On behalf of the Scott County Public Health, I am very proud to present the 2016 Report to the Community. This report provides an overview of the Department’s programs and services that work to promote the health of our residents. It includes how Public Health contributed to making Scott County a healthy, safe and livable community. And, it highlights the important public health issues and trends which inform and guide our work.

Health matters. It is not just about the absence of disease. It is also about having opportunities for education and employment, feeling safe and connected, having access to healthy foods and opportunities for a healthy active lifestyle. It’s about living in a community that takes action to improve the health of its residents.

Each day, Public Health works to protect our community from health threats such as natural and man-made disasters, infectious diseases, and preventable disease. During this past year, we have been pleased to continue strong partnerships to improve access to healthy foods in low-income communities, reduce barriers to health care, identify at-risk infants and address other community health needs.

Through strategic planning, workforce development and branding completed this past year, Scott County Public Health challenged ourselves to identify what we could do better or differently to build a stronger culture of quality within our department. We have been laying the foundations for long-term health improvements in our county. This was done by refining our structure, aligning resources around health priorities, looking at health equity and beginning to discuss the county’s future health challenges. Moving forward, we plan to reassess the most pressing public health issues affecting our community.

I wish to thank the Scott County Community Health Board and the Public Health staff. Their commitment and dedication to improving the community’s health is second to none. Our dedicated team will continue to work to ensure improved health for all!

Lisa Brodsky, MPH
Public Health Director
The 3 P’s of Public Health

Public Health is the art, practice and science of protecting and improving health. While the medical models focus on treatment of disease of a person, Public Health improves the health of the population. To do this, Public Health focuses on the three P’s of Health:

- **Prevent** illness by preventing people from getting sick. Prevention programs often focus on the most at-risk and improving access to health care.

- **Promote** health with programs that focus on how to stay healthy through education. Citizens learn the importance of being active and making healthy choices.

- **Protect** citizens from diseases. Protection programs work to stop the spread of disease to others. This is done with a face-to-face visit or via community education.

Working with the three P’s of health is a big task that we can’t do alone. Scott County Public Health works in partnership with many county and community organizations to create a safe, healthy and livable community for all residents.

Community Health Improvement Plan

In 2015, the Scott County Public Health Department formed a Steering Committee to help with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process. The Committee included Public Health staff and many community partners including clinics and hospitals. The process of developing the CHIP involved reviewing data from different surveys, looking at health trends and picking priorities. Six priority health issues were identified:

- **Strengthen Early Identification of Infants and Toddlers with Health Developmental Concerns**
- **Mental Health**
- **Chronic Disease Prevention through Healthy Eating and Physical Activity**
- **Sexually Transmitted Infections**
- **Teen Alcohol Use**
- **Exposure to Second-Hand Smoke**

Each member of the committee compared health issues and used a standardized tool to choose the highest priority. The group then began to work on the three health issues (bolded above). Chronic disease prevention is addressed through the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP). This work is guided by the Health Matters Community Leadership Team (CLT) who meets every other month. As new data is made available, recommendations to the work plan are made by staff and the CLT. Progress in Access to Mental Health and Identifying At Risk Infants and toddlers is tracked and reviewed bi-annually. Changes are suggested as needed.
Scott County Public Health Prevention Programs

• Child and Teen Checkups
• Family Health
• Family Home Visiting
• Immunization Clinic
• Perinatal Hepatitis B
• Birth Defects
• Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Public Health embraces prevention as the key to a healthy community. Scott County Public Health focuses on reducing the burden of chronic disease and injury to promote the health of all residents.

The Child and Teen Checkups program focuses on the importance of wellness checks. Family Home Visiting, Perinatal Hepatitis B, Birth Defects Case Management and Early Hearing Detection & Intervention provide help and resources to families who are looking to give their child a little extra help. The Immunization Clinic strives to make sure all Scott County residents who are uninsured or underinsured are up-to-date on their vaccinations.
Child and Teen Checkups

(C&T) program provides services that encourage children and young adults on Medical Assistance to complete wellness checkups on time. Wellness checks are important for children’s health because they help identify health issues early and give parents a chance to ask questions. C&T uses several methods of communication to interact with members including calls, letters and face-to-face interactions.

In 2016, 72% of active participants received their wellness checks on time. That is over 7,800 kids.

Parents not only focus on keeping their children safe, they also worry if their children are developing and reaching milestones on time. Children go through a vast number of physical and emotional changes between birth and adolescents. These changes often leave parents wondering what to do. Scott County Public Health understands the challenges parents can face and have a group of nurses and educators available to support them in building strong family foundations.

