

VISION

Optimal community health through collaboration in a highly integrated community health system

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Enhance community health status and promote the well-being of individuals, families, and the community



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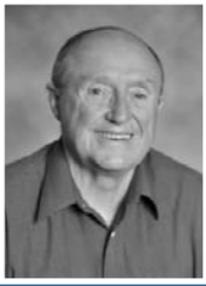
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WASATCH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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It has been an honor to work with Randall Probst and the skilled staff of the Wasatch County Health Department this year. The department's commitment to Wasatch County and dedication to offering services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those who live here is obvious in all they do.

As a board, we have added an energetic new member, Barbara Rodriguez, and have continued to meet regularly under the leadership of Dr. Neal Burton, Board Chair. We are so grateful for all the individuals and community organizations that partner with Wasatch County Health Department to address the needs of our community. We feel lucky to serve such a committed and caring community.

HEALTH OFFICER MESSAGE



Randall Probst Health Officer

It is my privilege to share with you the Wasatch County Health Department's 2018 Annual Report. Here you will see that our department is continually evaluating the services we provide, looking at the need to add or update them as the community grows and the environment changes. One such addition this past year was the opening of our department's water lab, of which you can read more about within this report. We have also started the year-long process of completing a new community health needs assessment. We are very appreciative of the opportunity to work together with Intermountain Healthcare and the Utah Department of Health to identify current and future community health needs and priorities. This collaboration not only improves the way we identify needs, but also improves the sharing of resources to address health status and promote the wellbeing of individuals, families, and the environment.

I want to recognize and express appreciation to a dedicated Board of Health who are actively engaged in planning and evaluating our programs and activities as well as establishing policy to enhance the delivery of our public health services. We are pleased to welcome Barbara Rodriguez as a new board member. We appreciate her willing service.

The department is fortunate to have an outstanding staff that not only excels in the tasks they perform but are passionate about contributing to the health and wellbeing of our community. To them, our many community partners (coalition members; first responders; medical community; and business, civic, and religious leaders), and our patrons I say Thank You!

We welcome your input and feedback and seek to be responsive as we collaborate to enhance our community health. I hope you find this report informative and useful as you consider the many facets of your county health department.

Randall K Probst

HEALTH SNAPSHOT: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

DEPARTMENT PRACTICES DRIVE-THRU CLINIC



During a public health emergency, the health department may need to get medication to a large number of people in a short amount of time. One possible way to do this is a drive-thru clinic where clients remain in their vehicles for the entire process: from completing paperwork to receiving the medication.

To test this method, the department offered flu shots at a drive-thru clinic set up with the help of the Heber City Police Department on October 12, 2018. Health department staff and volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps were able to give 104 flu shots during a 4-hour period. The average time a vehicle spent at the clinic was 15 minutes.

Evaluation of the clinic indicates a drive-thru is an effective way to quickly get medication to the public. Clients also reported they enjoyed the convenience of remaining in their vehicles.

NEW IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION PROCESS

To empower parents to make the best-informed decision when considering exempting their child from immunization

requirements, health officials standardized the process statewide and introduced an online application tool. This tool includes an educational module that looks at the benefits versus risks of immunizations and explains the obligations parents are under if they choose to exempt their child, such as providing a place for their child to stay if s/he is excluded from school during outbreaks of certain diseases.

A certificate, that also serves as a completed application form, is sent to the parent following completion of the educational module. This certificate must be submitted to the school or early childhood program if the parent decides to claim a personal belief exemption.

While an in-person meeting is no longer required, nurses at the health department are available to speak with those who are unsure about immunizations or have questions about immunization requirements.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF ON THE RADIO

Since the spring of 2018, staff from the health department have regularly appeared on local radio station KTMP (94.5 FM, 1340 AM) to discuss current issues in public health.

Host Dan Jessop invited the department to participate on the station's segment "The Human Touch" that airs weekday mornings at 8:30 AM. Topics have included suicide prevention, healthy eating, emergency preparedness, food safety, immunizations, and more. Listen to "The Human Touch" on the first and third Wednesdays of each month to hear the latest from the department.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OPENS WATER LAB



The Environmental Health Division opened a water lab in 2018 to test for bacteria in drinking water and swimming pools. The lab was certified to operate by the Utah Department of Health in July and, by the end of the year, had processed nearly 800 samples. Certification allows the lab to complete testing on samples required monthly for public drinking water systems and swimming pools.

In addition to regulatory testing, the lab accepts samples from the general public, including private well owners. The lab will seek to expand services in 2019 by getting certified to test for nitrates and sulfates in drinking water.

CHANGES IN TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING AND PERMITTING

The passage of House Bill 324 by the Utah State Legislature during the 2018 session expanded the role of local health departments in regulating businesses that sell tobacco products. The new law, which went into effect on July 1, requires local health departments to be included in the licensing and permitting process for tobacco retailers.

In order to sell tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and their associated products), a business must qualify for and obtain the proper permit and licensing. Tobacco retailers first get a license from the Utah Tax Commission, then a permit from the local health department where the business is located, and finally a business license from the city or county licensing office.

