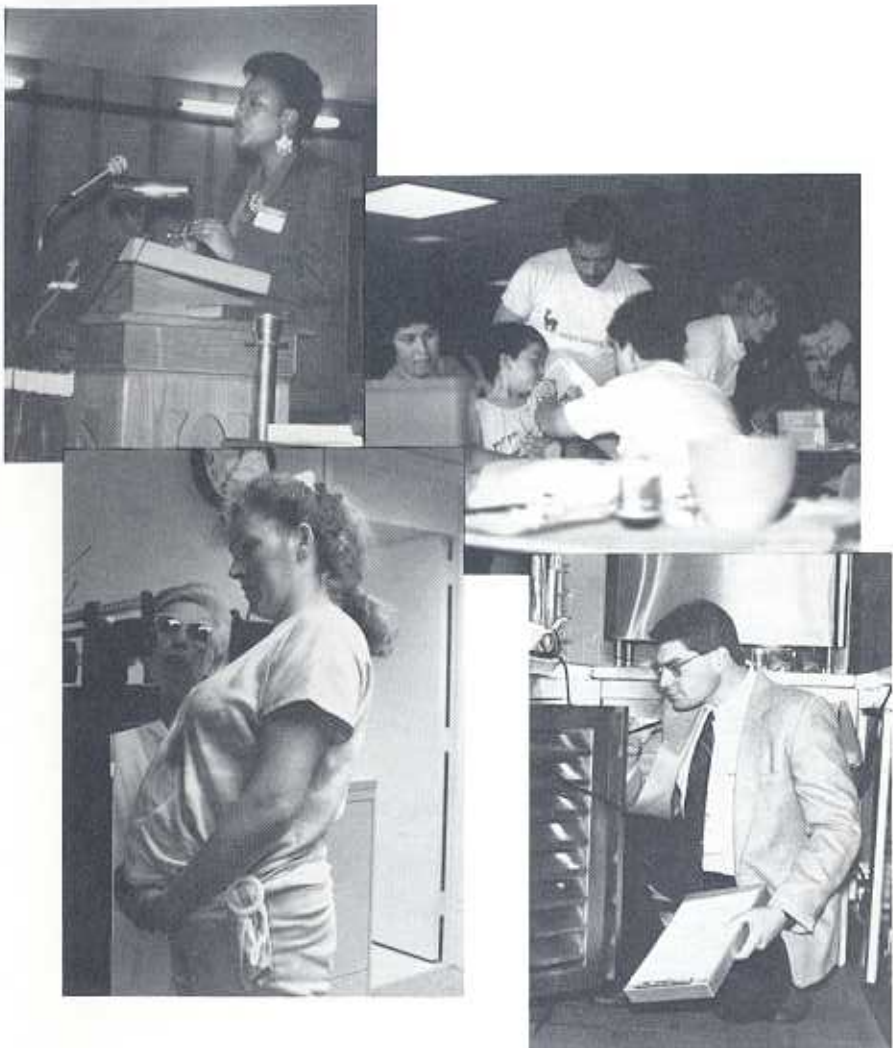


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1992 Report of Services

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Richard J. Phelan

From the President

One essential function of Cook County Government is to provide quality health care services.

We are able to make a real difference in the lives of our residents through the Cook County Department of Public Health, Oak Forest Hospital, Cook County Hospital and Cermak Health Services. In 1993, Provident Hospital of Cook County will open its doors to meet additional health care needs. The persons who turn to Cook County for health care are just like you and me. They include children, senior citizens, mothers, those with insurance and those without any form of medical coverage. Without our valuable facilities and programs, the health of our communities would be greatly diminished.

Additionally, I am pleased that County Government has been able to continue funding the Access to Care Program, allowing for complete service in suburban Cook County.

