



Barry-Eaton District
Health Department

2014 Annual Report

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) envisions a future where every resident has the opportunity to live a long, healthy, and active life. How does that future happen? It happens through thoughtful choices at every level — choices by individuals, families, businesses, schools, organizations, and communities to prioritize and take action on health.

Investing in the well-being of communities and making health a priority in comprehensive planning can reduce the number of people overall that get sick, how sick they feel, and if they die early... or live a long time. The purpose of public health is to protect the health of the population, making sure that people have safe, clean, and healthy places to live, work, and play, and to make sure that diseases and injuries are *prevented* whenever possible.



The Health Department has made addressing chronic disease an overarching theme of many of its programs and initiatives. We work on four components – **healthy eating, active living, tobacco control, and the built environment** to combat the onset and impact of chronic disease. Through our Community Outreach efforts BEDHD professionals regularly attend municipal meetings and community coalitions to foster connections and encourage actions that protect and enhance the public's health.

2014 Achievements

Building Healthy Communities Grant: Awarded to help local worksites to make policies and changes to improve health.

Developed Walking/Biking Trail Maps: Barry County Parks, Eaton County Parks, and the Regional Trail System.

Eaton Good Food Plan: adopted by Eaton County and the City of Charlotte.

C. R. Evenson Award: Schrems West Michigan Trout Unlimited awards this to an organization in "*Recognition of contributions towards preserving the environment*" and was given in recognition of the Time of Sale or Transfer (TOST) program.

Project Public Health Ready: received national recognition for Emergency Preparedness by the National Association for County and City Health Officials.

This networking has proven to be a catalyst for additional partnerships and policy developments across the district. Meaningful community partnerships are the cornerstone of successful and sustainable communities.

Personal & Community Health Services

Suzanne Thuma, MSW, Director

Division Activities	District Total
WIC Caseload (Annual)	2,988
WIC Pregnant Women (Monthly)	270
WIC Kids (Monthly)	1,762
WIC Infant (Monthly)	642
WIC Postpartum (Breastfeeding and Non-breastfeeding)	359
Student Hearing Screenings	8,793
Student Vision Screenings	10,987
Children's Special Healthcare Clients	509
Communicable Disease Investigations	614
Animal Bite Investigations	132
Sexually Transmitted Disease Case Investigations	705
Tuberculin Skin Tests Administered	435
Flu Vaccine Given	1,141
Immunizations Given	7,246
Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings	166
Pathways to Better Health Clients	79

- Due to extensive outreach efforts, the Barry-Eaton WIC caseload increased from 85.6% in December 2013 to 93.4% in December 2014.
- Breastfeeding initiation rates by women enrolled in WIC increased 3%.
- WIC's Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program increased rates of breastfeeding initiation among new mothers—averaging a 10% increase in the last 3 years.
- Initiated “Pathways to Better Health” which is a home visiting program for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and/or Medicare who have two or more chronic health conditions.
- Referred 594 children for additional vision follow-up.
- Referred 284 children for additional hearing follow-up.
- Breast or cervical cancer screening received by 166 women.
- Two breast cancers were diagnosed and referred for treatment.

- Continued partnership with the MSU School of Nursing to offer students the opportunity to complete a Public Health rotation at the Health Department.
- The Children's Special Health Care Services program was moved to an electronic medical record format.
- In each county, the vaccination rate for uninsured and underinsured children was analyzed, and recommendations were developed to increase healthcare provider participation in immunization programs serving this population.



Eaton Behavioral Health

Darby Testa, LLMSW, Manager

- Women’s Specialty Program has served four women who have had drug-free births.
- Maintained partnerships with 25 local community partners to best assist our clients.
- Peer Support Services conducted four 36-hour training sessions for Peer Lifestyle Coaches.
- Offered 87 group Lunchtime Acupuncture Sessions to the community.
- In collaboration with Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group, hosted a public screening of the Anonymous People at ALIVE in Charlotte.

Division Activities	County Total
Choices Early Intervention	34
Adult Assessments and Intakes	384
Juvenile Assessments	44
Women’s Specialty Program	152
Peer Support Intakes	40
Drivers License Evaluations	10

Planning, Promotion, and Evaluation

Anne Barna, MA, Unit Manager

Division Activities	District Total
Municipal Meetings Attended	140
Presentations, Health Fairs, etc.	50
Coalition Meetings Attended	235
Social Media Posts	104
Publications Submitted	67

- Assisted the Eaton Good Food Council develop and publish the Eaton Good Food Plan which was accepted for the Eaton County 5-year plan.
- Provided presentations, technical assistance, and targeted education about Built Environments and Environmental Change and Health Reform to all coalitions PPE staff participate in.
- Provided staff support to three tobacco reduction coalitions.
- Provided staff support, technical assistance, and leadership to address obesity and chronic disease to three count-level and community-level coalition.
- Completed an evaluation of the Community Outreach Initiative with municipalities and began work on recommended next steps.
- Engaged business partners through presentations on County Health Ranking status at two Chambers of Commerce and two community groups.
- Assured availability of county-level, population data to measure health status, health behaviors, and other key measures relating to health.
- Assisted all divisions to develop and publish press releases, Facebook posts, newsletter, etc.



Environmental Health

Regina Young, RS, Director

Division Activities	District Total
Licensed Food Establishments	615
Routine Food Establishment Inspections	993
Temporary Food Service Inspections	112
Public Water Supply Surveys	52
Public Water Supply Permits	11
Private Well Notification Permits	440
Time of Sale Evaluations	1375
Licensed Septage Haulers	8
Septage Inspections	20
Public Pool Inspections	150
Site Evaluations	353
Sewage System Permits	404
Abandoned Wells Plugged	269
Campground Inspections	37
Complaint Investigations (sewage , water, and food only)	65

- Responded to approximately 26 meth lab related contamination events.
- Certified over 100 people in food safety management.
- Collected 96 beach water samples from 4 inland beaches.
- Conducted 8 body art inspections and investigated 1 complaint of illegal body art practices.
- Participated in household hazardous waste collection days in both Eaton and Barry Counties.
- Participated in community outreach across the district.
- Responded to multiple bed bug complaints throughout the district.



Dental Clinic

- Two full time dentists.
- Nine months per year – dental students from the University of Michigan.
- \$1,338 utilized in Dental Access Funding for uninsured in Charlotte Clinic.
- Of the adults served aged 19-64, 15% were enrolled in new Healthy Michigan Plan and previously uninsured.
- Clinic is a valuable community asset for low-income residents.

Division Activities	District Total
Patients Served (Annual)	2,282
Number of Office Visits (Annual)	6,238
Patients aged 1– 18 years	14%
Patients aged 19-100 years	86%

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect and enhance health by promoting and providing innovative, community based programs and initiatives.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

A community where everyone has the opportunity to live a long, healthy, and active life.

Finance

Lisa Smith, MSA Director

FY2014 Budget Expenditures	
Personnel	4,499,408
Travel	139,909
Communications	83,022
Supplies	344,185
Equipment	16,000
Contractual	206,846
Other	1,328,680
Total	\$6,618,050
FY2014 Budget Revenue	
County	1,657,905
Other Sources	1,557,188
Service/Billing	1,240,844
State	2,162,113
Total	\$6,618,050

Emergency Preparedness

Ray Porter, BS, Coordinator

District Activities	District Total
Established new county emergency preparedness partnerships in the community.	2
Percentage of staff completing required Emergency Response on-line training.	80%

Received national recognition for Project Public Health Ready through the National Association for County and City Health Officials.



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