“My Home Visitor is great! She makes me aware of parenting that I am doing without even knowing it is effective. This makes me feel like supermom!”
A Home Visiting Client

Family Home Visiting
Has Many Benefits

- 25% less time on financial assistance
- 59% fewer child arrests by age 15
- 67% less behaviors problems in school
- 48% decline in child abuse

Minnesota Department of Health
Family Home Visiting

Parents Make Their Own Destiny

“Nancy” contacted Public Health intake one day asking for help because she was worried about her pregnancy. She said she was worried because she did not feel ready to have her baby. Nancy said it wasn’t just the labor that was worrying her. She was also afraid about being a parent and having postpartum depression.

After talking with her, the Home Visitor learned Nancy’s path as a youth had many obstacles. Nancy had been abused and placed in foster care and suffered from depression, anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder because of the abuse. She had attempted suicide in the past, but added she wanted to move forward and feel better.

Nancy was not able to list many supportive friends or family. She did not have any family contact and although she was married to the father of her baby, she said he was abusive and did not support the pregnancy.

After talking with her, the Home Visitor saw Nancy had an uphill battle. But, after hearing her story, the Home Visitor was impressed with her request for help and desire to feel better.

Nancy joined the Family Home Visiting program and worked with the Home Visitor for several weeks. She was given encouragement, evidence-based parenting information and child development resources. Over time, Nancy became more confident in her abilities as a parent. She took the lessons she learned and she now has a thriving toddler.

“Prevent

“As a Family Health Home Visitor, I feel the greatest success is when parents can work through their own past experiences to be emotionally available and able to respond to their children.”
—Hilda, Home Visitor

Family Home Visiting connects family home visitors with pregnant women and parents of young children to:
• Build skills
• Reach healthy outcomes
• Work on family goals
• Provide local resources

Public Health Home Visitors work with other professionals, such as doctors, early childhood teachers, and social workers to give families the support they need to succeed.

“Family Home Visiting is so supportive of my goals and wishes. She really goes above and beyond to make sure I achieve just what I want. I am so thankful.”
—A Home Visiting Client

“Family Home Visiting connects family home visitors with pregnant women and parents of young children to:

Traditional visits provide parents information, guidance and resources to anyone who requests services

Intensive home visits provide supportive visits to first time parents with multiple stressors

249 Total
Family Home Visiting
Referrals in 2016

226 FAMILIES RECEIVED TRADITIONAL VISITS
1.9 FTE Traditional Visitors
1,026 Visits

23 FAMILIES RECEIVED INTENSIVE VISITS
1.7 FTE Intensive Visitors
306 Visits

“I enjoy everything about this program. My Home Visitor is an amazing person. I love talking to her, she is always there for me. She has been since I got pregnant.”
—A Home Visiting Client
Prevent

Immunization Clinic

Focus on Prevention

Last August a young mom, “Kim” moved to Scott County for a fresh start for herself and her children. Kim’s husband, and father of her two children, had recently passed away. Kim who was a stay-at-home mom was having a hard time finding the energy to move forward. With her families encouragement, she moved closer to them for support and assistance.

Kim’s oldest daughter had just turned six and was excited to start school. The soon to-be Kindergartener was in need of several immunizations to start school. The family’s health insurance had been through the father’s employment. But Kim was unable to afford the insurance payments. Kim was in the process of applying for medical assistance but her struggle with her grief created many obstacles. She found herself without insurance or the financial ability to pay for a doctor visit.

Kim knew it was important for her daughter to get her shots to start school but did not know how to make that happen. Per her family’s suggestion, she contacted Scott County Public Health for assistance.

Within the month, both of Kim’s children got their needed vaccinations, without any cost. Clinic staff were able to find her children’s records and knew exactly what immunizations were needed.

2016 Immunization Clinic:

- 24 Clinics
- 108 Clinic Visitors
- 747 Immunizations

Vaccinations are the key to preventing many diseases. But, they can be costly if you do not have insurance. Scott County Public Health’s Immunization Clinic is committed to providing access to care for all residents. Uninsured and under-insured Scott County residents can get vaccines free at our Public Health Clinics. The Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC), and the Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccine programs, provide the vaccines for our clinic. Not only are vaccines important to protect from disease, they are also required for many important stages in life, such as:
  - Starting day care
  - Registering for school
  - Going to college
  - Starting a new job

Our goal is to have 95% of children immunized by the start of Kindergarten.

