

Local Public Health Services

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Protecting & Improving
the Health of Iowans



A young child was seen by a doctor a number of times for a cough, fever and slow weight loss. The family did not speak English and the medical provider could not follow-up since the family was not returning phone calls. The local health department was made aware of the possible tuberculosis (TB) case and the family was contacted by public health. During a home visit, public health staff educated the family about the serious nature of TB and the parent agreed to testing for the child. Public health staff assisted the family by accompanying them to the hospital, communicating with hospital staff, and ensuring the child's parent understood the care needed. The child tested positive for active TB. Over the course of the next several months, public health staff made daily visits to the child's home, made all doctor appointments, set up transportation to specialists, and coordinated communication across the medical team caring for the child. With significant support from staff, the child successfully completed the full TB medication and treatment regimen. All contacts of the child were identified and tested - adults and children. No active TB cases were found among the child's contacts. Several did have positive skin tests but were found to have latent TB. These individuals were offered medication treatment.

Public health staff helped the family understand how treatment was going and spent many hours providing ongoing education about TB disease, medications, diet, and monitoring for side effects. Without the daily support from the staff, this family and child would not have been able to access and comply with the care needed to treat active TB.

Did you know?

Local public health services exist in all of Iowa's 99 counties and local boards of health assure that all communities have services that help promote healthy Iowans and healthier communities.

Why are Local Public Health Services important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- All Iowans deserve a local public health system that:
 - ✓ supports local capacity to assess, plan, and ensure a basic standard of service delivery, and
 - ✓ serves as the mechanism to continually assess changing health needs and develop strategies to address those needs and achieve local health improvements.
- Increases the capacity of the local board of health to safeguard the health and wellness of communities by:
 - ✓ providing leadership in engaging community stakeholders to support health promotion and preventive services, and
 - ✓ providing public health services that promote healthy behaviors in individuals, groups and communities to prevent and reduce illness, injury, and disease, and
 - ✓ providing gap-filling services when there are no other providers.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Strengthen the health infrastructure

Promote healthy living

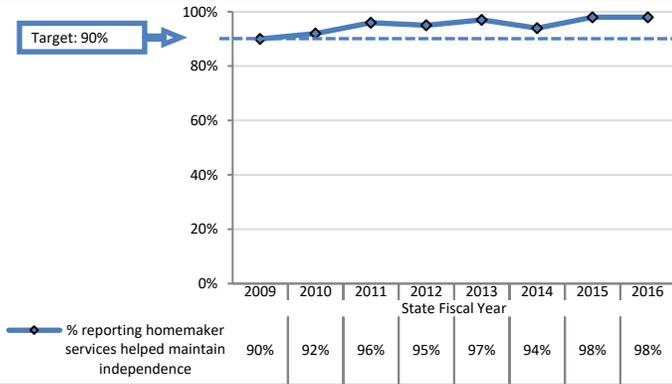
What do we do?

IDPH supports local public health services through:

- Grant funding for local programs that:
 - ✓ Strengthen the public health infrastructure in supporting local needs assessment and community organizing processes to encourage community change for improved health;
 - ✓ Facilitate strategic planning, including initiating partnerships with other community sectors to improve health and setting priorities so available resources are used more efficiently;
 - ✓ Help Iowans engage in healthy behaviors, including promoting health & wellness where Iowans live, work, and play; and
 - ✓ Improve access to health services for those who "fall through the cracks" and often have no other options, including
 - In-home skilled nursing; home care aide; homemaker; health maintenance; and immunizations for children and adults when there is no other funding source.
- Regional consultants provide education, technical assistance, and support to 101 local boards of health and local public health agencies in all 99 counties. Support is directed to resolving community health issues, problems, or concerns; building and maintaining the knowledge and skills necessary to provide local public health services and build healthier communities; developing and delivering quality and effective public health services that are community-driven, culturally appropriate, and responsive to community health needs assessments and changes in the health care delivery system; acting as catalysts for sharing best practices; and providing the linkage between federal, state, and local public health services at a time when the health care system is experiencing tremendous change and health reform efforts continue to evolve.

How do we measure our progress?

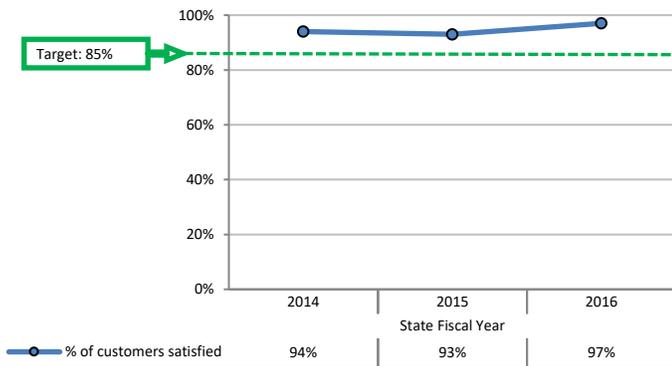
1 Percent of clients who report that homemaker services helped them to remain in their home.



Data Source: LPH service contracts End of Year Report. Data are available annually.

How are we doing? Our target is to achieve at least 90% each year. In SFY2016, we exceeded our target with 98%.

2 Percent of customers (Administrators/Directors of authorized agencies) who are satisfied with Regional Community Health Consultant (RCHC) services.



Data Source: LPH Customer Survey. Data are available annually.

How are we doing? We have set a target of achieving at least 85% each year and have exceeded this goal. For SFY2016, 97% of customers indicated they were satisfied with RCHC services.

What can Iowans do to help?

1. All Iowans should be familiar with their local public health agency and the services provided.
2. All Iowans can support local public health policies and plans.
3. All Iowans should consider serving as a board of health member.
4. All Iowans can create a personal and family health improvement plan.

Expenditures

Local Public Health Liaison: general fund and federal funds. State funds are used for maintenance of effort match for the PHHS Block Grant. K09-0957; 0153-0958

Local Boards of Health: general fund K09-0959

Healthy Aging: general fund K11-1111

	State Fiscal Year 2015 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Estimate
State funds	\$8,810,839	\$8,837,712	\$8,839,312
Federal funds	\$359,526	\$370,250	\$437,592
Other funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total funds	\$9,170,365	\$9,207,962	\$9,276,904
FTEs	6.88	6.95	9.20

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.