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Annual Report 2015

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2015 Annual Report To the Residents of LaSalle County:

It is an honor to present to you the LaSalle County Health Department 2015 Annual Report of Services and Finance. The 2015 programs in the LaSalle County Health Department’s Administrative, Environmental Health, and Personal Health divisions were offered to ensure that our mission statement to “Promote Health and Prevent Disease” was carried out. The LaSalle County Health Department is a Certified Local Health Department that provides clinical and environmental services through the operation of various programs, services, and partnerships for the last 29 years. The Health Department touches everyone in some way or another in their daily lives. Programs operated by the Department monitor your drinking water and the food you eat, immunize children and adults to protect them from diseases, provide prenatal care management to reduce the number of infants born with health complications, provide breast and cervical cancer screening services to uninsured women and promote overall wellness of the community.

During 2015, the Health Department has been working with several organizational committees reviewing the many regulations being put forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health in the area of the food, water and septic programs. Fall of 2015 brought our annual flu vaccination clinics to several school locations throughout the County. This allowed children to stay in school, giving convenience to their parents while at the same time protecting their surroundings from the flu virus. We also contracted with private insurance companies as a billing option for immunizations and other nursing services. This report gives the statistical and financial data for each program. We receive funding from state and federal grants, fees for service and county tax dollars. Despite the challenges brought on by the State of Illinois budget impasse, the LaSalle County Health Department has been able to continue to offer the same public health programs to its citizens. The tremendous dedication and commitment of the staff and the steady support from the Board of Health and the County Board provide a strong foundation which allows important public health services to continue in LaSalle County.

Sincerely,

Julia K. Kerestes, LEHP
Public Health Administrator

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2015
(12/01/14 - 11/30/15)

Balance on Hand (12/01/14) $4,977,948

Revenue
A. Federal & State Grants $2,063,462
B. Service Fees 238,561
C. Tax Levy 905,154
D. Interest 23,424
E. Misc. Income 9,889
TOTAL $3,240,490

Expenses
A. Personnel $1,357,824
B. Benefits 374,196
C. Program Expenses 1,502,080
TOTAL $3,234,100

County Operating Transfers $17,835

Ending Balance (11/30/15) $4,966,503

A Profile of LaSalle County

Population estimate, 2014* .................................. 111,241
Population % change, April 2010 - July 2014* ............ -2.4
Land Area sq. mi., 2010* ..................................... 1,135.12
Persons per sq. mi., 2010* ....................................... 100.4
Second largest geographic county in Illinois
Percent of cropland*** ................................................... 72
Total Acreage*** ................................................... 734,656
Family Median Income, 2010-2014**** ..................... 51,232
Annual Ave. Unemployment Rate, 2015** ................... 7%
Median Age, 2010-2014***** ...................................... 41.6
Births, 2013*** ......................................................... 1,132
Deaths, 2014**** ....................................................... 1,350
Hospitals ................................................................. 4

Sources:
*US Bureau of Census
**US Department of Employment Security
***Illinois Project for Natural Resources
****Illinois Department of Public Health
*****American Community Survey 5yr Estimates
******US Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Sur-

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Administrative Division
Julia K. Kerestes, B.S., L.E.H.P
Public Health Administrator
Responsibilities include administrative operation, fiscal management, adherence to laws, personnel management, statistical data analysis, and media relations.

Environmental Health Division
Ted Puno, B.S., L.E.H.P.
Director of Environmental Health

The Food Sanitation Program is a comprehensive program that focuses on ensuring that food establishments and food manufacturers provide wholesome food to consumers. Food safety education, routine inspections, and enforcement actions are conducted in accordance with state and federal standards to ensure food safety.

The Foodborne Disease Control Program identifies, investigates, and manages foodborne illness outbreaks. This program is critical for protecting the public’s health and preventing foodborne illnesses.

The Private Sewage Disposal Program ensures that sewage disposal systems are properly designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent contamination of groundwater and surface water. The program promotes public health and environmental protection.

The Water Quality Program is responsible for ensuring that public water systems and non-community water systems provide safe drinking water. This program includes water quality testing, monitoring, and enforcement.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program is a state-funded program that provides free mammograms and Pap tests to women who meet the eligibility criteria. This program aims to detect breast and cervical cancers early, improving outcomes and reducing mortality.

The Vaccination Program ensures that children receive timely vaccinations to protect them from preventable diseases. It involves collaboration with primary care providers, schools, and community organizations to increase vaccine coverage.

The Tobacco Control Program focuses on reducing tobacco use and advocating for smoke-free policies. It includes public education, policy advocacy, and cessation services.

The Health Promotion Program supports the health department’s mission by providing educational programs and resources to improve community health.

The Dental Health Program offers comprehensive dental health services, including preventive care, restorative care, and oral health education, to improve the oral health status of the community.

The Emergency Preparedness Program ensures that the health department is prepared to respond to突发事件, such as natural disasters or public health emergencies, to protect the public’s health.

The Family Case Management Program provides case management services to families with children up to the age of 21 who are eligible for Medicaid. This program aims to improve access to health care and other community services.

The Personal Health Program offers a variety of health programs and services, including immunizations, blood pressure monitoring, and nutrition and education programs.

The Genetics Program provides genetic counseling, testing, and support services to individuals and families who are at risk for or have a history of genetic disorders.

The Community Disease Control Program focuses on the prevention and control of communicable diseases, including sexually transmitted infections and vector-borne diseases.

The International Travel Program provides recommendations for international travel to prevent the spread of diseases and promote public health.

The Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program focuses on hypertension control, blood pressure screenings, and offering educational materials to the public.

The Blood Pressure check program is designed to screen individuals for hypertension and provide educational materials on how to manage blood pressure.

The Tanning/Body Art Program ensures that tanning and body art facilities comply with regulatory standards to protect consumer health and safety.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program is aimed at increasing mammogram and Pap test screening rates among eligible women to detect breast and cervical cancers early.

The International Travel recommendations are based on travel to countries with varying health risks, and the recommendations may change based on new information.

The Breastfeeding program promotes and supports breastfeeding as the optimal feeding method for infants and young children.

The Health fair program is designed to promote public health and provide health education to the community.

The Environmental Health Program is responsible for ensuring that environmental regulations are followed to protect public health.

The Nutrition and Education program provides nutritional education and resources to improve the health and well-being of the community.

The Personal Health program offers a variety of health services and programs, including weight management, smoking cessation, and nutrition education.

The HIV testing program provides confidential and anonymous HIV testing to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

The Dental Grant program provides funding to community-based dental health programs to improve access to dental care for underserved populations.