



Cook County
Department of Public Health

Annual Report 1982





The Annual Report of 1982 reflects the important changes and accomplishments of the Cook County Department of Public Health.

We invite you to read the following pages where you will have an opportunity to learn in detail about CCDPH's activities. We will present:

- CCDPH's changes and accomplishments
- CCDPH's budget
- CCDPH's report of service

We will be glad to share with you our Agency Directory which outlines all of our services. You may also want our District Flyer which gives specific information regarding clinic locations and hours. Where to call:

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DISTRICT OFFICES

NORTH

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Skokie, Illinois 60067
Telephone: 470-7227

WEST

4th District Circuit Court Building
1500 S. Maybrook Drive
Maywood, Illinois 60153
Telephone: 344-6052

SOUTHWEST

5410 W. 95th Street
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453
Telephone: 423-7500

SOUTH

6th District Circuit Court Building
165th & South Kedzie Parkway
Markham, Illinois 60426
Telephone: 596-0460



The Cook County Department of Public Health was established in 1940 by the Board of Commissioners. It is a State Certified Public Health Department whose purpose is to prevent illness and promote personal and community health.

The Agency carries out its work through a range of partnerships involving public and private agencies and institutions as well as local municipalities.

The department is organized in four (4) district offices strategically located in North, West, South and Southwest suburbs and an administrative office in Maywood.

Its service area covers 735 square miles, composed of 115 municipalities. The area is populated by 2,035,699 people coming from many socio-economic, racial and cultural backgrounds.

Operations are paid for by taxes from the Health Facilities Fund of Cook County and supplemented by grants from State and Federal funds.

Services:

- Preventive health services for women, infants and children
- Community dental services and dental treatment
- Communicable disease control
- Immunizations
- Education and information
- Nutrition counseling
- Chronic disease control
- Vision and hearing screening and conservation
- Refugee health screening
- Public health nurse visits in the home
- School health—Nursing and consultation
- Birth and death registration
- Clinics: Family Planning, Prenatal, Well Baby, Immunizations, Well Adult, Dental, Sexually Transmissible Diseases and Otologic
- High blood pressure detection and follow-up
- Health counseling and referrals
- Protection from diseases spread by food, water, wastes, insects and rodents.
- Assessing Community Health Needs and Planning.
- Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Food Program.

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CCDPH PROGRAMS CERTIFIED

For the first time CCDPH received recognition from the Illinois Department of Public Health as a certified health department. This means that all required public health programs met state standards and the department thereby is qualified for full funding by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

SCHOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

The Illinois Department of Public Health, the Catholic School Board and the Education Service Region of Cook County are represented on an inter-agency school health committee coordinated by CCDPH.

Highlights:

- Conducted a County-wide workshop for school administrators focusing on the need for a comprehensive school health program.
- Completed an emergency medical procedure guide for schools; ready for distribution at the beginning of the 1983-84 school year.
- Began a semiannual school newsletter for public and parochial schools in suburban Cook County.
- Prepared a protocol for controlling headlice outbreaks and made it available to suburban schools and day-care centers.
- Provided school physicals in West and South Cook County on a pilot basis.

SEVENTY-SIX COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TRAINED

Through the high blood pressure control program, 76 volunteers were trained in techniques of blood pressure measurement by the CCDPH public health nursing staff. This activity resulted in a 63% increase in persons screened and referred for treatment. Persons found to be hypertensive were given an opportunity to receive follow-up through the department's hypertensive tracking system. Approximately two thousand (2,000) persons were tracked in 1982.

COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEES SCREENED FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Activities for Hypertension Month were initiated by CCDPH in May, 1982. Through a special message from President Dunne, issued with the May 1st pay checks, County employees were alerted to the importance of having a periodic blood pressure check. They were given the opportunity to have their blood pressure checked at the County Building, Oak Forest Hospital, Cook County Hospital, and the Fourth and Sixth District Court Buildings.