I am proud to work with and guide the Cook County Department of Public Health in meeting the health needs of suburban Cook County residents.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Phelan, President

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Ruth M. Rothstein

From the Bureau Chief

The Cook County Bureau of Health Services was created in 1991 to oversee all planning, operational and policy aspects of Cook County health care institutions. Prior to creation of the Bureau of Health Services, these institutions worked independently instead of as a cohesive and collaborative team. The Bureau has successfully brought departments together and formed a strong organized system for health care delivery in Cook County. Under the guidance of the Bureau, new systems are being developed to improve operational efficiency and coordinate services between facilities. The result will be improved access to health care for all Cook County residents with wise use of tax dollars.

In 1992, the Cook County Department of Public Health began to address the changing concerns in the field of public health such as syphilis and lead poisoning, while remaining focused on the traditional goals of disease control and environmental health.

Sincerely,
Ruth M. Rothstein, Chief
Cook County Bureau of Health Services



Karen L. Scott

From the Director

The Cook County Department of Public Health experienced a year of unprecedented growth in 1992.

The economic conditions of the country have certainly touched the lives of suburban Cook County residents. The results are demonstrated through the increased utilization of health department services. With decreasing dollars to spend on medical care, families are turning to the public health system for very basic needs.

From individualized dental services to community-wide environmental protection, the Cook County Department of Public Health continues to carry out its mission to protect residents from illness, prevent the spread of communicable disease and promote healthy behaviors.

This annual report provides excellent examples of the efforts of our staff in meeting the increasing health needs of suburban Cook County residents.

Our goal for the future remains to provide public health services to all residents while paying special attention to those most vulnerable.

Sincerely,
Karen L. Scott, MD, MPH
Director

Prenatal Care

Early prenatal care for pregnant women is one of the agency's highest priorities. Over 11,000 visits were made to prenatal clinics in 1992.

The lack of adequate prenatal care is a major contributor to complications during pregnancy, delivery and early infancy. An estimated 2,300 women give birth each year in suburban Cook County who have not received any prenatal care. Inadequate prenatal care can translate into thousands of dollars in caring for premature babies, congenital syphilis and babies born with other preventable complications. The Health Department focuses on outreach and education to help reduce barriers to access and ultimately reduce infant illness and death.

In response to a growing number of complications among pregnant women in the south suburbs, the agency opened a problem pregnancy clinic in Harvey in 1992. Within six months, client load had reached capacity at 250.

Agreements with local hospitals are being negotiated to provide delivery services to medically indigent women served by Health Department clinics.