2016 Immunization Rates

- Hep B: 95.3%
- Polio: 95.6%
- MMR: 94.9%
- Hep B: 96.2%
- Varicella: 94.9%
Perinatal Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis B virus (HBV). The Hepatitis B virus is transmitted when body fluid from a person infected with HBV enters the body of someone who is not infected. For some people, Hepatitis B is a short-term illness. But for others, it can become a long-term chronic infection. Chronic Hepatitis B can lead to serious health issues, like cirrhosis or liver cancer.

The Hepatitis B virus can also be passed from a mother with the infection to her child during birth which poses a serious risk. The risk for chronic infection is related to the age at infection.

When a pregnant woman is infected with HBV, it is referred to as Perinatal Hepatitis B. Public Health Nurses follow all cases of Perinatal HBV to ensure that the infants born to these mothers do not contract Hepatitis. From pregnancy to the first year of the infant’s life, many health care providers are involved. The Public Health Nurse coordinates these providers to make sure everyone has the correct information. The Public Health Nurse also makes sure the child receives immune-globulin and vaccines at the correct times. Finally, the nurse ensures that the child gets tested for Hepatitis B at one year of age.

In 2016, Scott County Public Health worked with 9 mothers with Perinatal HBV

Birth Defects

Infants who are born with major birth defects are referred to local public health departments for follow up by a Public Health Nurse. The nurse offers support to the family and connects them to services and resources. A goal is to improve the access of children with birth defects to health services and early intervention programs. In 2016, MDH’s Birth Defects program requested follow up 39 times from Scott County. Of these, fifty four percent included high and medium complexity cases, which were reimbursable.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)

Early identification of hearing loss is important because babies begin to develop speech and language from birth. If hearing loss is identified early, families can do much to support communication development. The Minnesota Department of Health’s Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program was developed to help children born with hearing defects. EHDI partners with local Public Health Departments to work with families of children who have a hearing loss. A Public Health Nurse meets with families to discuss their concerns and provide resources. These efforts help parents find the care and support they need to help their children to reach their full potential.
Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) works with many community partners to help make the healthy choice the easy choice. The goal of the program is to increase access to healthier options. These community partners include:

- Emergency food programs
- Schools
- Businesses
- Faith-based communities
- Health care organizations

The YouthBuild program made the 32 raised beds in the summer, just in time for seeds to be planted. The garden’s location near the Scott County Workforce Center provided a perfect chance to share the fresh fruits and vegetables with Community Action Partnership (CAP) and Women Infants and Children (WIC) visitors.

The project was a great success, thanks to our partners:
- Canterbury Park
- City of Shakopee
- CAP Agency
- Southwest Metro Intermediate District #228
- YouthBuild
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
In 2016, SHIP worked with the five Scott County school districts on healthy eating and active living activities. Different activities took place in each district. Jordan School District created a Walk/Bike to School Day event on October 5. They encouraged all students to be active by walking or biking to school. Students who participated received a token and water bottle from SHIP.

Jordan High School sports teams were at the schools to cheer on the active kids. Parents, students, and even Principals participated in this healthy, fun-filled morning! The event was such a success that the Elementary School staff are developing a Walking School Bus to encourage students to stay active throughout the whole day.

**SHIP Strategies**

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| Healthy Eating in the Community | 6               | 135,129 |
| Community-based Agriculture    | 4               | 229,341 |
| Emergency Food Systems         | 2               | 129,928 |

| Workplace Wellness | 3               | 1,070  |
| Organizational Planning & Structure | 2               | 62     |
| Increase Access to Healthy Eating | 2               | 1,860  |
| Breastfeeding Support & Facilities | 3               | 1,880  |

| Schools | 3               | 9,186  |
| Healthy Eating in Schools | 5               | 11,305 |
| Farm to School | 5               | 10,637 |

| Active Schools | 3               | 2,846  |
| Quality Physical Education | 1               | 637    |
| Active Recess | 7               | 11,943 |
| Active Classrooms | 1               | 637    |
| Before & After School Physical Activity Opportunities | 2               | 2,209  |
| Safe Routes to School | 3               | 2,846  |
| Beginning Engagement |                 |       |

| Health Care | 2               | 180    |
| Establish Clinic-Community Linkages for |                 |
| Beginning Engagement |                 |

**More SHIP Accomplishments in 2016**

- 5 worksites started wellness activities
  - Impacting 1,942 employees
- 7 schools started healthy eating and active living programs
  - Affecting 11,943 students
- 3 forms of data collection were used to get community health information
  - 100 paper surveys
  - 600 online surveys
  - 5 focus groups

**New Health Matters Logo designed by CAPS Students**
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Promote

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is an alternative school program designed for pregnant and parenting teens. The program is part of SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288 (SWMetro). In addition to a high school diploma, the teens get information about healthy pregnancies and infant attachment from a Public Health Nurse.

