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DIRECTORS REPORT

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report for the Shawnee County Health Department. This past year was a rewarding year for our department as we focused largely on re-engaging with community partners and getting back to many of the tables that help us move work forward in our community. It was exciting to see the numerous community events that staff participated in this year by providing education and outreach.

We had several significant accomplishments within our Department that we are especially proud of. These included the opening of our Family Planning program, achieving full Accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board, and the return of our Public Health Champion Awards.

Partnerships remain a key component to the work we are able to move forward in our community. Without the support and involvement of our partners, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do each year. As Helen Keller once said “alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much”. These words speak the truth when it comes to our community partner and the work we do together.

The stories that you will read about in the Annual Report will hopefully provide a glimpse into some of the work that the Health Department does. I hope you will enjoy reading more about these and want to learn more about the vital role that Public Health plays in our community.

Every day staff work to help fulfill our vision of “Healthy People – Healthy Environment – Healthy Shawnee County”. Together with our community partners and governing entities, we help to make sure everyone has an opportunity to be the healthiest they can be. We look forward to continuing to help make Shawnee County a great place to live, work and play!



Teresa Fisher, RN, BSN
Director, Shawnee County Health Department

REVENUE SOURCES

KDHE Grants	2022	2021	2020
Bioterrorism/Emergency Preparedness	\$96,330.00	\$109,324.00	\$112,297.00
Breastfeeding Peer Counseling	\$22,500.59	\$33,570.72	\$22,772.76
Child Care Licensing	\$167,171.00	\$167,171.00	\$156,675.00
Chronic Disease Reduction	\$35,746.00	\$40,169.00	\$51,403.00
Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental	\$26,882.00	\$31,126.00	-
ELC Care Coordination & Expanded Testing	\$390,247.95	\$98,056.00	-
ELC Infrastructure	\$403,601.76	\$165,235.00	-
ELC Staffing	-	\$502,004.24	-
Family Planning Grant	\$97,186.00	\$32,670.00	-\$6,449.00
Immunizations	\$33,078.00	\$37,372.00	\$30,869.58
Maternal Child Health Block Grant	\$261,062.39	\$352,314.00	\$350,714.00
Mosquito Surveillance	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	-
Regionalization (PHEP-Regional)	\$41,005.91	\$40,980.50	\$37,242.40
State Formula	\$221,888.00	\$129,164.00	\$107,212.00
Tuberculosis Control Nurse	-	-	\$3,785.00
Tuberculosis Indigent Care	\$6,247.56	-	\$2,732.00
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	\$1,085,597.37	\$1,243,875.47	\$1,117,501.62
TOTAL	\$2,890,544.53	\$2,349,945.19	\$1,986,755.36

REVENUE SOURCES

Additional Grants	2022	2021	2020
KDHE LHD SPARK Grant	-	-	\$532,198.00
SPARK Cares CRF	-	-	\$679,017.00
City of Topeka/HUD CDBG-CV	\$219,420.15	\$166,389.30	-
Nurse Family Partnership			
KDHE/Medicaid Match	\$71,785.35	\$122,956.00	\$109,687.00
Early Childhood Block Grant (Smart Start)	\$191,453.59	\$230,986.00	\$253,668.00
TARC - Part C	\$16,443.73	\$16,723.00	\$15,249.00
TOTAL GRANTS	\$3,170,227.20	\$3,256,086.33	\$2,365,359.36
TOTAL PROGRAM FEES	\$450,756.67	\$406,018.61	\$358,831.91
TOTAL TAX SUPPORT	\$2,151,781.00	\$2,151,781.00	\$2,151,781.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,772,764.87	\$6,102,417.61	\$4,816,450.47

2023-2025 CHIP Published

Since the development of the 2015 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods (HHN) has facilitated the CHIP efforts for Shawnee County. The CHIP Steering Committee is composed of key partners who drive this work from HHN, Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD), Stormont Vail Health (SVH) and United Way of Greater Topeka (UWGT). This team has led the development process of the CHIP with assistance from HHN workgroups and other coalition partners.

Based on the results of the [2021 Community Health Needs Assessment \(CHNA\)](#), the team created a list of potential health priorities. These potential focus areas were further prioritized at a Community Conversation which included cross-sector participation from the community. Participants evaluated the primary data from the survey to determine if the results reflected their understanding of actual community needs. 92% of participants indicated that the prioritization and ranking identified by the community in the survey aptly reflected the community health needs they observed firsthand and through recent outcomes data. They identified the four health priority areas for the next CHIP as: **1) Behavioral Health, 2) Food Security, 3) Substance Abuse, 4) Health Equity.**

The CHNA Leadership Team, along with HHN Leadership, has identified CHIP workgroups within existing HHN workgroups to carry out these priorities. Many community health challenges are ongoing, with new data and areas of focus emerging across multiple cycles of the CHIP process. Additionally, two newly formed workgroups, the Behavioral Health Collaborative and Sexual Health Collaborative, will also drive the new CHIP strategies.