A retailer that meets the definition of a "tobacco specialty business" must comply with requirements that are more strict than those of a regular tobacco retail permit, such as restrictions on the location and density of tobacco specialty businesses in a community.

The new law also reduced the maximum number of compliance checks a health department may conduct in a year from four to two checks per tobacco retailer. Compliance checks test retailers to see if they are selling tobacco products to individuals under the legal age of 19 years old.

During 2018, Wasatch County Health Department coordinated with partners at the state and local level to establish a process for businesses to meet the requirements to be permitted and licensed as tobacco retailers. Health department staff continues to work with city and county planning departments, licensing offices, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to ensure businesses are in compliance with the new law.

For more information, visit the health department's website at: www.wasatchcountyhd.org or scan this QR Code



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION

- **Budget & Finances**
- **Dental Clinic**
- **Public Health Policy**
- **Public Relations**
- **Vital Records:** Birth & Death Certificates; Marriage Certificates

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- **Emergency Services:** Preparedness Planning and Coordination; Hazardous Materials Incident Response; and Volunteer Management
- **Epidemiology:** Disease Surveillance and Investigations
- **Permitting & Inspections:** Body Art Facilities; Food Handlers; Food Service Establishments; Liquid Waste Haulers; Mass Gathering Events; Mobile Home & RV Parks; Public Lodging Facilities; Public Swimming Pools; Public Water Systems; Schools; Septic Systems; Solid Waste Facilities; Tanning Facilities; and Used Oil Facilities
- **Public Health Complaints**

HEALTH PROMOTION

- **Cancer Awareness & Prevention:** Sun Safety; Radon Testing
- **Healthy Eating & Active Living:** Diabetes Management; Gold Medal Schools; Mile by Mile Marathon
- **Injury Prevention:** Wasatch Safe Kids Coalition; Child Passenger Safety; Bike Helmet Promotion; Suicide Prevention; Senior Fall Prevention; Zero Fatalities
- **Tobacco Prevention & Control:** Utah Indoor Clean Air Act; Youth Tobacco Access Regulation; Tobacco Prevention; Tobacco Cessation

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

- **Blood Tests and Urinalysis**
- **Children's Services:** Well Child Exams; Early Intervention Program; Developmental Screening
- **Immunizations:** Vaccines for Children Provider; Adult Vaccines; International Travel Clinic; TB Testing & Treatment
- **STD Testing and Treatment**
- **Women's Clinic:** Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening; Family Planning & Birth Control: Lifestyle Coaching for Women 40 to 64 Years Old

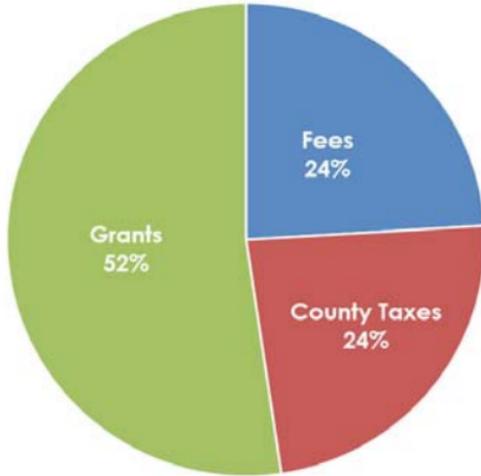
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

- **Breastfeeding Support**
- **Checks for Healthy Foods**
- **Community/Healthcare Referrals**
- **Nutrition Assessment & Counseling**

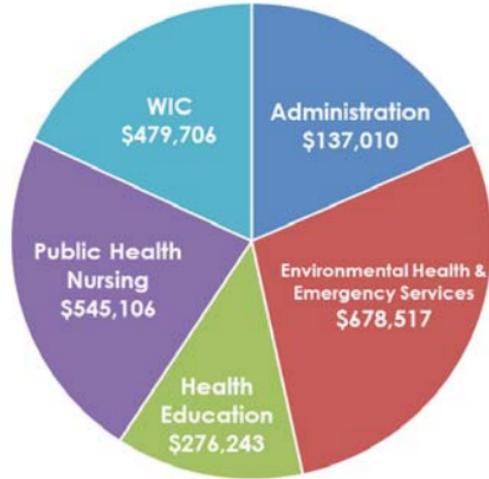
AT A GLANCE

2018 BUDGET

REVENUE



EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$2,447,643

A SAMPLE OF STATISTICS

DEPARTMENT SERVICES

4,179

IMMUNIZATIONS
GIVEN

129

REPORTABLE DISEASE
CASES INVESTIGATED

2,532

VITAL RECORDS
ISSUED

84

HEALTH PROMOTION
PRESENTATIONS GIVEN TO
COMMUNITY & SCHOOLS

475

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND
CHILDREN ENROLLED IN WIC
AT THE END OF 2018

154

SHORT-TERM RENTAL
PROPERTIES PERMITTED