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Nuisance complaints, Disease Investigation and Emergency Preparedness focus on the community’s health. These programs create plans and provide support to protect a population.

Our Public Health Clinics and case management programs focus on individual health. The programs provide options for care so an individual’s health condition do not get worse and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Public Health Programs that Protect Scott County Citizens:

- Mobile Health Clinic
- Walk-in Clinic
- Juvenile Alternative Facility
- Nuisance Complaints
- Blood Lead Management
- Refugee Health
- Tuberculosis Case Management
- Emergency Preparedness

Mobile Health Clinic operates in partnership with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s state-of-the-art health van. The clinic provides uninsured and underinsured residents free care for health screenings, short-term illness and chronic health problems. In 2016, clinic staff included a physician, a Public Health Nurse and a Community Health Worker. The Mobile Clinic is open twice a month, for 3 hours each time. The clinic location rotates between three community sites in Shakopee and Savage.

Mobile Health Clinic Numbers

23 clinics provided
69 hours of care
100 people
Walk-In Clinic
In 2016, Scott County Public Health opened a Walk-In Clinic service to provide increased access to health care. The nurse-driven clinic is open two days a week, for two hours each time. Clinic visitors can be seen for many reasons, including:

- Vaccines and vaccination record requests
- Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Tests
- Blood pressure and glucose monitoring
- Follow-up care to clients seen at the Mobile Clinic
- Assistance with general health questions

Top Reasons People Came to Walk-In Clinic in 2016

- Vaccinations: 147
- Record Requests: 46
- TB Skin Tests: 32
- Mobile Clinic Follow-up: 5

Juvenile Alternative Facility (JAF)
Helping youth move forward

A part of the nursing duties in Public Health includes a Public Health Nurse visiting teens age 11-17 at the Juvenile Alternative Facility (JAF) in Jordan twice a week. When there, the Public Health Nurse ensures all prescribed medication is given and stored safely. She also meets with all teens who complain of being ill and have chronic medical issues. Additionally, in 2016, she completed 153 initial assessments on everyone placed at JAF, and did 52 focused physicals.

The reasons youth are placed at JAF range from health and safety holds to delinquent offenses to probation violations. While the Public Health Nurse meets all the youth, one person sticks out in the crowd. There was a girl, “Kelly” who was at JAF this past year. When Kelly came to JAF she was isolated from her family and held everyone who approached her at an arm’s length. She had a difficult time opening up and gave limited answers to any questions. While at JAF, facility staff, mental health professionals and the Public Health Nurse worked with Kelly to show her she was in a safe place. She was encouraged to talk about her feelings as well as what brought her to JAF.

Once Kelly truly felt safe, she began to open up. She was able to let go of her anger and continued to talk through her feelings. Kelly left JAF with a full plan to finish her education and most importantly - keep moving forward.

“Working at JAF is incredibly rewarding. Getting to know the adolescents here is an absolute treat, and seeing them grow and succeed is the cherry on top.” Public Health Nurse

“In 2016 I met with many young people; but, of all the teens I worked with, ‘Kelly’ showed me the success that the Juvenile Alternative Facility can have and why it’s such a valuable part of our community.”

Public Health Nurse
Nuisance Complaints

A Public Health Nuisance is an issue in a home that could cause illness for people living in the home, neighbors or community members. The first contact for assistance with these homes is generally through local law enforcement office. Public Health’s role includes finding resources and, if needed, visiting the home to help resolve the issue. Between 2014-2016, Public Health received 19 calls for resources and performed six visits to local residents.

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Blood Lead Management

Blood lead tests are done early in childhood because lead can be a large threat to development. Even low levels of lead in blood can lower a child’s IQ and their ability to pay attention. The effects of lead exposure cannot be corrected.

Public Health Nurses work with children who have been exposed to and tested positive for lead. The nurses help families:

- Find the source of the lead
- Locate resources to remove the lead source
- Monitor the child children until the lead levels are reduced to a safer level

Public Health worked with 8 children who tested positive for lead in 2016.