DAY CARE CENTERS TARGETED

Special attention was given to the control of communicable diseases in day-care center settings. Training programs were conducted for Division of Children and Family Services' staff who license day-care centers. A workshop for day-care center providers in North Cook County was conducted in December. Plans have been made to conduct similar workshops in South and West Cook County early in 1983.

NEW DIVISION CREATED

The Division of Chronic Disease and Disability Control was established in October, 1982 to meet the growing need for the development of health promotion and disease prevention services geared toward the adult population living in suburban Cook County. The Division also assumed responsibility for directing the Agency's High Blood Pressure Control Program, and Vision and Hearing Conservation Program.

HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATED

Special efforts were made to work more closely with Oak Forest Primary Care Clinics. These efforts have resulted in:

- Pregnant women receive prenatal education at Phoenix and Robbins health centers.
- Infants served at the East Chicago Heights well baby clinic can see the same physician for well child and illness care.
- Hypertension patients are followed in a tracking system.

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REFUGEE HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM EXPANDS

The Refugee Health Screening program served 945 refugees in 1982. Originally developed to serve Indo-chinese Refugees, the program has been expanded to include all individuals who enter the United States with refugee status. CCDPH now administers all aspects of this service which includes: initial health screening, assisting refugee families in obtaining medical follow-up for identified health problems and helping them use available resources.

BLOCK GRANTS – FOCUS ON TEENS AND ADULTS

Special emphasis was placed on planning preventive health care for the adult population and special support services to pregnant teens. In November of 1982, the agency received about \$400,000 in block grant monies to finance these programs, which will be implemented in 1983.

A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – TYLENOL CONTAMINATION

The Tylenol incident, a major health emergency occurred in October, 1982 and CCDPH quickly responded to protect citizens. Active cooperation was given to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office and the Food and Drug Administration. Through the media, citizens were alerted to the potential danger and precautions to take to protect themselves.

Hospital emergency rooms were asked to secure cyanide antidote kits and were told where to get them. Citizens were advised to turn in specific Tylenol products to local police. The Food and Drug Administration was assisted in picking up drugs for testing. Retail businesses were asked to adopt protective measures in handling over-the-counter drugs prior to the implementation of the Cook County Board's over-the-counter packaging ordinance.

TRICHINOSIS INTERVENTION

Several cases of trichinosis occurred because of improperly prepared delicatessen sausage. Rapid notification of health authorities enabled intervention which prevented additional cases.

VITAL STATISTICS – OUTPUT UP 10%

The volume of certified birth and death certificates issued increased by 10% in 1982. The agency has achieved a maximum three (3) day turn-around time for most mail requests. Health data collected from vital records are used to document health needs for program planning.

FOOD SANITATION INSPECTORS CERTIFIED

The certification of food sanitation inspectors to meet Food and Drug Administration standards continues to be a major objective. Supervisory staff serving the South and Southwest Districts received Certificates of Standardization.

ENTERIC DISEASE SPREAD PREVENTED

Measures were taken to control the activities of eleven (11) persons working in jobs where their disease could be spread to the public.

GEORGE DUNNE DEDICATES DENTAL CLINIC

The East Chicago Heights Dental Clinic was dedicated by President George Dunne in October, 1982. The development of this service resulted from a visit by President Dunne to the East Chicago Heights Community Center, where he learned that the center had a non-operational but needed dental clinic. CCDPH was asked to supervise the revitalization and operation of the clinic, which opened for service in the fall, 1982.

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90% COMPLIANCE WITH NEW FOOD HANDLING ORDINANCE

A revised food handling ordinance passed in 1981 for restaurants to employ a food handler who has successfully completed a Food Handling Training course. In 1982, 90% compliance was achieved for restaurants under CCDPH's jurisdiction. A special program was initiated to supervise the preparation and serving of food sold at local community carnivals and fairs.

TWO FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS OPEN

New family planning clinics were opened in Blue Island and Chicago Heights. CCDPH now operates six (6) family planning clinics in suburban Cook County.

