

Public Health Works...
...and we had a year to prove it

1991 Report of Services
Cook County Department of Public Health



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From the President

Cook County Government experienced a year of renovation in 1991 and with renovation comes improvement. Part of my commitment to you was to improve and increase quality health services. With the establishment of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, we have the ability to direct and coordinate the County's health services from a central point with unified goals and objectives.

The Cook County Department of Public Health experienced a record year in clinic visits, service requests and educational outreach. As you read through this report, keep in mind that the health department's jurisdiction consists of over 2 million people from diverse backgrounds with diverse needs. The level of care provided by the staff is a good indication of the County's overall commitment to keeping suburban residents as healthy as possible.



Richard J. Phelan
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

From the Director

The recession touched the lives of many suburban residents in 1991. We struggled to keep up with the increasing demand for public health services while maintaining our commitment to quality care.

Some residents sought our services because of financial problems; others were affected by increasing exposure to communicable diseases, including AIDS and syphilis. In responding to these needs, we continue to target our services to those most vulnerable among us.

I would like to thank the many people who assisted us during 1991, particularly County Board President Richard Phelan, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Ruth Rothstein, Chief of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services. Lastly, my thanks to the health department staff for their dedication, compassion and long hours of service in continuing to provide quality public health services to the residents of suburban Cook County.



Karen L. Scott, MD, MPH
Director

1991 Highlights

- The Cook County Department of Public Health was reviewed by the Illinois Department of Public Health to determine if the Agency was meeting the "Standards For Local Health Departments in Illinois". The Department passed the review and will continue its designation as a certified public health department and will receive the maximum allowed State tax support.

- The Agency was part of Cook County Board President Richard Phelan's restructuring of County health services. The Health Department is now part of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, led by Ruth Rothstein. Other agencies now directed by the Bureau include Cook County Hospital, Oak Forest Hospital, Cermak Health Center and Provident Hospital.

- Agency Director, Dr. Karen L. Scott, served as the President of the Illinois Public Health Association. Cook County was the host site for the 52nd Annual IPHA Conference.

- The Centers for Disease Control (Atlanta) assisted in evaluating a school-based single source outbreak of Hepatitis A. The report will be published nationally.

- The Health Department received a State Lead Poisoning Control Grant to provide community outreach, education and lead screening in two southern suburbs.

- Low cost mammogram services for Adult Health clinic clients were established with three community hospitals: Oak Park Hospital, Northwest Community Hospital and St. James Hospital.

- The Access to Care Program was expanded to include 22 townships and 2,500 additional clients. Increased funding from the Cook County Board of Commissioners was instrumental in this expansion.

- The Agency co-sponsored the 6th Annual S.T.A.R. (Start Taking An Active Role) Teen Conference for youths in the western suburbs. Over 150 high school students participated in discussions on peer pressure, sexuality, HIV/AIDS, drugs, relationships and career goals.

- The Divisions of Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing distributed over 16,000 doses of flu vaccine.

- The Mid-west's premier professional golf tournament, The Centel Western Open, moved into south suburban Lemont in 1991. The Division of Environmental Health was responsible for inspections of the food service establishments, water supply and other environmental conditions during the week-long tournament held at Cog Hill Country Club.

- Because of drastic increases in reported cases of syphilis, investigation of cases became a priority for epidemiologists in 1991. A conference was held for educators and community leaders to address the syphilis epidemic. Local data and prevention messages were shared with community leaders and health care providers in an effort to foster community ownership of this problem.

- HIV antibody testing was implemented into all Prenatal clinics.

- The Division of Environmental Health contracted with 18 municipalities in 1991 through the Intergovernmental Agreement Program. The program provides food service inspections, training and consultation to communities who do not have adequate staffing.

- The Division of Dental Health provided dental sealants to almost 2,000 children. Sealants are applied to the first four permanent molars to reduce decay.

- Four physicians were trained in Norplant insertion in preparation for a program to begin in 1992.

- Health Education staff implemented a plan to increase awareness of HIV and AIDS among women in suburban Cook County. Brochures, wallet cards and T-shirts were used during outreach activities.

- The Agency co-sponsored three "Women's Health Days" for Hispanic women. Discussions included Mammography, Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Family Health. All sessions were presented in Spanish.

- Well Child and WIC services were combined in the Hanover Park area in September as a pilot program to determine the feasibility of combining other clinic services into a "one stop shopping" concept.

