schedule and with extra time to spare at the end of the year. The process was in place for several months and was working extraordinarily well when the COVID-19 pandemic began and the department was shut down. Food facility inspections did not resume until July. Despite this setback, we are confident in the effectiveness of this project and have resolved to reset and run it again in the new year.



Remote Work and System Improvements

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our building was closed to comply with the Governor's stay at home orders. While being out of the office building prevented some program and grant activities from happening, our time spent working from home proved that this division was capable of completing many routine tasks remotely. As a majority of environmental health work occurs in neighborhoods, in food facilities or forest preserves, we were able to continue those programs where social distance was easy to maintain. Well and septic inspections and site evaluations were performed in a timely manner and West Nile Virus and tick collection was performed with little difficulty. While we were able to conduct this surveillance, our outreach and presentation schedule was decimated due to the pandemic. Filing and paperwork also proved to be a challenge and efforts are currently underway to repair the GIS system after technology upgrades with the goal to expand use of this system to allow for easier remote work.

Educating the Community Amidst the Pandemic

A majority of Environmental Health staff shifted focus to keep up with ever frequently changing rules and guidelines related to pandemic response from state and federal agencies. Staff provided guidance to facilities and businesses during the initial shutdown at the start of the pandemic and then helped provide guidelines and best practices for safe reopening during the early summer. The Environmental Health team took on enforcement of the amended Communicable Disease Code relating to mask requirements and gathering sizes at the end of the summer, investigating complaints and issuing notices of non-compliance to those facilities or organizations found to be violating the Code. In the last quarter of the year, Environmental Health further advised business owners and food facilities during the recent disease surge, encouraging compliance with Executive Orders and guidelines. Throughout this time, Environmental Health staff communicated with mayors, city managers, business owners across the county, representatives from Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, local law enforcement and representatives from the Illinois State Police and local health department partners in other counties in an effort to help local businesses and the public as a whole endure the ongoing pandemic.

RADON PROGRAM

RADON IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER IN NON-SMOKERS, AND THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER IN SMOKERS.

21,000

LUNG CANCER DEATHS CAUSED BY RADON GAS EXPOSURE EVERY YEAR.*

6.10

IS THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF RADON IN PICOLITERS FOR HOMES TESTED IN THE KENDALL COUNTY AREA. THE EPA ACTION LEVEL IS 4 PICOLITERS.*

47%

OF HOMES TESTED IN KENDALL COUNTY ARE OVER THE EPA ACTION LIMIT.

WHAT WE ARE DOING



SHARING INFORMATION USING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



SELLING AFFORDABLE RADON TEST KITS



REACHING OUT TO CITIZENS WITH HIGH RADON LEVELS



MAILINGS POSTCARDS TO HOMEOWNERS INFORMING THEM ABOUT RADON RISKS



PRESENTING TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

AH, 2020...

WE HAVE CONTINUED to be a staple within the community and have been adapted to meet the needs of our clients despite COVID-19. Within this time not only have we been able to continue to meet the needs of current individuals, we have continued to be able to engage new individuals into services. We have utilized telehealth (video) and telephonic (telephone) services for individuals and families. As staff, we have taken the safety of ourselves and the individuals who seek treatment and have taken modeling PPE and recommendations seriously. From Mar 1—Sept 30 we completed: 2,689 individual and family counseling sessions; 561 Case Management efforts; and admitted at least 91 new clients. This data does not include psychiatric services. It does include mental health, substance use, United States Probation, and outreach case Management.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH WE PROVIDE CARE. BELOW ARE TWO OF THE WAYS THAT WE PROVIDE EDUCATION, MEET NEEDS, AND DECREASE STIGMA TO THOSE WE AID.

CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS

Caregiver Connections is a relatively new service that we provide. We have a consultant who works with childcare centers, both family and community based, to aid the families and providers with children who may be at risk. These consultations include children who: may be in danger of losing childcare placement, are displaying behaviors that seem atypical (e.g. sexual, aggressive, etc.), or may have blossoming mental health concerns. The consultant then collaborates with the family and childcare provider to meet that child's needs through use of a reflective and education experience. Our consultant also provides trainings within the community. An example of this is our consultant's book club for the book "Permission to Feel."

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING



Another aspect of our work, as a whole, is to provide education about addressing mental health concerns in the community through the community. One of the ways we aim to accomplish this is through our Mental Health Awareness Training. Within this approach, we deliver a Mental Health First Aid training. This training is offered by staff who are certified Mental Health First Aid instructors. This workshop offers attendees information on how to address and refer individuals who are in need of mental health services. Nearly any interested individual has something to gain from this training and it is offered for free. With COVID-19 concerns continuing to ebb and flow, we are looking to provide this training virtually.

PLANNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING - THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

What Is a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)?

A long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of community health assessment activities that include community input. Our Plan, updated every five years and now in its last year, addresses:

Accessing Oral Health

Reducing Exposure to Lyme Disease

Addressing Senior Behavioral Health & Socio-economic Duress

Approaching our *next* five year plan we have spent much of 2020 performing a Community Health Assessment...



[2016-2021 IPLAN Link](#)

Complete health includes social wellbeing, mental health, environmental health, and physical health. To this end, we aspire to educate, motivate, inspire, and empower citizens of Kendall County to make healthy choices.

(**Vision Statement**, Kendall County Community MAPP Partners, 11/15)

So what is a Community Health Assessment (CHA)?

A systematic examination of the health status indicators for our community population used to identify key problems and assets in our community. The ultimate goal is to develop strategies to address the community's health needs and identified issues. Health status indicators identified and discussed with our community included....

- Tick-borne Diseases
- Ground Water Depletion
- Radon Gas
- Solid Waste Issues
- Poverty
- Homeless Population
- Housing
- Income
- Chronic Disease
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Tuberculosis- Latent to Active
- Vaccine Hesitation
- Unemployment
- Mental health awareness
- Youth anxiety
- Suicide
- Depression
- Opioids



Forming our next plan....

We look forward to reconvening in spring of 2021 at which time three (3) health status indicators will be selected through community partner consensus as the foundation of our 2021-2026 Community Health Improvement Plan, around which strategies will be formed and implemented.



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