Scott County Public Health

2020 Report to the Community

Scott County Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

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From the Director

I am very pleased to share the 2020 Scott County Public Health Report to the Community. The work we do in public health is truly a team effort and requires collaboration among our staff as well as with our community partners.

The 2018 Community Health Assessment provided a robust picture of the health outcomes and factors that influence health in Scott County. This assessment helped guide the work of staff and community partnerships in developing the Community Health Improvement Plan completed in 2019. The Community Health Improvement Committee formed four teams that developed Action Plans around the top 4 health issues impacting our residents and began their work.

In 2019, Scott County Public Health was successful in securing two grants that will help fund our alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention work for many years to come. A switch was made to a more efficient Electronic Medical Records system, and Family Home Visiting completed national re-accreditation in the Healthy Families Model.

These are just a few examples of how Scott County Public Health works to improve health and quality of life for residents through its programs, innovation, new initiatives, health assessment and policy change.

Looking forward, we will continue to work to strengthen our public health system across the state and create a system for the 21st century – one that is equipped to work with all communities and carry out foundational public health responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

To your health!

Lisa Brodsky, MPH
Public Health Director

Our Mission

To advance safe, healthy, and livable communities

Our Vision

Excellent provider of innovative services and resources that empower and engage residents to improve their health outcomes

Accountable and responsive to community health needs in a respectful and culturally competent manner

Our Values

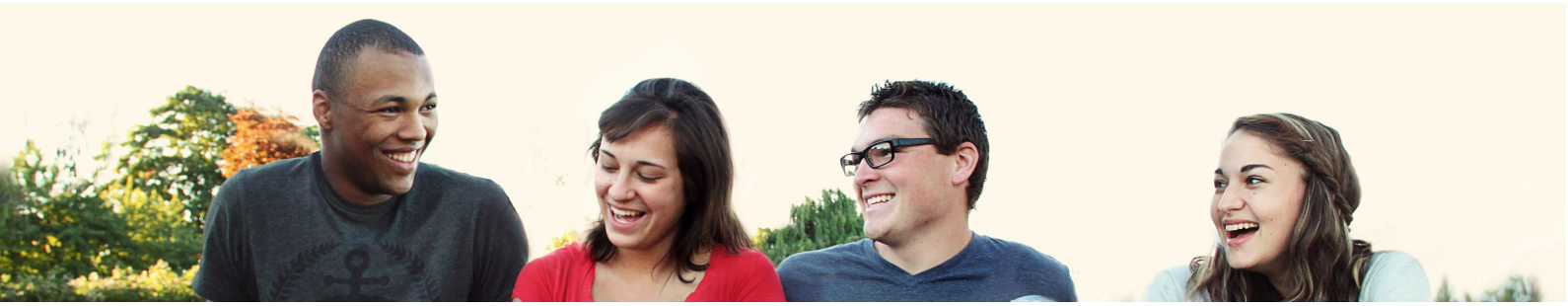
Accountability | Collaboration | Excellence | Equity | Integrity | Leadership | Trust

Awards & Recognition

Grant funding to address adult and youth substance use in Scott County

Scott County Public Health, in collaboration with a coalition made up of 12 "sectors" from across the county – ranging from government to business to schools – was awarded a grant from the Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC). DFC is a federal grant program that provides funding to community-based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. The 5-year award has an option to reapply for an additional 5 years. The grant will be used in Scott County to focus on the priorities of underage alcohol use prevention, marijuana use prevention, and opioid use prevention. Strategies to address these priorities will be implemented through the efforts of a community coalition, its partners, and the communities in Scott County.

A second grant received by Scott County Public Health to combat substance use in Scott County came from UCare. This funding will allow Scott County Public Health to increase collaboration and coordination in responding to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and mental health disorder among county residents, in addition to building availability and capacity to administer Medication-Assisted-Treatment for SUD.



Honoring Emergency Responders

Since 2002, Scott County Emergency Management, in partnership with Scott County Public Health Emergency Preparedness, has annually honored individuals and organizations with the **Morris A. Miller Awards**. These awards are named after one of the first African American nurses at Abbot Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Director of Nursing at Queen of Peace hospital in New Prague, Minnesota, and later the hospital's Associate Administrator.

The primary goal of each of the Morris A. Miller Awards is to recognize and honor individuals or organizations within Scott County that have exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action to save and protect human life and property during emergency events involving the citizens and visitors of Scott County.