- The Divisions of Health Statistics and Health Education provided clinic utilization statistics, disease reports and demographic data to all municipalities and townships in suburban Cook County.

- The Agency received a grant to reduce the risk of vector (mosquito) spread disease. Activities included elimination of mosquito breeding sites and surveillance for vector-infected birds.

- Spanish classes were held for employees to help improve service delivery to the increasing number of Spanish clients. A Spanish-speaking public health nurse was assigned to provide case management in the Cicero Women, Infants and Children clinic.

- A Problem Pregnancy clinic was opened in Harvey in 1991 to serve women who may be at risk for health complications. Client visits topped 400 during 1991.

- Staff worked closely with Bloom Township High School to plan an in-school day care program for teen mothers.

- The West District Office relocated within Maywood to provide expanded clinic space to its clients. The Administrative Office is scheduled to relocate in June of 1992.

- The Agency is now able to bill Medicaid for vision and hearing services.

- In response to the growing need for health services for children and the effects of the recession, the Healthy Kids program increased its client load by ten percent in 1991 without an increase in staff or funding.

Population Statistics

1990 Population		
Health Jurisdiction	2,102,302	
1990 Live Births		
Total	34,034	
Births to Teens	2,562	
1990 Deaths		
Total	17,123	
Infants	329	
Neonatal (under 28 days)	235	
Post-Neonatal (28 days - 1 yr)	94	

1991 Vital Records		
Birth Certificates Filed	19,850	
Copies Issued	34,850	
Death Certificates Filed	12,210	
Copies Issued	93,703	

Leading Causes of Death in Suburban Cook County-1990

1. Heart Disease	5,867
2. Cancer	4,524
3. Stroke	1,079
4. Pneumonia/Influenza	678
5. Chronic Lung Disease	541
6. Diabetes	392
7. Other Circulatory	383
8. Congenital Anomalies and Disease of Early Infancy	283
9. Non-Motor Vehicle	258
10. Chronic Liver Disease	244
11. Other	2,643

Selected Reported and Investigated Diseases

AIDS/ARC (reported in 91)	138
HIV+ (reported in 91)	156
Amebiasis	9
Chickenpox	4,851
Chlamydia	1,282
Encephalitis	11
Gonorrhea	2,529
Giardiasis	247
Hepatitis	
Hepatitis A	286
Hepatitis B	221
Non-A / Non-B	62
Unknown	5
Legionnaires Disease	6
Lyme Disease	2
Malaria	8
Measles	14
Meningitis	
Aseptic	119
Meningococcal	11
H Influenzae	10
Other	53
Pertussis	4
Psittacosis	1
Rubella	4
Salmonellosis	434
Shigellosis	130
Streptococcal Infection*	8,695
Syphilis (all stages)	470
Taeniasis	0
Typhus	7
Toxic Shock Syndrome	6

*pharyngitis and scarlet fever

Clinic Services

Sexually Transmitted Diseases		Prenatal	
Clinic Sites	4	Clinic Sites	6
Patients Examined	6,538	Patient Visits	10,739
HIV/AIDS Counseled	1,130	Harvey Problem Pregnancy	
HIV Tested	1,100	Patient Visits	413
HIV/AIDS Testing (Anonymous)		Well Child	
Clinic Sites	4	Clinic Sites	15
Persons Counseled	1,216	Patient Visits	5,275
Persons Tested	1,184	School Physicals (Adult Health/School Age)	1,739
Adult Health		School Age	
Permanent Clinic Sessions	76	Clinic Sites	6
Mobile Clinic Sessions	77	Patient Visits	848
Persons Examined	1,941	Immunization	
Referrals for Evaluation	883	Permanent Clinic Sites	10
Immunizations	1,143	Vaccine Doses Distributed	114,100
Loyola-CCDPH Primary Care		Flu Doses Distributed	16,860
Adults	970	WIC (Women, Infants and Children)	
Children	352	Clinic Sites	11
Refugee Health		Coupons Distributed	137,907
Clinic Sites	2	Nutrition Counseling	24,624
Refugees Screened	662	Group Attendees	17,930
Immunizations	878	Otolgic/Ophthalmologic	
Referrals For Evaluation	564	Clinic Sites	5
Home Visits For Follow-up	175	Patient Visits	248
Dental		Referrals For Follow-up	172
Clinic Sites	8	Family Planning	
Procedures Performed	230,268	Clinic Sites	8
Clients Served	18,659	Pregnancy Tests Given	3,128
Family Planning		Patient Visits	11,018
Clinic Sites	8		
Pregnancy Tests Given	3,128		
Patient Visits	11,018		