PROCEDURES FOR ABANDONED WELLS STRENGTHENED

Special emphasis was placed on locating and sealing abandoned wells. A program was initiated in cooperation with the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning to require the proper sealing of private wells as a part of the building demolition process.

DENTAL VAN SERVES HANDICAPPED AND AGED

The use of the dental van owned by the Illinois Foundation for the Handicapped was obtained to bring dental services to people in local communities who would not otherwise be served. In 1982, the van was used at twenty-five (25) different locations, offering dental care to the handicapped and disabled as well as senior citizen groups.

WELL BABY CLINIC HOURS EXPANDED

The increased demand for well baby clinic services in South Cook County made it necessary to expand clinic hours in the Chicago Heights and Park Forest areas.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LEVEL SURPASSES 95%

Immunization levels in schools are well above the State-required 95% level. This resulted from a consistent effort to enforce State immunization regulations and the provision of free immunization clinics.

NURSES TRAINED IN COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING

Infection control and emergency room nurses from twenty-two (22) suburban hospitals were trained in techniques in early communicable disease reporting. This ongoing training program has resulted in improved reporting of communicable diseases and more timely implementation of control measures.

PRENATAL EDUCATION EXPANDED

A survey of birth certificates disclosed that in South Cook County many low-income pregnant adolescents were served by a small number of private physicians. A cooperative prenatal education program was developed with two of these physicians. Prenatal classes are held in their offices twice monthly.

Joint planning, ongoing evaluation of programs, sharing of ideas, assessment of community needs and a close working relationship constitutes the philosophy of the Cook County Department of Public Health.



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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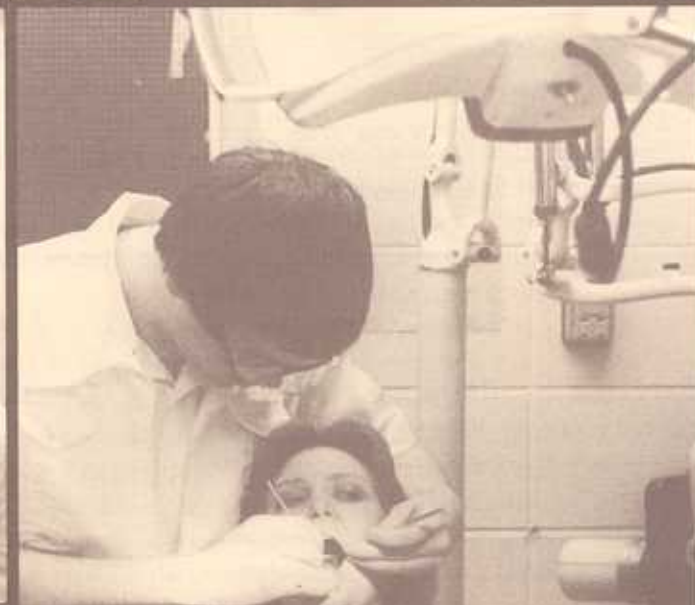
DIVISION DIRECTORS

- **Administrator Joseph E. Duffy
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 - Education and Information Addie C. Reninger, B.S., M.P.H.
 - Nutrition Elisa Ramilla, R.D., M.S.
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 - Environmental Health Robert J. Wollschlager, B.S., M.S.
 - Vital Statistics Patricia Gross, B.A., M.P.H.
- *Resigned, **Deceased.*

BUDGET

Cook County	\$3,249,287.00
Illinois Department of Public Health	712,500.00
GRANTS:	
Family Planning	82,000.00
Vision and Hearing	30,000.00
Maternal Health	60,000.00
Refugee Health Screening	55,000.00
Title XX	
(Health Support & Epidemiological Services)	25,000.00
Hypertension Control	29,600.00
Title XX (Health Support & Epidemiological Services)	25,000.00
Total Budget	\$4,268,387.00

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