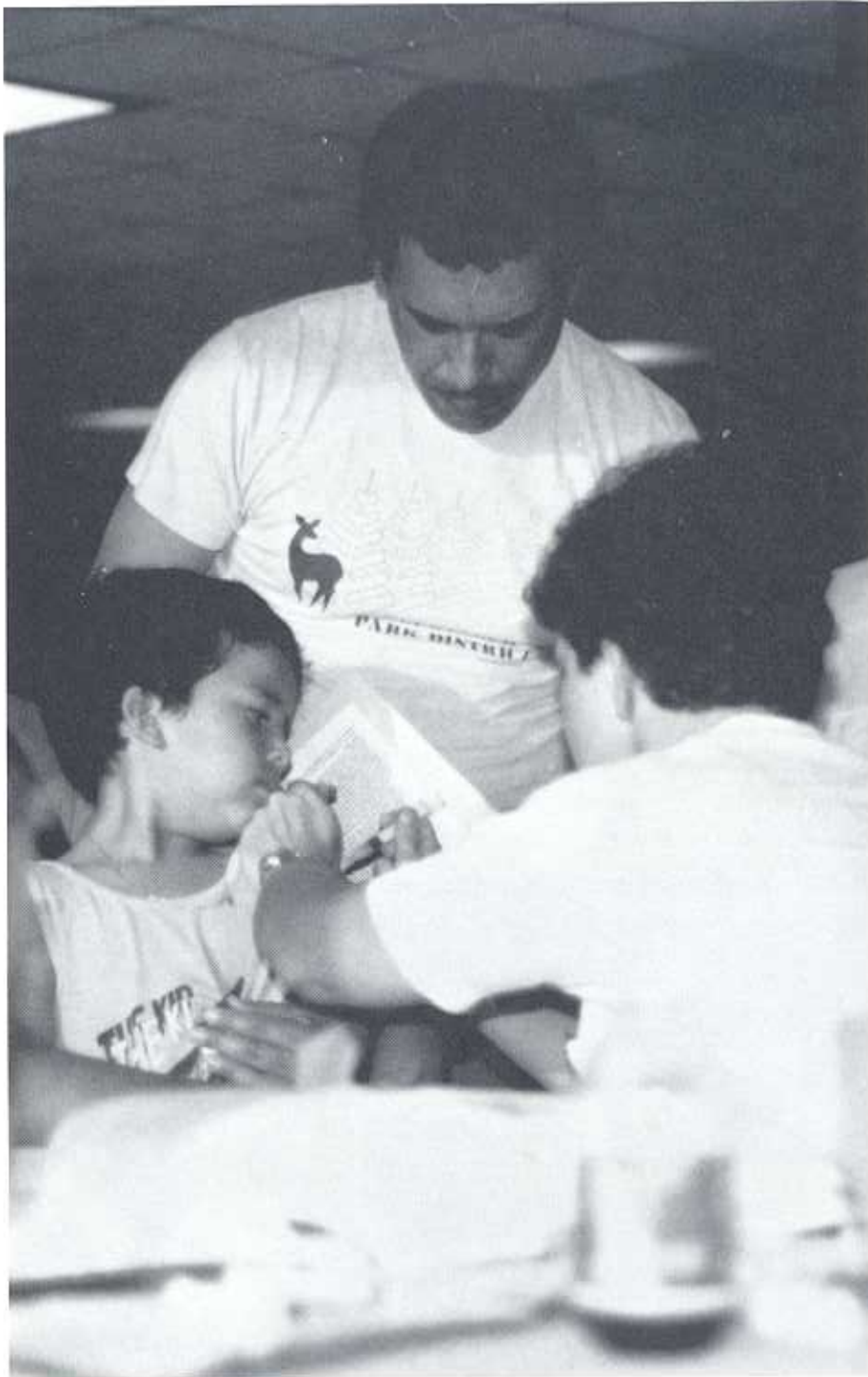
HIV/AIDS Program

With Earvin "Magic" Johnson's announcement that he contracted HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the virus that can cause AIDS, requests for information and testing increased dramatically in 1992.

Requests for HIV/AIDS information and testing appointments rose from approximately 2,700 calls in 1991, to nearly 5,000 calls in 1992. Extra staff were called upon to answer phones and work clinics to meet the increased demand.

Although men who have sex with men remain the most frequent mode of transmission in suburban Cook County, we have experienced alarming increases in the spread of HIV among heterosexual persons and injection drug users.

As individual requests for information and testing have increased, so have requests for educational presentations to community, church and civic groups about HIV prevention. In response to several suburban school districts having their first HIV positive individual, communicable disease and health education staff provided consultations and educational seminars for students, parents and school personnel. In 1992, staff provided more than 250 HIV/AIDS presentations reaching more than 10,000 people.



Immunizations

The Cook County Department of Public Health provides immunizations free to all residents of suburban Cook County regardless of their financial status. A 28% increase in vaccine distribution in 1992 can be attributed to an increased need among residents affected by recessionary times as well as a new state requirement for increased measles protection.

1990 Census reports show that there are more than 190,000 children residing in suburban Cook County under the age of five. State law requires that these children meet immunization requirements prior to school entrance. Special emphasis has been put on increasing preschool immunization rates through increased outreach and enhanced clinic services.

In 1992, an in-school immunization program was piloted to make school required immunizations more accessible for working and single parent families. This program has proven to be effective in reaching and vaccinating children quickly and efficiently.

Following new recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Department will provide the Hepatitis B immunization series for infants.