Tuberculosis Case Management

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that usually affects the lungs. TB can either be active, where you are sick or latent, where the disease is dormant in your body. All cases of TB are managed by Public Health Nurses to make sure treatment is completed. For active TB, Nurses conduct daily home visits to ensure all medication is taken properly. Those with latent TB receive treatment to prevent them from getting sick.

- 2016 TB Cases
  - 1 Active Case
  - 18 Latent Cases
  - 16 Investigations due to a positive screen

Refugee Health

People who enter the United States as Refugees take several steps before they get here. They are given refugee status while overseas and have health exams. Refugees are assigned a state when entering the United States.

Public Health nurses work with all refugees who arrive in Minnesota. In 2016 Scott County Public Health worked with 43 refugees to:

- Complete a health assessment at a local medical clinic
- Rule out infectious diseases
- Update vaccinations
- Establish a medical home
Emergency Preparedness

There is nothing scarier than not knowing what is going on in an emergency. Whether you are huddled in your basement as you hear the wind crashing your windows; or listening to the news about the latest disease outbreak. You feel like you have no control and are relying on others to tell you what you should do next. This is why Scott County Public Health is always working with community partners to plan and prepare for potential emergencies.

The Medical Reserve Corps is made up of public safety officials and trained volunteer citizens. This dedicated group spends time getting ready so they are able to respond in a moment’s notice when needed.

One area of focus in 2016 was the development of a Family Assistance Center (FAC) plan. A FAC is a secure facility for families to come during a disaster. At the FAC emergency personnel:

1. Collect and Share information
2. Provide emotional support to family members and friends
3. Notify families of positive identification of victims

Scott County conducted four trainings for volunteers who would staff the FAC. During the trainings, volunteers learned how to perform the family briefer and family liaison roles.

28 total volunteers participated in the training, of which 12 were Scott County volunteers.

Scott County MRC has been the Top Performer for the past 2 Years

OUR VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS 2016

There are 293 registered volunteers in the Scott County Medical Reserve Corps

103 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are called to assist with many different activities, such as:
- Office support
- Dining assistance
- Event staffing

384 VOLUNTEER HOURS

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF $9,325

Protect Trainings

Active shooter training

Mobile Medical Team

Alternative Care Site Training
In 2016, as a possible result of increased outreach activities, Child and Teen Checkups saw a 4% increase in Scott County residents receiving at least one Child & Teen Checkup screen. Additionally, children in foster care who received at least one C&TC screening increased in 2016 to 94% from 89% in 2015.

Birth Defects and Early Hearing referrals come to local Public Health offices from the state. The number often fluctuate from year to year.
Trends

Mobile Health Clinic

Providing medical care to the uninsured reduces the number of people who otherwise may need to seek care in an emergency room thus saving hospital money on un-reimbursed health care.

The Mobile Health Clinic provides care for chronic health conditions until they are able to connect to an ongoing medical home. Also, Mobile Clinic staff make an impact on the quality of life of clients by providing them with a connection to meet other basic needs.

Immunizations

With MNsure, more children are now insured and are obtaining a well child examination and vaccinations at a medical clinic. Those who remain uninsured are vaccinated by Public Health. This helps maintain high vaccination rates in our communities which prevents the spread of disease.

Scott County strives to ensure that all children are vaccinated at the appropriate time. Having a high vaccination rate is vital for the health of a population because it prevents disease from spreading.

Option 1: The bar chart shows the number of uninsured/underinsured receiving mobile health clinic services over the years 2010 to 2016. Scott County is represented by blue bars.

Option 2: The bar chart displays the percentage of uninsured mobile clinic clients with chronic health conditions referred to primary care for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. The data shows a decrease in the percentage referred over the years.

Option 3: The bar chart illustrates the trends in immunizations from 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2016, showing the number of attendees and uninsured children attending the clinic.

Option 4: The bar chart presents the percentage of children immunized for different years from 2011-12 to 2015-16, including measles, polio, MMR, Hep B, Varicella, and Target.
Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB) is a highly infectious disease spread through the air when a person coughs or sneezes. Public Health management of all individuals with active TB disease protects the community from this infectious disease.

State and local health departments in MN have protocols in place to investigate communicable diseases and put control measures in place. The most common is whooping cough (pertussis).
Scott County Public Health has been providing services to promote healthier living for county residents for over four decades.

Community Impact
Children have a healthy start in life and families have support to parent well.

Parents are informed of the benefits and resources available to their children to have a healthy start in life and maintain a healthy life throughout their child and teen years.

The public is protected from exposure to communicable diseases.

Residents are prepared for emergencies and are able to recover from disasters.

All residents have access to health care.

All residents are healthy.

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