In 2019, the following individuals received Morris A. Miller Awards:

Citizen Tim Cook
Citizen William Turgi
Scott Co. Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Lannon
Scott Co. Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Edwinson

Scott Co. Sheriff's Deputy Ben Koestner
Allina Duty Supervisor Nathan Layne
Scott Co. Sheffif Sergeant Bob Ryan

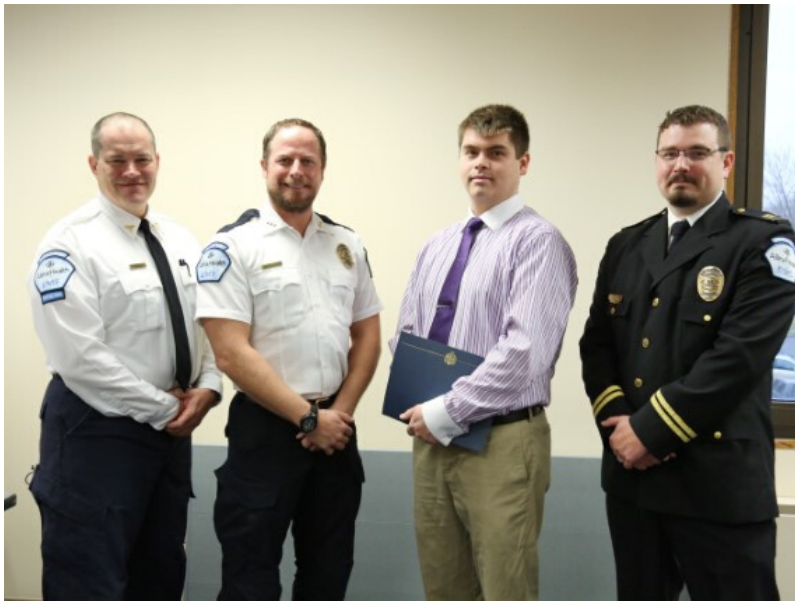
Edwinson, Lannon, Cook, and Layne were nominated for the award following their heroic response to a three vehicle crash in August 2019. In regard to their actions, Andrew C. Stevens, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and Associate EMS Medical Director for Allina Health EMS, commented:

"Multiple lives were saved the afternoon of this crash due to swift and decisive actions of these individuals. This type of action is what makes me, my family, and neighbors once again reassured that on our worse days the first responders in our county are top notch."

Following their response to an ATV crash in August 2018, Turgi, Lannon, Koestner, and Ryan were nominated for the Morris A. Miller Awards. Their response was described as follows:

"The actions by all three deputies highlighted the excellent team work that was accomplished to give the victim the best medical care that they could provide on scene."

Scott County Public Health Emergency Preparedness is proud to partner with emergency medical providers to ensure Scott County residents receive the best emergency care possible.



Allina Response Team

Sheriff Hennen, Tim Cook, and Dr. Stevens

2019: By the Numbers

773
Power of Produce visits from youth at the Little Market that Could

348
vaccines were administered to uninsured or underinsured children and adults

140
pregnant or parenting families received

1,620
visits from a Public Health nurse or social worker

12
sectors were engaged in tackling youth substance use in Scott County

103
clients who were uninsured were seen in the Mobile Clinic

Child and Teen Checkups staff completed

2,762

phone calls to inform families about Well-Child Exams

41

families received information and support from Public Health nurses on Early Hearing Detection and Birth Defects

634

families participated in the Follow Along Program, which helps parents track their child's development

67+

Scott County staff, community leaders, and other Scott County stakeholders participated in the Community Health Improvement planning process

88

schools, organizations, and workplaces partnered with the Scott County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

1,065

events provided Child and Teen Check Ups information and resources about accessing health care to Scott County residents

1,035

pounds of produce harvested at the Backstretch Community Garden

2019 Success Stories

The Little Market that Could

The Little Market that Could is a farmers market located in Prior Lake, MN. Starting in 2016, Scott County Public Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) collaborated with the market to assist with funding and support of a Power of Produce (PoP) Program. The PoP Program is a farmers market incentive program through University of Minnesota Extension. The program focuses on children (4-12) and seniors (62+). Each week participants receive a $2 token to spend on fruits and vegetables. This increases family participation, vendor revenue, and builds healthier communities.

"My nine-year-old son saved his tokens, and then bought all the fixings for salsa- tomatoes, cilantro, peppers, etc. He then proceeded to make the salsa all by himself, he was so proud!"
-Mother of
PoP participant

In 2019, *The Little Market that Could* relocated and rebranded to improve visibility and stability for the market season. SHIP supported this transition through signage and further support of their PoP program to increase participation. In 2019, there were 773 total youth visits, which increased from 451 in 2017. About $3,400 was generated back into farmer's revenue this season.