Vaccinations against influenza are provided annually to senior citizens and the chronically ill. In 1992, over 15,000 doses were used throughout suburban Cook County.



Intergovernmental Agreements

In 1986, the Division of Environmental Health began a program designed to assist communities in suburban Cook County with inspections of food service establishments. Nine communities were served through the Intergovernmental Agreement Program during the first year of operation.

Through this program, CCDPH provides consultations and fee-for-service inspections to communities who do not have a full-time inspector.

In 1992, twenty-two municipalities were under contract with CCDPH through the Intergovernmental Agreement Program. While providing services to address public health concerns, the program is self supporting, requiring no additional tax dollars.

Suburban municipalities under contract with the department in 1992 included:

Burr Ridge	Country Club Hills
Dixmoor	Forest Park
Glenwood	Hazel Crest
Hickory Hills	Hodgkins
Hometown	Maywood
Merrionette Park	Northfield
Northlake	Orland Hills
Palos Hills	Palos Park
Posen	Sauk Village
So. Barrington	So. Chicago Heights
South Holland	Streamwood

1992 Highlights

Service Improvement

- Established a problem pregnancy clinic in Harvey staffed with obstetricians who have delivery privileges at local community hospitals.
- Started a Mother-Infant Pairs Clinic in west suburbs to enable families to obtain family planning, well baby and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services in one visit.
- Developed a referral system for colposcopy services at Oak Forest Hospital and mammograms at Northwest Community Hospital, St. James Hospital and Oak Park Hospital.
- Implemented a universal Hepatitis B immunization program for infants.
- Improved services for drug abusing mothers by developing baby-sitting services for their children during counseling sessions.
- Introduced Norplant Contraceptive Implants on a limited basis in the Rolling Meadows and Markham family planning clinics.
- Established a computerized traveler's information service on a fee-for-service basis to provide foreign travel immunization requirements, recommendations and U.S. State Department advisories.
- Implemented a new program for issuing after-hour and weekend burial permits to funeral directors via facsimile.
- Expanded the WIC Program to 12,000 clients to become the second largest program in the state.
- Relocated the Administrative Office from Maywood to Oak Park.

- Began a case evaluation/management program at the CCDPH/Loyola Primary Care Clinic to assess frequent utilization by patients and plan for ways to improve health and reduce illness visits.

- Piloted in-school immunization programs in the west suburbs to provide on-site immunizations and alleviate long waits at evening clinics. This program provided 2,695 immunizations in 1992.

Fiscal Highlights

- Began billing Medicaid for vision and hearing screenings. Projected annual revenue: \$7,000.

- Worked with the state to develop a computerized Medicaid billing system using existing case management reporting forms.

- Expanded use of bus tokens to reduce taxi service cost for transporting high risk pregnant women to clinic appointments.

New Grant Awards

- Received a state grant to expand early detection of lead poisoning in Harvey and Robbins.

- Received four laser disc players for HIV/AIDS education in CCDPH clinics.

- Received two preventive dental service grants: pit and fissure sealant for schools and screening and fluoride applications for Medicaid eligible children.

- Received a prenatal smoking cessation grant to reduce smoking in pregnant women.

- Began Ryan White Care Grant Activities including establishment of case management services and development of a network of primary care physicians to care for indigent HIV positive patients.

Honors and Awards

National Association of County Health Officials Awards for

- Services to multi-cultural populations
- Distribution of emergency environmental health information via broadcast facsimile.

Illinois Department of Public Health Awards

Women, Infants and Children Program

- First Place in poster session
- Region 8 Outstanding Employee

Community Health Promotion Awards given to

- HIV/AIDS prevention program for education to the Hispanic Community
- Volunteer prenatal physician for continued support to public health clinics.