Public Health Nursing

New Clients	7,878
Home Visits	
Maternal and Child Health	
Perinatal Referrals	1,773
Other High Risk Infants	77
Well Baby Enrollment	1,007
Child Abuse/Neglect	2
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	46
Handicapped Children	7
Lead Poisoning	79
Follow-up/Referral	5,262
Families With A Future/ Drug Free Families With A Future	1,754
Communicable Disease	431
Tuberculosis	232
Mental Health	22
Chronic Disease	216
Other	621
Day Care Center Services	
Nursing Inspection Visits	289
Nursing Consultation Visits	387
Infant Day Care Contracts	22
Hearing Conservation Programs	
School Children	
Screened	18,584
Referred	358
Pre-School Children	
Screened	17,043
Referred	375
Vision Conservation Programs	
School Children	
Screened	16,393
Referred	1,887
Pre-School Children	
Screened	14,368
Referred	229
School Nursing Services	
Schools Served	202
Nursing Visits	263
Social Worker Services	3,500

Community Health Services

Health Education Services	
Hypertension Classes	
Series Of 6-Week Classes	23
Number of Class Sessions	138
Persons Enrolled	536
Presentations	
Group Attendance	11,738
Schools Served	86
Outreach Contacts	5,411
Client Consultation	3,033
Documents Prepared	443
Blood Pressure Control Services	
Persons Screened	13,640
Persons In Follow-Up	488
Diabetes Services	
Number of Classes	41
Participants	279
Clients Counseled	84
Referrals	136
Environmental Health Impacts	
Child Lead Poisoning Program	25
Adult Lead Poisoning Program	108
Smoking Complaints Investigated	43

Environmental Health Services

Day Care Inspections	340	Septic Tank and Seepage Tile Systems Plans Processed For Approval, Revision or Repair	280
Food Service Establishments/Retail Food Stores		Inspections	525
Licensed	336	Septic Tank Cleaners Permits Issues	71
Inspections Performed	1,207	Solid Waste Disposal Surveys Conducted	167
Plans Reviewed	10	Swimming Pools and Spas Private Plans Approved	42
Food/Foodborne Illness Complaints Investigations	267	Public Inspections Performed	1,101
Intergovernmental Agreements		Well and Septic System Mortgage Evaluations	
Number Of Communities	18	Evaluations Performed	183
Number Of Food Facilities	460	Inspections	434
Inspections Performed	1,626	New Wells	
Plans Reviewed	20	Permits Issued	266
Lead Poisoning Investigations Inspections	8	Inspections	35
Mobile Home Parks		Water Samples Collected	35
Licensed	41	Analysis Opinions Rendered	35
Inspections	146	Existing Community Wells Surveys Performed	548
Motels		Abandoned Wells	
Licensed	12	Number Sealed	160
Inspections	20	Inspections	105
Water Supplies		Nuisance Complaints Complaints Received	165
Private		Inspections	827
Water Samples Collected	229	Public School Life/Safety Evaluations Inspections	16
Analysis Opinions Rendered	610		
Non-Community			
Water Samples Collected	1,018		
Analysis Opinions Rendered	1,520		

1991 Operating Budget

Cook County Corporate Appropriation	\$7,765,654
Grant/Service Funding	
AIDS	552,115
Basic Health	1,080,810
Chicago HMO/MCH Follow-up	3,200
Day Care	
Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	133,680
Nursing	8,500
Dental	
CEDA	12,460
Delta	10,000
Public Aid	100
Diabetes Program	21,964
Families With A Future	935,475
Food Inspection Program	
Intergovernmental Agreements	50,000
Summer Food	300
Healthy Kids	118,862
Hypertension	47,300
Prenatal	233,501
Preventive Health Block Grant	184,000
Refugee	
Coordination	26,250
Health Aides	41,870
Screening Exams (IDPA)	156,600
Scoliosis Screening	150
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	108,400
State Computer Information Link	766
SCC Tuberculosis Sanitarium	19,800
Title XX	
Health Support	25,000
Family Planning	259,348
Value of Vaccines Provided by Federal/State	828,431
Vision and Hearing	
State	69,300
School Agreements	1,600
WIC/Nutrition	705,940
Total Grant/Service Funding	5,635,722
Total CCDPH Budget	13,401,376

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