Parents reported that their kids were learning about growing seasons, different types of produce, and how far a $2 token can go. Looking ahead, the market will add SNAP/EBT equipment to further meet the needs of residents throughout Scott County!

PoP registration table

The Little Market that Could

Disease Prevention and Control

2019 was a busy year for Tuberculosis (TB) in Scott County. Public Health Disease Prevention & Control staff completed 707 visits to monitor TB cases in Scott County in 2019. TB can be infectious when it is in the lungs, but is otherwise not infectious. For confirmed cases of infectious TB, Scott County Public Health is responsible for testing family members and co-workers of the confirmed case to make sure the disease has not been transmitted to someone else. Health care workers who had provided services to the case are also tested, if the TB diagnosis was not known at the time.

Those individuals who have been exposed to TB are recommended to undergo preventative treatment. In 2019, 16 individuals started treatment for Latent TB Infection. Each is followed by Public Health to ensure they complete treatment.

The immigration process also identifies those refugees and immigrants who were exposed to TB in their home country, have an abnormal chest x-ray, or a history of TB disease. Each person is re-evaluated for the protection of their health, and the protection of our population. In 2019, public health ensured that 13 individuals entering Scott County were evaluated and treated if necessary.

What our Customers are Saying

The Scott County Public Health Family Health program partners with the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families (MAHF) to offer home visiting for first-time parents. The program helps families develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet the unique needs of their babies. In 2019, MAHF conducted a survey of parents who participated in the home visiting program with Scott County Public Health nurses or social workers. Some highlights of the results of this survey, shown below, demonstrate the impact that Scott County Public Health staff is making for new families in Scott County.

92% said that they "definitely" enjoyed visits from their Scott County Public Health home visitor

100% agreed that their Scott County Public Health home visitor supports them in parenting

"[My home visitor] is amazing and I wouldn't be the best parent I can be without her."

"I would recommend this program to the expecting parents out there because it gave me support and sense of direction."

-2019 MAHF Participants

Healthy Teeth, Healthy Learners

In November 2019, Child and Teen Checkups worked with Adopt a Smile to bring a free dental clinic to the Shakopee West Middle School. At the five-day clinic, 44 students received over $30,000 worth of dental care, with the value per patient amounting to almost $700 each. Patients received exams, fluoride treatment, preventative and therapeutic cleanings, sealants, and more. Dentists and hygienists donated a total of 105 clinical hours to make the clinic a success. While Shakopee Public Schools have partnered with Adopt a Smile since 2016, this event marked the first time the clinic took place somewhere other than Shakopee High School. It provided an immensurable opportunity for students without access to a regular source of dental care to receive needed dental procedures, just down the hall from where they attend class in the school building.

A child receives a dental screening

Inside the Adopt a Smile Clinic at Shakopee West Middle School

The success of this clinic represents just one of the many initiatives underway to improve oral health among residents of Scott County. Child and Teen Checkups is actively working toward achieving oral health goals through collaborative efforts including, "To ensure children and families in Scott County are aware of the importance of children's oral health and know how to care for their teeth" and "To increase access to professional dental care for children in Scott County."

Planning for Community Health Improvement

Assessment

In 2019, Scott County Public Health completed a **Community Health Assessment** (CHA). A CHA summarizes the health of the people who live in a community and the many factors that can impact their health. In Scott County, a CHA is completed every five years to do a "check up" on the health of the community and to look for ways where we can improve our health and well-being. The CHA is put together by collecting data, numbers, and stories from the people who live and work in Scot County.

Planning

The information in the CHA is used to develop the **Community Health Improvement Plan** (CHIP). The CHIP is an action-oriented blueprint for Scott County Public Health and local partners to improve health in Scott County over the next five years (2019-2024). Through an integrative process, four priority health issues for Scott County were identified for the CHIP, along with specific strategies for how these issues will be addressed. These four health issues are: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs; Obesity; Adverse Childhood Experiences; and Access to Health Services.

Implementation

Over 67 individuals across 40 departments or organizations that work in Scott County will be implementing various aspects of the CHIP over the next five years. A work group for each priority health area of the CHIP was formed in order to foster collaboration and organize activities targeted at each of the priority health issues. These groups developed strategic work plans and evaluation measures to track their activities and progress on moving the needle for each of the CHIP priority health areas.

Find the CHA and CHIP here.
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Learn more about our work

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