Goals and objectives, including target measures for the objectives, were drafted by the CHIP Steering Committee and refined based on feedback from the CHIP workgroups and other community stakeholders. Intervention strategies and activities were developed by HHN workgroups and coalition members for each priority area in consultation with the CHIP Steering Committee. The interventions chosen to achieve the objectives in this CHIP address areas of both midstream and upstream health. That is, the CHIP includes interventions that address individual social needs, as well as improving community conditions that will support healthier lives for all residents of Shawnee County.

The obvious inequity within the health outcomes in our community when broken down to the level of race and ethnicity provides an area of focus within an already daunting challenge. These datapoints are a call to action for our community; they are a call for each of us to use our knowledge, skills, influence, and energy to collaborate on meaningful solutions that create lasting change, and ultimately, a healthier community for this generation and the next.



[Click here to see the full 2023-2025 CHIP](#)

SCHD Achieves Accreditation

Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) was awarded National Accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on August 18, 2022. PHAB is a nonprofit organization that administers a rigorous national accreditation program which has local health departments across the nation demonstrate how they promote and protect the health of the communities they serve. Achieving this status was the culmination of 4 years of hard work by the SCHD staff.

SCHD's work to become an accredited health department began in July 2018 when we began the initial application process. Over the next 11 months, teams worked in the 12 different domain areas to gather the required documents. We officially submitted our application accreditation on June 26, 2019. We had our site visit in February 2020. The site visit not only included our staff, but also included community partners, our Board of County Commissioners, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Wichita State University.

In September 2020 we learned that we had not achieved accreditation status and were asked to submit additional documentation. We hired an accreditation work team in late 2020 to help us with the additional documentation. The additional documentation was submitted in early 2022. August 18, 2022 was an exciting day when SCHD learned the decision had been made to confer accreditation to SCHD. SCHD became one of just seven county health departments in Kansas to achieve national accreditation.

Whenever you see our seal of accreditation, you will know that the Shawnee County Health Department has been rigorously examined and meets or exceeds national standards that promote continuous quality improvement for public health.



Family Planning Program

In the Spring of 2022, Shawnee County Health Department was able to begin offering Family Planning services. These services are supported in part by federal Title X funds received by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and then dispersed to projects like ours through the KDHE Aid to Local grant process.

Title X Family Planning includes a broad range of services related to achieving pregnancy, preventing pregnancy, and assisting women, men, and couples with achieving their desired number and spacing of children. Program priorities are determined by Health and Human Services Office of Population Affairs and include advancing health equity through the delivery of services, improving and expanding access to services, and ensuring the highest quality of care. Charges for Title X services are based on a sliding fee scale and clients are assessed for household income and size to determine their discount. All clients with household income under 250% of federal poverty guidelines will receive a discount and those at or below 100% will have no out of pocket costs for Title X services.

This program provides access to a broad range of medically approved service including contraceptive products and natural family planning methods for clients who want to prevent pregnancy and space births; pregnancy testing and counseling; assistance to achieve pregnancy; basic infertility services; sexually transmitted infection services; and other preconception health services. These services help to meet the need in our community for access to affordable Family Planning services, specifically long-action reversible contraception (LARC) such as intrauterine devices (IUDs) and hormonal implants.

We are excited to offer these services and look forward to continuously growing and improving our program in the years to come.



Community Baby Shower

Shawnee County was able to host an in-person Community Baby Shower on 10/1/2022 at the Central Park Community Center. The Family Health staff of Maternal Child Health (MCH), Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), and Women Infant Children (WIC) all participated in the event. The MCH program consists of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review team that also serves on the Community Action Team (CAT). They worked with many other community partners to prepare gift bags full of literature and goodies for the pregnant women and their support person that came to the event. Part of the role of the CAT is to use data-driven recommendations to reach goals of reducing infant mortality and improving the health of mothers and babies in Shawnee County. The Community Baby Shower event provided education on safe sleep, smoking cessation, mental health, and breastfeeding to the 52 participants; each participant left with a new pack-n-play and wearable safe sleep sack. WIC was able to promote their services and set up appointments for new interested clients. The Shawnee County Health Departments Immunization program was present and provided the Tdap vaccines to participants and their support person.



Program Numbers

	2022	2021*	2020*
Child Care			
Annual Renewals	290	243	65
Applications	39	29	31
KDHE Compliance Checks	8	16	5
Clinical Services			
Disease Investigations	557	490	525
HIV Tests	408	480	406
Immunizations Given	9009	4,774	3,214
COVID-19	2488	12,505	390
COVID-19 Cases Reported	26,799	19,726	11,187
STI Visits	1,238	1,191	1,205
Family Planning Appts	207	-	-
Environmental Health			
Landfill Inspections	7	7	9
Septic Loan Inspections	247	337	368
Septic Repair Permits	78	144	144
Family Health			
Home Visits (TOTAL)	676	911	867
Baby Basics Attendees	28	25	14
Women, Infants & Children			
Infants (< age 1)	1,715	1,795	1,920
Children (> age 1)	2,365	2,369	2,406
Women (TOTAL)	1,611	1,639	1,798
Medical Reserve Corps			
Volunteers	58**	189	131
Volunteer Hours	98	2,491	4,706
Community Outreach			
Presentations	29	12	13
Health Fairs/Events	28	2	4

* program numbers may have been affected by COVID-19 pandemic response

** switched volunteer registration system, updated volunteer contacts