Population Statistics

1990 Population	
Health Jurisdiction	2,097,935
1991 Live Births	
Total	32,529
Births to Teens	2,400
1991 Deaths	
Total	18,162
Infants	293
Neonatal (under 28 days)	207
Post-Neonatal (28 days - 1 yr)	86

Vital Statistics

Birth Certificates Filed	21,051
Copies Issued	38,563
Death Certificates Filed	12,118
Copies Issued	136,599

Leading Causes of Death - 1991 Within Health Jurisdiction

1. Heart Disease	6,436
2. Cancer	4,494
3. Stroke	1,127
4. Pneumonia/Influenza	712
5. Chronic Lung Disease	609
6. Diabetes	384
7. Other Circulatory	449
8. Congenital Anomalies and Diseases of Early Infancy	250
9. Non-Motor Vehicle Accidents	260
10. Chronic Liver Disease	244
11. Other	3,197

Selected Reported and Investigated Diseases

AIDS/ARC (reported in 92)	147
HIV+ (reported in 92)	92
Amebiasis	8
Botulism	1
Chickenpox	7,314
Chlamydia	1,426
Encephalitis	11
Foodborne Illnesses	225
Gonorrhea	2,326
Giardiasis	167
Hepatitis	
Hepatitis A*	128
Hepatitis B*	257
Non-A / Non-B	147
Unknown	4
Histoplasmosis	2
Legionnaires Disease	8
Leprosy	0
Lyme Disease	1
Malaria	5
Measles	5
Meningitis/Bacteremia	
Aseptic	177
Meningococcal	16
H Influenzae	9
Other	51
Mumps	34
Pertussis	10
Psittacosis	0
Rabies Inquiries	129
Rubella	1
Salmonellosis	278
Shigellosis	154
Streptococcal Infection**	8,012
Syphilis (early)	545
Congenital Syphilis	42
Taeniasis	2
Toxic Shock Syndrome	1
Typhoid Fever	8

*includes cases and carriers

**pharyngitis and scarlet fever

Community Health Services

Health Education Services	
Hypertension Education	
Number of Class Sessions	132
Persons Enrolled	461
Presentations	
Group Attendance	18,102
Outreach Contacts	8,403
Client Consultation	2,300
Schools Served	100
Educational Materials Prepared	293
Blood Pressure Control Services	
Persons Screened	12,160
Persons in Follow-Up	1,953
Diabetes Services	
Clinic Sites	4
Classes Held	42
Participants	160
Environmental Health Impacts	
Children Screened for Lead	1,943
Adult Lead Follow-up	81

Public Health Nursing

New Clients	7,021
Home Visits	
Maternal and Child Health	
Perinatal Referrals	1,465
Other High Risk Infants	90
Well Baby Enrollment	799
Child Abuse/Neglect	3
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	31
Handicapped Children	11
Lead Poisoning	106
Follow-up/Referral	4,604
Families With A Future/ Drug Free Families With A Future	1,800
Communicable Disease	127
Tuberculosis	312
Mental Health	27
Chronic Disease	104
Other	929
Day Care Center Services	
Nursing Inspection Visits	201
Nursing Consultation Visits	385
Infant Day Care Contracts	33
Hearing Conservation Programs	
School Children	
Screened	25,187
Referred	308
Pre-School Children	
Screened	10,607
Referred	181
Vision Conservation Programs	
School Children	
Screened	20,549
Referred	1,664
Pre-School Children	
Screened	10,480
Referred	178
School Nursing Services	
Schools Served	83
Nursing Visits	163
Social Work Services	3,400

Clinic Services

Sexually Transmitted Diseases		Prenatal	
Clinic Sites	4	Clinic Sites	7
Patients Examined	6,858	Patient Visits	11,896
HIV/AIDS Counseled	3,570	Well Child	
HIV Tested	2,852	Clinic Sites	14
HIV/AIDS Testing (Anonymous)		Patient Visits	5,455
Clinic Sites	4	School Physicals	2,763
Persons Counseled	1,848	School Age	
Persons Tested	1,816	Clinic Sites	6
Adult Health		Patient Visits	1,212
Permanent Clinic Sessions	67	Immunization	
Mobile Clinic Sessions	70	Regular Clinic Sites	11
Persons Examined	2,064	Vaccine Doses Distributed	171,859
Referrals for Evaluation	843	Flu Doses Used	15,203
Immunizations	1,193	WIC (Women, Infants and Children)	
Loyola-CCDPH Primary Care Clinic		Clinic Sites	11
Adults	1,078	Coupons Distributed	141,859
Children	340	Nutrition Counseling	27,693
Refugee Health		Group Attendance	16,089
Clinic Sites	2	Otologic/Ophthalmologic	
Refugees Screened	579	Clinic Sites	17
Immunizations	852	Patient Visits	245
Referrals for Evaluation	334	Referrals for Follow-up	205
Follow-up Visits	212	Dental	
Dental		Procedures Performed	252,528
Procedures Performed	252,528	Clients Served	19,169
Clients Served	19,169	Family Planning	
Family Planning		Clinic Sites	8
Clinic Sites	8	Pregnancy Tests Given	4,084
Pregnancy Tests Given	4,084	Patient Visits	12,025
Patient Visits	12,025		

Environmental Health Services

Day Care Inspections	351	Septic Tank and Seepage Tile Systems Plans Processed for Approval, Revision or Repair	222
Food Service Establishments/Retail Food Stores		Inspections	434
Licensed	302	Septic Tank Cleaners Permits Issued	72
Inspections Performed	982	Solid Waste Disposal Surveys Conducted	119
Plans Reviewed	17	Swimming Pools and Spas Private Pool Plans Approved	43
Food/Foodborne Illness Complaint Investigations	29	Public Pool Inspections	1,076
Intergovernmental Agreements Communities Served	22	Well and Septic System Mortgage Evaluations	
Food Facilities	612	Evaluations Performed	256
Inspections Performed	1,502	Inspections	467
Plans Reviewed	27	New Wells Permits Issued	283
Lead Poisoning Investigations Inspections	31	Inspections	129
Mobile Home Parks Licensed	40	Water Samples Collected	129
Inspections	102	Analysis Opinions Rendered	129
Motels Licensed	12	Existing Non-Community Wells Surveys Performed	244
Inspections	15	Abandoned Wells Number Sealed	244
Water Supplies Private		Inspections	192
Water Samples Collected	345	Nuisance Complaints Complaints Received	125
Analysis Opinions Rendered	688	Inspections	559
Non-Community Water Samples Collected	722		
Analysis Opinions Rendered	1,242		

1992 Operating Budget

Cook County Corporate Appropriation	\$9,187,574
Grant/Service Funding	
HIV/AIDS	754,629
Basic Health	1,077,530
Chicago HMO/MCH Follow-up	3,200
Child Lead Poisoning Control	55,268
Day Care	
Department of Children and Family Services	135,750
Nursing	8,450
Diabetes Program	33,900
Early Childhood Learning	42,328
Families With A Future	1,184,982
Food Inspection Program	
Intergovernmental Agreements	82,000
Summer Food	250
Healthy Kids	120,550
Hypertension	47,300
Maternal/Child Health	
Case Management	262,973
Genetics	48,904
Problem Pregnancy	25,944
Prenatal	233,501
Preventive Health Block Grant	204,215
Refugee	
Coordination	28,500
Health Aides	42,870
Screening Exams (IDPA)	158,490
Scoliosis Screening	30
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	108,396
State Computer Information Link	717
SCC Tuberculosis Sanitarium	19,800
Title XX	
Health Support	47,212
Family Planning	269,019
Vaccines Provided by Federal/State (valued at)	1,132,918
Vision and Hearing	
State	69,300
School Agreements	5,000
WIC/Nutrition	1,030,804
Total Grant/Service Funding	7,234,730
Total CCDPH Budget	16,422,304

The Cook County Department of Public Health gratefully acknowledges all agencies, organizations and individuals who supported our programs and efforts in 1992. Your assistance, cooperation and contributions have touched the lives of many suburban Cook County residents.

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